

Calendar August 2013

- 8/8 Schedule Pick Up for 7th & 8th Grade Students—see attached flyer for times.
- 8/9 Schedule Pick Up for 6th Grade Students - see attached flyers for times.
- 8/12 6th Grade Orientation—sponsored by WEB in the MPR 9:00AM—12:30PM
- 8/14 First Day of Classes 9:05AM—3:14PM
- 8/21 ASB Magazine Fundraiser Begins
- Back to School Night 6:00PM—7:30PM
- WEB Silent Auction
- Jr. Freedom Café selling pizza and goodies
- ASB Kona Ice on sale
- Band Carl's JR Fundraiser
- 8/30 ASB Spirit Assembly 9:15AM

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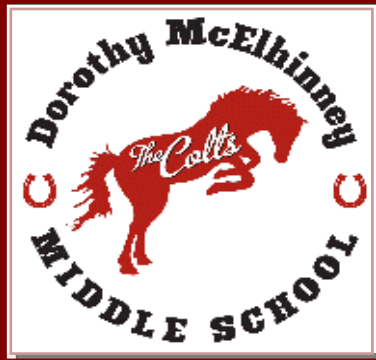
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Colt Connection August 2013

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Message from the Principal

Welcome to the first edition of the Colt Connection of the 2013-2014 school year. We hope that all of our parents and students take the time to read this monthly newsletter in order remain up to date on events occurring within the Dorothy McElhinney Middle School community. All important events are listed to the left in the column titled "Upcoming Events". The remainder of the newsletter is dedicated to informative articles that are currently important. I strongly encourage you to take a few moments to read this issue.

I am truly excited for the opportunity to serve the DMMS community as Principal for the upcoming school year. I am grateful to be able to work with a community that is partnering to provide the best educational experience for our students. Thank you to the stakeholders including teachers, support staff and parents for the sacrifices in preparing for this school year. Countless hours are spent in preparation for each new school year. Parents, your efforts at home preparing your students so that they are ready for the challenges of a new school year are of greatly appreciated.

In closing, I would like to be sure to welcome all students to what should be an outstanding education experience here at DMMS for the 2013-2014 school year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. My email is hdimler@murrieta.k12.ca.us and my phone number is 304-1885 ext. 3699.

Howard Dimler
Principal

Please Welcome our Assistant Principal

It is my pleasure to announce that Tom Patane will be joining our staff this year as an Assistant Principal. Mr. Patane formerly taught in the district before moving to Corona-Norco School District where he served as an administrator for the past eight years. Most recently as the Principal at Susan B. Anthony Elementary School for three years. Mr. Patane is an experienced educator and proven administrator with a strong connection to the Murrieta community where he has resided for a number of years with his family. His vast experience and knowledge will be an asset to DMMS as we move toward the future.

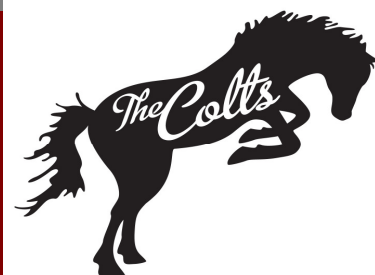
Welcome Mr. Patane!

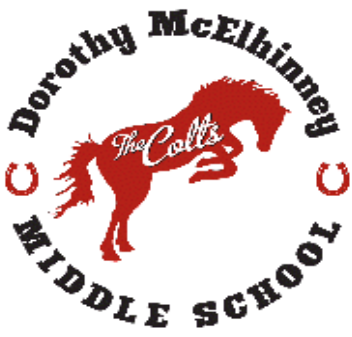
Online Registration

Beginning this year DMMS families will have the ability to complete their yearly registration forms online via the Aeries parent portal account. This replaces the Fast Track option that was available in previous years. In order to be able to complete your registration online you must have a Parent Portal established. Families that do not have an established Parent Portal account will be receiving an email with instructions for logging into their account for the first time. Please take a moment to log into your account in order to ensure that you have no issues that would prevent you from completing your registration online. ***Any families that do not complete their registration online prior to August 8th will be required to turn in hard copies of the registration forms and may experience increased wait times during the Schedule Pick-Up Event.*** Please contact the school office if you are experiencing difficulties logging into your account as soon as possible so that we may resolve your issue prior to registration.

