

## June 2014

6/2 Early Release 1:55PM  
6/2 Music Awards MPR 6:30PM  
6/2 7th Grade Textbook Return  
6/3 Drama "The Story Book  
Adoption" 10:15AM &  
12:15PM  
"Only the Beginning"  
1:45PM  
6/3 7th Grade Textbook Return  
6/4 Drama "Only the  
Beginning" MPR  
1:30PM and 6:00PM  
6/4 7th Grade Textbook Return  
6/5 Drama "The Story Book  
Adoption" 10:15AM &  
12:15PM  
6/5 Band Booster's Executive  
Board Meeting  
6/5 WEB Parent Parent Night  
MPR 6:00PM  
6/6 & 6/9 Promotion Practice  
9:15AM Quad  
6/6 Music Department End of  
the Year Party  
6/9 Classes Dismissed  
1:55PM  
6/10 Promotion for 8th Grade  
10:00AM Quad  
6/10 8th Grade Dance MPR 7PM  
- 9PM  
6/10 Classes Dismissed 1:55PM  
6/11 Classes Dismissed 1:55PM  
6/11 Field Day for 8th Grade -  
Track  
6/11 ASB Dance for 6th & 7th  
MPR 2:00PM—3:45PM  
6/12 Classes Dismissed 1:55PM  
6/12 8th Grade Pancake  
Breakfast and Yearbook  
Signing  
6/12 Basketball Banquet MPR  
6/13 Classes Dismissed 1:55PM  
6/13 Basketball Student vs.  
Staff  
6/13 Last Day of Classes—  
Dismissal time is 1:55PM

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## **Colt Connection June 2014**

**Dorothy McElhinney Middle School  
35125 Briggs Rd.  
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### **Congratulations Colts**

#### **District Track Meet**

**Way to Go Colts for Winning the Murrieta Valley District Track Meet for Middle Schools!**

#### **Leading the Way Students**

**6th Grade—Jordyn Camp, Jack Cline, Cassidy Crow, Taiyo Cuatok, Ethan Evarts, Jenna Fuehring, Brianna Garcia, Chad Kerr, Steel Ramirez, Victoria Rieber**

**7th Grade—Ossama Abdullah, Hanan Abou, Sophia Ackerman, Noe Bernardo, Kylie Cole, Erin Elkabchi, Cole Fick, Alissa Ilic, Mariah Jaboro, Joshua Kirby, Hannah Martin, Katrina Petchers, Ginelene Phrakonekham, Roslyn Potts, Jovian Reed, Zachary Rodriguez, Kennedy Roper**

**8th Grade—Lauren Callella, Hannah Ghosn, Samantha Hagerman, Kyle Java, Yu Jaing, Taiya Moore, Parris Phrakonekham, Andres Villanueva, Cameron Williams**

### **Traffic Flow Changes for the 2014/2015 School Year**

The Dorothy McElhinney Middle School drop-off/pick-up loop will be redesigned over the summer.

Construction will begin the week of June 23rd on a new traffic signal at the intersection of Briggs and Barn Roads which is the entrance to the loop.

At the same time the parking lot and traffic loop will be resurfaced and restriped which will include the removal of all cones.

For next school year, the traffic loop will change to one direction with the addition of a right turn option from the center lane on to Briggs Road when exiting.

**Portions of Briggs Road adjacent to the school will also be available for student drop-off/pick-up.**

Murrieta Valley Unified School District and Riverside County staff will continue to partner with the school throughout this process observing traffic patterns and making adjustments. Looking forward we will continue to rely on our parents following pick up procedures in a courteous manner that will allow for a safe drop-off and pick-up for our students.

**Howard Dimler**

**Principal**

**Dorothy McElhinney Middle School**

### **June's Early Dismissal 1:55PM**

**6/2 Monday  
6/9 Monday  
6/10 Tuesday  
6/11 Wednesday  
6/12 Thursday  
6/13 Friday**

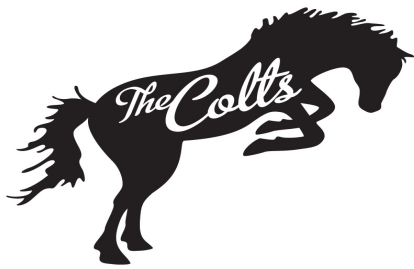
### **Congratulations DMMS Staff of the Year**

**Teachers**

**Lori Beckley and Jeff Gajecki**

**Support staff**

**Laura Reinert and Toni Valenzuela**



**DOROTHY MCELHINNEY**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
MURRIETA CALIFORNIA

**Office and School Hours**

Gates open 8:00AM  
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

**Last Day of School 6/13 @ 1:55PM**

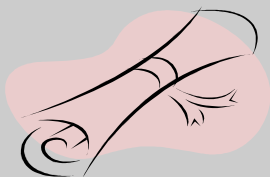
**Textbook Returns**

**8th Grade 5/28—5/30**  
**7th Grade 6/2—6/4**  
**6th Grade 6/5—6/6**

**8th Grade Promotion**

The DMMS promotion will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 10:00AM in the Quad on the DMMS campus. Family and friends are invited to come and support their 8th graders.

