STORM REPORT

Bureau Valley Elementary - Walnut Campus

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Bureau Valley Walnut Elementary Calendar of Events

May 2026

19 K-5 Incentive Field Trip to Peoria Chiefs

20 **2:00pm DISMISSAL** - Last Day of School!
Talent Show at 12:45pm
End Fourth Quarter/Second Semester
Report Cards Distributed

July 2026

20-24 Online Registration Open for 26-27 School Year

22 Appointments Open for In Person Registration - (815)379-2900

27-28 In Person Registration by Appointment Only

August 2026

11 Back Pack Night

13 2026-2027 First Day of School



Garden Club has been hard at work getting the garden started!







CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Misc.

Our whole school worked together to celebrate Earth Day. On Monday, Annie Nichols came to share her knowledge with us about composting our food scraps with red worms. Our school currently has 6 vermicomposting bins which kindergarten students care for - feeding scraps from our cafeteria to the worms instead of putting the scraps in the garbage and a landfill. Annie was showing the students how they can also start their own vermicomposting at home. According to the EPA "Food waste is the single largest component of landfills in the U.S., making up approximately 24% of all landfilled municipal solid waste." That percentage is higher than plastics or paper. Annie was showing the kids a small, but mighty way we can each help our environment. She also showed the kids another bonus of vermicomposting - the "black gold" that the worms produce (very rich soil).

On Wednesday, the teachers and paraprofessionals helped the students work through three different stations to learn about and work together to help our Earth. Mr. Juhola had accumulated pieces of garbage and discussed with the kids which pieces could be recycled or repurposed and which ones had to actually be thrown away. The kids then had races to practice taking care of the garbage in the correct way. Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Kluever gathered all the necessary materials - clay, soil, seeds, paper and water - to make seed bombs. The kids transported their seed bombs home in their rinsed out milk cartons and hopefully planted them for birds and people to enjoy. Lastly, the kids helped sort the worms out of our vermicomposting bins so we could put the "black gold" in our school garden. We got 3 tubs half full of the "black gold" to put in our garden and the HUNDREDS of worms we sorted out were put back into our vermicomposting tubs to keep up their great work of turning our food scraps into rich soil.

BV has awesome students and teachers and they showed their awesomeness again with their enthusiasm for learning about and caring for our Earth. Way to go BV!











CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

5th Grade

5th Grade stopped by the Walnut Library this week to learn about the Summer Programs and everything else that the library has to offer!











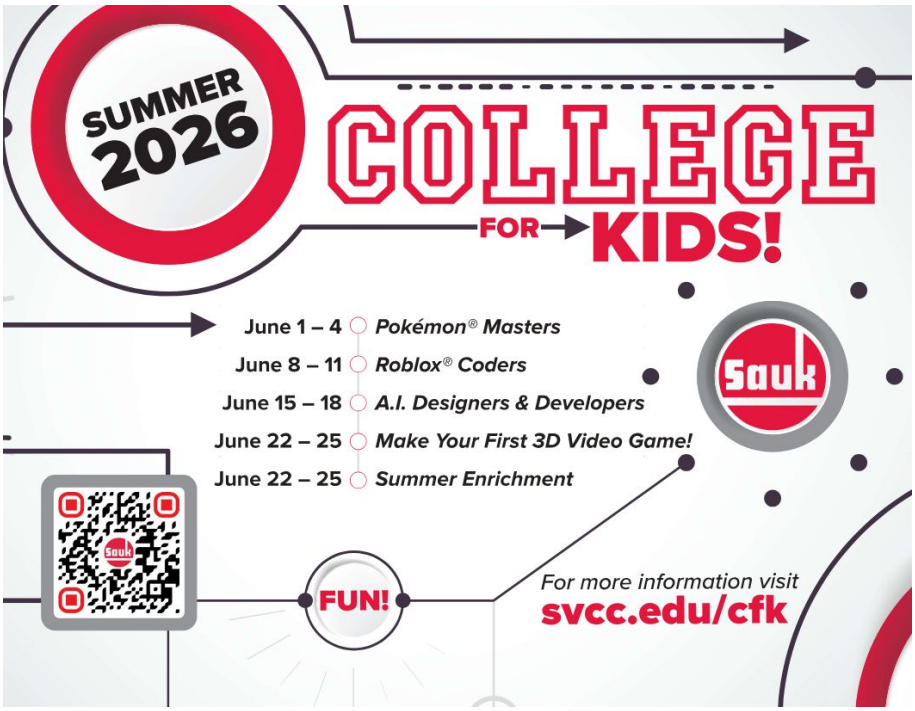
SUMMER



Looking for a way to keep your child reading over the summer?
Try **BOOK BINGO**!

Challenge your child to complete a line or even fill the card!

Read a book that is fiction	Read a book in your pajamas	Read a book under a table	Draw a picture about what you read today	Read a recipe
Read a book that makes you laugh	Read aloud to someone else	Listen to an audiobook	Read a book more than once	Read a book that is nonfiction
Read a book that starts with the 1st letter of your name	Read a book whose main character is your age		Create your own book and read it to someone	Read a book with animals
Read a book with a number in the title	Read a mystery	Read a book with a blue cover	Spread out a blanket and read outside	Draw a picture of your favorite character
Read a book about sports	Read a book that has been made into a movie	Read a book to a stuffed animal	Find and read a book that has only one word in the title	Read a book about space



Check out this info for students entering 3rd-8th grade!



Puzzle club stacked up all their completed puzzles from the year!

There's still time to order a yearbook! The deadline has been extended through the end of the school year!
https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/bureauvalleyelementary