Orientation for 6th Graders and WEB Leaders-DATE CHANGE

Due to a conflict, the 6th Grade WEB Orientation must be changed to **Monday, August 12th, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.** We apologize for the last minute notice and inconvenience. I sincerely hope this does not conflict with any previous plans that you might have made, and that you will be able to attend. Thank you, Mrs. Guillen





ATTENDANCE: Parents, please make sure to call the attendance line and leave a message if your child is going to be absent. Please be aware that three unexcused absences in a school year constitutes truancy. You can avoid this by calling in and reporting the reason for the absence at 951-304-1885 x1 for attendance.

Office and School Hours

Gates open 8:45AM
School Begins 9:05AM
School Ends 3:14PM Tuesdays—Fridays
Early Release 1:55PM Mondays

Office Hours

Mondays 8:15AM—2:55PM
Tuesdays—Fridays 8:15AM—3:45PM

MAKE UP PICTURE DAY SEPTEMBER 18TH

Music News:

All band and choir students must sign in at the Music Department during registration in the gym.

Traffic!!!

Please be aware that traffic is extremely challenging around DMMS the first few weeks of school. There are simply too many vehicles attempting to drop off and pick up students in a small window of time in an area lacking the infrastructure to handle such a high volume of traffic. There are limited solutions available at this time so please allow plenty of time at the start of the school year. Traffic will improve as the community adjusts to patterns. Your patience is greatly appreciated!

WEB NEWS

If you would like to support the WEB program at DMMS, you can also do that by joining Dealpalooza. When you sign in, you would choose "Dorothy McElhinney", then go to DMMS WEB. A percentage of all purchases go to support our program. Thank you.

Important Notice!

7th Students **MUST** have proof of Tdap vaccine before starting school in August. See attached flyer for more important information

100 Mile Club

This is DMMS 3rd Year for The 100 Mile Club! Goal is to accomplish 100 miles either walking or running by June 2014; it is self-paced-you choose! \$10 fee is a check or money order made to The 100 Mile Club. New color for the 2013/2014 100 Mile t-shirt is,....Bold, Bright Blue!

If you are interested or if you have any questions email me.

Thank you! Marina

mmusante@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Back to School Night

You are invited to attend you child's Back to School Night on Wednesday, August 21st from 6:00PM –7:30PM. This is a time to meet you student's teachers and follow his/her schedule. We look forward to seeing all parents on this night!

Science Department News

Please see attached letter for voluntary donation to help the Science Department.

Yearbooks for 2013-2014

Yearbooks will be on sale at Registration for \$35 and \$40 w/ nameplate.
CASH ONLY

DOROTHY MCELHINNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

2013/2014 Returning Students: Schedule Pick-Up

7th Grade Students

Thursday
August 8th, 2013

9:00-10:00 A-G (last names)
10:00-11:00 H-P
11:00-12:00 Q-Z
12:00-1:00 CLOSED for lunch

School Pictures/Student ID Photo will be taken. **Returning student online registration must be completed through the parent portal or school forms will be due prior to release of student schedule.** Home set of textbooks are checked out to students. PE clothes (\$20) and spirit wear will be for sale.

***Cash only**

8th Grade Students

Thursday
August 8th, 2013

1:00 – 2:00PM A-G (last names)
2:00-3:00PM H-P
3:00-4:00PM Q-Z

School Pictures/Student ID Photo will be taken. **Returning student online registration must be completed through the parent portal or school forms will be due prior to release of student schedule.** Home set of textbooks are checked out to students. PE clothes (\$20) and spirit wear will be for sale.

***Cash only**

6th Grade Students

Friday, August 9th, 2013

9:00-10:00AM A-F (last names)
10:00 – 11:00AM G-L
11:00-12:00PM M-Q
12:00-1:00PM CLOSED for Lunch
1:00-2:00PM R - Z

School Pictures/Student ID Photo will be taken. **Returning student online registration must be completed through the parent portal or school forms will be due prior to release of student schedule.** Home set of textbooks are checked out to students. PE clothes (\$20) and spirit wear will be for sale.

