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Students work with electrical components during the Creative Club. Photo: Staff

## Bring creativity into the library

A conversation with Maestra Karen Mooney about the Creativity Club

By: Satya Balchandani

**SB: What inspired you to create the Creativity Club?**

KM: Libraries, in general, are becoming spaces that foster personal growth, creativity, and inquiry. All the librarians in San Francisco

"Students will be working with simple motors, circuits, and other gadgets in a scientific inquiry process."

Maestra Karen Mooney

were trained to bring creativity  
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## Why no Bully: Telling an Adult to Stop the Problem

By Maya Brenes-Cardenas

Bullying happens in every school, its normal but its not ok. Bullying in person is one thing but bullying online is a huge problem.

Friends can help,

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Photo: talkspace.com



## Opinion: The Absence of Water Filters for Students in BVHM

By Billie Shelby

If you know about tap water you might have learned about led. Led is a chemical found in water and it is very important to drink water, but it's also important to drink clean water. Some water is filtered, for example, if you have been to the teachers' lounge you might have seen a big white thing, that's a type of

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# “¡Qué el entusiasmo por aprender, informar y convivir nunca termine!”

By Katia Fuentes\_Maertínez

**M**e llena el corazón de alegría trabajar con estudiantes de BVHM entusiasmados en publicar *Las Crónicas del Dragón*, o *The Dragon Chronicles* como le decimos en inglés.

Esta cuarta edición, está dedicada a los Clubes de BVHM. Toma nota del horario de tu club de tu preferencia. ¿Qué es lo que más te gusta? ¿El Club de Creatividad con la maestra Karen en la biblioteca? ¿Club de tecnología, juegos de mesa, o de patinetas? ¿Quieres ir a GANA, a GSA o a Dungeons & Dragons? Hay muchas opciones, la decisión es tuya. Recuerda, si lo tuyo es la comunicación escrita, ¡el Club de Periodismo te espera!



## A Note From Your School Counselor

Aquí encontrarás toda la información necesaria para participar en los clubs a la hora del recreo.

Los escritores, reporteros, y artistas llenos de pasión por contar en lenguaje escrito y visual las anécdotas de nuestra comunidad educativa me hacen

## The Dragon Chronicles

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la más feliz todos los lunes de club de periodismo.

¡Qué el entusiasmo por aprender, informar y convivir nunca termine!

Name of the Club	Day(s)	Time	Grade Levels	Location
Creativity Club	M, T, W, F	8:15-9:00 am	K to 5th	Library
Creativity Club	Th	12:10-1:10 pm	3rd to 5th	Library
Dungeons & Dragons	T, Th	12:21- 1:41 pm	7th+	Room 152
Dungeons & Dragons	M, W	12:21- 1:41 pm	8th	Room 152
Newspaper Club	M	12:25-1:10 pm	3rd to 5th	Library/Room 203
Tech Chixcs	Th, biweekly	8:45-9:25 am	K to 5th	Computer Lab
Games Club	M, T, W	12:21-12:41 pm	8th	Room 150
Skateboard Club	M, T, W, Th	12:21-1:10 pm	3rd to 8th	Garden
GANA	Th, biweekly	12:50-1:35 pm	1st to 2th	Room 101
Youth Outreach Workers	Th	12:01-12:41 pm	6th to 8th	Room 303
GSA	F	12:01-12:41 pm	6th to 8th	Room 301

## The Absence of ...

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water filter.

Going back to led, it is concerning because it can cause brain problems and can shorten your attention span during class. Led in the blood system can make people get distracted easier by the smallest things such as bright colors and slight sounds. For example, things from outside, everyone knows it's very loud around our school and that really does not help at all. It makes me mad when old schools like ours don't have filters and it's not because they don't know, its because they just won't because the adults know they have the key to the teachers' lounge and that they don't need to drink the same water as everybody else, the students. That also goes for school lunches.

In conclusion, I think that schools and especially old public schools should have water filters in every water fountain.

## Why no Bully: Telling an Adult to Stop...

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they are your allies and they defend you when you can't defend yourself. When you have a problem with bullying tell a teacher, an adult or tell your parents and they will contact the school to help you solve the problem. Telling an adult and the problem will be solved. If you're being bullied Online and you don't know who it is, then tell your mom or dad and if it's on a game, then report them and Buena Vista Horace Mann

## Significant Low Levels of Lead in the Watter at BVHM



*A recommendation for the fountain that tested at 5.5 ppb is to flushing it for a minute or so at the beginning of each day. Photo: Rotoplas.com*

*Dear students,*

*One of the fountains has detectable levels of lead but the level is significantly below the action threshold of 15 parts per billion (ppb). Even aggressive districts do not generally replace fixtures if the lead levels are at 5 ppb or below.*

*If there is concern about*

*the fountain that tested at 5.5 ppb, I suggest flushing it for a minute or so at the beginning of each day.*

*You can find out everything you need to know about school lead in water testing here.*

*Let me know if you have any other concerns.*

*Claudia DeLarios Morán*

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unfriendly them. Advice I give is to tell an adult you know and report them to the principal and you will have a talk with the principal or you're school counselor and the problem will be solved. That's all the advice I give you if you are being bullied.



# Interview with Maestra López

By Camila Cortés

**CC: How long have you been teaching?**

PL: Three and a half years in the classroom. Seven years in after-school.

**CC: What is your favorite subject to teach?**

PL: Science

**CC: How long have you**

**been teaching in BVHM?**

PL: Two years

**CC: Why do you like to teach?**

PL: I love seeing young minds absorbing knowledge.

**CC: What goals do you have?**

PL: Human - always keep learning.