Flowers will be for sale on campus for \$10.00 a bouquet. Proceeds will help support promotion 2015.



**Community and District Flyers**

You will now be able to find the community flyers on our DMMS web page. All the flyers that have been district approved are posted on the main page of our web site. Go to the main page and the flyers link is posted under District News & Announcements then click on the Approved Flyers link.

**2014-2015 School Year Registration**

If you are not planning on returning to DMMS for the 2014-2015 school year please contact the office.

Students currently attending Murrieta Valley Unified Schools will not need to re-register their students for McElhinney for the 2014-2015 school year. Current MVUSD students should look for an email message regarding returning student registration in July. We are asking parents of current DMMS students create their Aeries parent account, if they have not already, as this account will be used for the online registration in July.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Colt Parents and Students,**

Promotion and the end of the year 8th grade activities will be taking place soon and we would like to share some important information with you.

The promotion ceremony will take place on June 10th at 10 AM. Students should arrive at school on time and go to their first block class. Water and flowers will be sold on campus, and when the ceremony concludes, families will be able to check out their student at tables stationed on campus. There will be no check out during the ceremony. For the young ladies, high heels are strongly discouraged for the promotion ceremony due to safety reasons.

Please note: At ALL 8<sup>th</sup> grade events, including promotion, field day, and the 8th grade dance, our standard dress code applies. This includes strapless, backless, low cut, and see through items. Students not dressed appropriately will not be allowed to participate. If you have any questions, please contact an administrator or counselor prior to the event.

**For a complete listing of the end of the year activities, please visit the school calendar on the DMMS website.**

**June Events for 8th Grade**

**6/6 & 6/9 9:15AM—10:15AM Promotion Rehearsal**

**6/10 10:00AM Promotion Ceremony in the Quad**

**6/10 7:00PM—9:00PM Mardi Gras Dance for 8th Grade MPR**

**6/11 9:30AM—1:45PM Field Day on the Field**

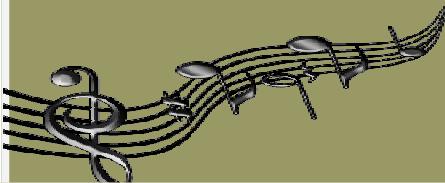
**6/12 9:30AM Pancake Breakfast and Yearbook Signing in the Quad**

**BUY A BRICK, LEAVE A LEGACY! \$40.00**



## Music Department News June 2014

- 6/2 Music Awards Night  
MPR at 6:30PM
- 6/05 - Band Boosters  
Executive Board  
Meeting
- 6/06 - Music Dept. Year  
End Party
- 6/10 - Promotion Band  
Performance and  
Water Sales
- 6/14 CG Car Wash @  
Carl's Jr. 9a-2p
- 6/16-24 - CG Camp @  
DMMS from 9am-  
3pm.
- 6/16-24 - DL Camp @  
DMMS from 4p-8pm.
- 6/25 - CG Try Outs
- 6/25 - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade  
Practice
- 6/26-28 - CG Blue Devil  
Camp
- 6/30-07/04 - BAND CAMP
- 7/04 - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade In  
Old Town Temecula



If your 6th grade student has already had their TDAP shot that is required for 7th grade enrollment, please provide a copy to the Health Office! No need to wait for next year! TDAP (pertussis) booster is required for all 7th GRADE students before starting school.

## DMMS Health Office News ATTENTION 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS!

### AB354 Requires Tdap Shot for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

All students entering, advancing or transferring into 7<sup>th</sup> grade will need proof of an adolescent whooping cough booster immunization (called "Tdap") before starting school. This requirement applies to all public and private schools. The requirement was signed into law in 2010.

In 2010, California experienced its worst outbreak of pertussis in more than half a century, with more than 9,000 confirmed cases and 10 infant deaths. The immunization requirement is intended to help reduce the spread of whooping cough among California's youth. Most children are fully protected prior to entering kindergarten because of the DTaP vaccine, a vaccine made for younger children. However, protection to these diseases wears off and preteens and teens may be at risk for catching this dangerous disease without a booster.

The Tdap requirement affects all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in California, so it's important to avoid the back-to-school rush and to get our children vaccinated now. Tell other parents with children in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade about the requirement and encourage them to schedule the shot early, before summer. Your incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade student **WILL NOT** be able to register without proof of the Tdap booster, so get it early and avoid any delays in registration!