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6th Grade WEB Orientation

Monday, August 12th

9:00AM– 12:30PM in the MPR

Unable to pick-up schedule on August 8th and 9th?

Online registration must be complete or completed school forms will be due before schedule will be released.

Front Office is open
8:15AM to 3:45PM
Monday
August 12th

No Student Photos/ID will be taken! Make up portraits will be on Wednesday, September 18th, 2013



First Day of School:
August 14, 2013
9:05am – 3:14pm

Web site for
2013/2014 Forms:

www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/mms

Athletic Department

Green Team

Green Team-If you are interested in gardening please come check out Colt garden located to the right of the library next to MPR! We need students to plan, plant and maintain! Donations are welcome. Parents you are welcome to help too! Recycle, reuse and remember to attend Green Team meetings this year! If you are interested in donating or assisting in our garden please contact Mrs. Musante mmusante@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Athletics

We have Colts Athletic Department gear being sold during 6th, 7th & 8th Orientations and in DMMS office when new school year begins. Colt's black fitted school colored Athletic Department hats are selling for \$20, Colt's plastic reusable clear water bottles are \$6 and Colt Magnetic clear locker safe Mirrors for \$6 all are being sold CASH only please. Support PE Dept. and Colt's by purchasing our new gear for 2013-2014 school year!

100 Mile Club

DMMS 3rd Year for The 100 Mile Club! Ultimate goal is to accomplish 100 miles by June 2014;this is self-paced-you can run or walk on DMMS track! How many miles you achieve it is up to you! \$10 Membership fee please make a check or money order to The 100 Mile Club. New color for The 100 Mile Shirt is,....Bold, Bright Blue! See Mrs. Musante for more information!

Nutrition

Please stop by and check out DMMS Library Mrs. Musante is working with Mrs. Hamilton on featuring Nutrition, Cooking and Recycling resources!



McElhinney Middle School, Science Department

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The science department teachers at McElhinney are committed to providing the highest quality learning experience possible for our students. Educational research shows us that students learn best through the actual “doing” of science. Our hands-on labs and activities, which are reinforced by directly correlated materials, are fundamental to our science program and align with the state science standards.

As most of you are aware, educational costs have risen sharply while funding has decreased markedly. To accomplish our goals students will need consumable materials for lab activities, exercises and experiments. Some of the consumable materials include chemicals; microscope lens paper and slides; dissection specimens and materials; cups; paper towels; and various other needed materials.

If you could please donate \$15.00 (or whatever you can financially), it would cover these consumable materials. We would prefer you send cash due to accounting reasons in a sealed envelope with Science Department, Student's Name, and Student's Science Teacher's Name labeled on the outside of the envelope and return to your student's science teacher.

In order to plan our labs and activities and get our orders in as soon as possible, we would appreciate your donation turned in to your child's science teacher ideally before Friday, September 13th. If you cannot donate before that date, you are more than welcome to donate anytime throughout the school year.

We do not want this to create a hardship for anyone. We only want to give your children the best experiences that we can throughout the year with many activities. If you are unable to donate at this time, please do not feel obligated. We understand that economic times are hard and appreciate all you can do to help.

We are all looking forward to another great year! The McElhinney Science Teachers are dedicated to making the Science Department one of the best in the district!

Thank you for your support of our efforts and your continued commitment and involvement in your child's education and success.

Sincerely,

The McElhinney Science Department

Ready For 7th Grade?



**Get the whooping cough shot
if you haven't had it yet!**

The Tdap vaccine is required for all 7TH graders. Your school
will need your vaccine records. Talk with your doctor today.

ShotsForSchool.org



Murrieta Valley Unified School District - Health Services

Whooping Cough (Pertussis Immunization Booster- Tdap) Reminder

Incoming 7th Grade Students Requirement

State legislation requires that **all students entering 7th grade** must provide proof of a **Tdap booster** given on, or after, their 7th birthday **prior to the first day of school (for the 2013/2014 school year)**. Please send a copy of your child's proof of Tdap to the health office as soon as possible so we will be able to process their class schedule.