Mother - raise a daughter to be brave, daring, kind and fearless

Teacher - help students find



their passion

**CC: What advice would you give to students?**

PL: To follow your passion. Don't let others make you afraid of being yourself.

## Bring creativity into...

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into their school libraries. We partnered with the Bay Area Discovery Museum in learning the benefits of creative play and exploration as well as creating those experiences for students. Personally, I feel that it's really important for all people, no matter what age, to express their creativity through many different means.

**SB: Do you think the Creativity Club has grown?**

KM: It has grown in the number of materials and activities that are offered as well as in the number of students that want to come. This year, I changed the schedule so that all grades have time to come and participate in the Creativity Club.

**SB: Can you tell us about the little surprise you have for Creativity Club?**

KM: Starting in October, the BVHM library will be partnering with the Mission Science Workshop in bringing opportunities for tinkering during Creativity Club. Students will be working with

simple motors, circuits, and other gadgets in a scientific inquiry process. It is low tech but high science and it should be great fun!

**SB: Has Creativity Club made you realize anything?**

KM: I have realized that what the students are doing when they explore and create is beneficial towards their overall learning. Research has shown that play and creativity actually help the brain and the learning process.

**SB: What goals do you have for the Creativity Club?**

KM: I want to continue giving students opportunities to create and explore but I want to guide them in their creative process and help them continue to persevere even when something doesn't work out. I would also like to have them start reflecting on what they are doing through writing and sharing with their fellow students.

**SB: What advice would you give to students?**

KM: Don't stop being creative, in whatever way you want to be. I want to encourage all students to keep trying and taking risks

as they participate in Creativity Club and in life. If something doesn't work the first time, try again and tell yourself: "I didn't achieve my goal YET, but I'm going to keep on trying!"

## Mira Carberry talks GANA

by Emily Rose Valdez-Martinez  
Advancement Group for  
Girls and their Allies

**How does Mira feel about GANA?**

They feel proud because the teachers have put a lot of love in it and Mira is impressed with the 5th-grade mentors.

**Does Mira think GANA is helping girls?**

Yes, they think it's helping girls.

**Why did Mira join GANA?**

One, because they wanted people to be whoever they wanted to be, and two because they wanted to have fun.

**Does Mira have fun in GANA?**

YES, they have fun in GANA.



Principle Claudia DeLarios Morán talks with one of the students during the Newspaper Club session. Photo: Staff



Drawing by Urbano Celestino, 4th grade.

## At Buena Vista, All the clubs are great and small!

By Lola Clark, Billie Shelby, Levi, Daone-Declercq, Brian Rivera-Castillo.

**H**ere at BVHM, we have a variety of clubs to join all year. We have clubs from Dance to Creativity, and Cheer to Chess, each one individually wrapped in material of fun and excitement. In the following pages, we will introduce each club, and how they work. We enjoy these clubs, and we hope you enjoy them too.

We have clubs that include, Cheer club, Chess club, Creativity club, Dance club, Lego Club, Club, Newspaper Club, and last but not least, Book club.

Do you like sharing stories with the world? Or do you like drawing and making sculptures? Whatever you choose the newspaper club or art club are great choices.

### **Newspaper Club**

Do you want to share your amazing ideas with the world? Choose the newspaper club! The newspaper club meets every Monday at 12.30 p.m. to Buena Vista Horace Mann



1.10 p.m. at lunch. The newspaper club is from 3rd to 5th grade.

In the newspaper club, you can write about anything that you want from writing about how you like the school to interview school staff. If you are not in 3rd through 5th grade you can share your ideas by sending your article to the school counselor. The Dragon Chronicles are made edition by edition. Why did we create a newspaper club? A group of students requested a newspaper club and they talked to the school director. Then the director asked the school counselor to teach the newspaper club. And they did!

### **Art Club**

Like drawing and sketching and doodling? Choose art club! Art club is every Tuesday and Wednesday at 3rd to 5th-grade

lunch. You can bring your own materials to make slime or you can stick with the activities that they have their. I recommend you to go to art club and be creative. It's good for your mind and it's fun.

The art club is going to take place at the art room. The art teacher is going to be there. You're going to have a blast!

### **Dance Club**

If you haven't and you're interested this is the perfect opportunity for you. Dance Club meets every Wednesday at 3-5 grade lunch recess. Maestro Jesús is the teacher of the dance class club.

### **Cheer Squad**

It is for all genders and it is during 3rd-5th lunch-recess on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Come join us! Tryouts are not required. Just note that we may be in the middle of a routine and we can't stop to talk. Remember that you have the right to join if you wish and nobody can tell you no just because you can't do a cartwheel or round off. Always cheer on!

# Tradición del altar por el Día de los Muertos

La escuela está decorando el altar para el Día de los Muertos. A todos los que deseen traer sus fotos, están bienvenidos. Por favor entregar copias de las fotos originales en la oficina de la dirección.

The school is decorating the altar for the Day of the Dead. To all who wish to bring their photos are welcome. Please deliver copies of the original photos to the principal office.



El altar de Día de Muerto es una tradición en honor a los seres queridos ya difuntos y que crea unidad en BVHM. Foto: Luis Gris

Frank Lara, coordinador de la protesta, anima a la comunidad.



La creatividad en las pancartas se manifestó en cada estudiante.

## Protestan por las injustas detenciones de los niños en la frontera



En septiembre cientos de estudiantes de diferentes escuelas de la Misión entonaron consignas y gritaron lo que sigue siendo un tema cadente y que continúa creando controversia, el injusto trato a los niños y familias en los centros de inmigración de la frontera sur.



La defensa a las familias fue otro tema en la protesta.