Remember, in addition to the Tdap booster, there are several important vaccines recommended for preteens and teens including the meningococcal vaccine, a second chickenpox shot (if they never had chickenpox disease), and the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine series. Everyone older than six months old is recommended to receive a seasonal flu vaccine.

The California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Education have been working collaboratively on this important measure. Information on the Tdap requirement, including information on where to get free or low cost vaccines, forms, and FAQs are available at [www.ShotsForSchool.org](http://www.ShotsForSchool.org).

Thank you DMMS parents!

Lisa Elliott RN, MSN

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the health office at DMMS:  
(951) 304-1885

Health Technician- Rhonda LaVigne ext. 3693; School Nurse- Lisa Elliott RN, MSN ext. 3692

## ***DMMS SITE COUNCIL 2014/2015***

The school's Site Council is composed of school staff and parents. Site Council meets a few times during the school year and is responsible for developing and monitoring a Single Plan for Student Achievement. This plan is created in response to a thorough review of school achievement data. It communicates specific goals for the year, a plan for achieving these goals and a plan for the use of school funds to support these goals. The site council also serves in an advisory role to the principal regarding school-wide issues and decisions.

We have four parent positions open for 2014/2015. If you are interested in taking part in Site Council for the 2014-2015 school year, please email Mrs. Hawley, Site Secretary at [mhawley@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:mhawley@murrieta.k12.ca.us). Based on the number of people who express an interest, we will determine whether we need a vote of our parent community. That will be communicated in the August newsletter.

Please email the Site Secretary with your interest no later than June 27, 2014. Our first meeting will be in September 2014 in the DMMS Library at 3:30PM.

## **Attention Parents!!**

*Time is running out to purchase a yearbook for your student.*

**Buy yours today before we Sell Out!**

**\$ 50.00 at the Bookkeeper's office (cash only)**

Dorothy McElhinney Middle School  
Advanced Theatre Class  
Presents

***"ONLY THE BEGINNING"***

Music By



Written by Carol Hernandez  
A musical focusing on one military family  
and the sacrifices they make for their country.

Performance Dates:  
Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:45 p.m. **Sold Out**  
Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1:45 p.m. **Sold Out**

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.

Evening performance: \$3 Admission  
(MVUSD employees and Military Families-free)  
***Concessions will be available for purchase.***

DOROTHY MCELHINNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BEGINNING DRAMA CLASSES  
PRESENT

***“THE STORYBOOK ADOPTION”***

Think of all the many fairytales that you have read to your children. This play takes a microscopic viewpoint of the choices made by these characters we have grown to love, and presents hypothetical consequences of their actions.

***STUDENTS FROM LISA J. MAILES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
WILL BE OUR GUESTS AT THE FOLLOWING SHOWS:***

Performances at DMMS are as follows:  
Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.  
Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

The play runs about 30 minutes.  
It is appropriate for all ages.

ADMISSION IS FREE.



# Buy a Brick, Leave a Legacy!

*Be a part of history*

*Order Form*

**WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON A STANDARD 4X8 BRICK**

**(LIMIT 17 CHARACTERS PER LINE-INCLUDING SPACES)**

**\$40.00 CASH ONLY**

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PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM WITH PAYMENT TO

ASB BOOKKEEPER IN THE FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY, 6/13/2014

## ***PTSA END OF THE YEAR MESSAGE 2014***

***Dear DMMS Families,***

***Wow, it's hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end! PTSA would like to thank our students, staff, families and volunteers for making the year so successful. Without your endless support in our student store, we wouldn't have been able to give back so many great things to our students and staff here at DMMS. Some of our contributions, events & accomplishments this year have been: Student Store, Glow in the Dark Dance, Renaissance, Turkey Trout Homeless to Harvard Assembly, Watch Dogs, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, PE Equipment, 8th Grade Promotion, 6th & 7th Grade Field Day, and DMMS Alumni Scholarships. We are so pleased that the student store was able to fund all of these activities for the year and that we didn't have to do any extra fundraising. Thank you!***

***Each year the PTSA recognizes outstanding service to children and youth with the Honorary Service Award. This year we are excited to announce and honor Belinda Covington with this Honorary Service Award. Belinda came to DMMS with her 6th grade son and took on the position as Student Store Chair. New to the whole PTA organization, Belinda took her position to heart, had many ideas and executed each one making our student store the most successful ever! Belinda goes above and beyond when it comes to her service to DMMS student, staff & PTSA. Belinda is hard working and when she commits herself, there is nothing that will stop her! We honor Belinda for her hard work and dedication to our PTSA, students & staff. Congratulations Belinda!***

***Again, we thank all of the Students & DMMS staff for all your support. We look forward to next year have a fun and safe summer!***

***DMMS PTSA***