Without proof of a Tdap booster, your child will be excluded from starting school in August until they are in compliance. Please be advised that the Td immunization booster does NOT meet the requirement (DTP, DTaP and Tdap are acceptable).

Contact your health care provider or visit a low cost clinic. The nearest County Public Health Department is listed below:

Riverside County Family Care Center
2499 E. Lakeshore Drive
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Additional information - MVUSD Website at
<http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=248>

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the health office and we will be glad to assist you.

DMMS – (951) 304-1885 ext. 3693 – Sandy Fritts, Health Technician

Lisa Elliott, RN, MSN – Credentialed School Nurse (951) 304-1885 ext. 3692

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DMMS PTSA

2013-2014 Membership Drive

Welcome to Dorothy McElhinney Middle School! We would like to invite you and your family to join the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA).

Your PTSA membership helps support school activities, such as:



We also provide educational materials for the classrooms!

PTSA is not just about the Board....it is about you and your student!
Membership does not obligate you to volunteer. Each student who pays for a PTSA membership will get
FREE ADMISSION INTO THE FIRST DANCE!

Please visit the PTSA Membership tables at the registration days on August 8th and 9th on campus!
We will have a few different membership options to choose from.
You can pay by check or cash is also accepted.

The higher our numbers, the stronger our team! We need your support!

Questions or concerns, please contact us at dmms.pta.president@gmail.com

DMMS PTSA Membership





2013 Girls Middle School Volleyball League

The league is back for another fun season of competitive volleyball! Show your school colors and pride by competing against other middle schools in your area!

- 2 hours of practice per week held at Club West Temecula.
- Matches against other middle schools in the area held at Rancho Sports Park, Viper VBC.
- All Star Game and end of the season Championship Tournament!
- Alumni Presentation "What it takes to make a High School team".
- 1 Varsity and 1 Junior Varsity team per school.

Tryouts will be the third week of school, then "practice only" the first couple weeks of league. League competition (best 2 out of 3 games) will begin September 28th and continue for the next five Saturday mornings where each team plays two matches against two different schools. We will then end with a championship tournament on November 2,

Tryouts for school teams will be held at the following days and times:

Dorothy McElhinney MS:	Tuesday, August 27 from 5:00pm-6:30pm
Thompson MS:	Tuesday, August 27 from 7:00pm-8:30pm
Warm Springs MS:	Wednesday, August 28 from 5:00pm-6:30pm
Shivela MS:	Wednesday, August 28 from 7:00pm-8:30pm

Please call (951)813-9315 for a makeup date if you are unable to attend.

Tryouts Location: Club West Temecula 36580 Penfield Lane in French Valley, Winchester.

Please wear athletic apparel and shoes and bring a water bottle!

Teams will be chosen by the end of tryouts.

If you are interested in helping coach a team or help referee games please contact Club West Temecula at <http://www.clubwestvolleyball.com/te/index.htm> (951) 813-9315.



**CLUB WEST
VOLLEYBALL**








2013 Boys Middle School Volleyball League

Finally!

First ever boys league here by popular demand! Learn volleyball and compete against other middle schools in your area!

-  2 hours of practice per week
-  Matches against other middle schools in the area!
-  All Star Game and end of the season **Championship Tournament!**

Tryouts will be the third week of school, then "practice only" the first couple weeks of league. League competition (best 2 out of 3 games) will begin September 28th and continue for the next five Saturday mornings where teams play against other middles schools in the area. We will then end with a championship tournament the first weekend in November.

Tryouts for school teams will be held at the following days and times:

Dorothy McElhinney MS:	Friday, August 30 from 4:30pm-6:00pm
Thompson MS:	Friday, August 30 from 4:30pm-6:00pm
Warm Springs MS:	Friday, August 30 from 6:00pm-7:30pm
Shivela MS:	Friday, August 30 from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Makeup day: Monday, September 2, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Tryouts Location: Club West Temecula 36580 Penfield Lane in French Valley, Winchester.

Please wear athletic apparel and shoes and bring a water bottle!

Teams will be chosen by the end of tryouts.

If you are interested in helping coach a team or help referee games please contact Club West Temecula at <http://www.clubwestvolleyball.com/te/index.htm> (951) 813-9315.



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