



Blazer Newsletter

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September 3, 2013



Upcoming Important Dates

Tue Sept 3

6:30pm PTA Meeting

Fri Sept 6

Last day to sign-up for 5th grade Band

Mon Sept 9

Early Release Day
Children's Chorus for 3rd-5th Grade Students

Fri Sept 13

PTA Fundraiser Kick-off

Mon Sept 16

Early Release Day
Running Club Starts

The Next Friday Spirit

Assembly is

**September 13, 2013
at 8:30am**

School Office Summer

Mon-Fri 7:45am-3:30pm

Early Release Day Hours

7:45am-2:00pm

Website

www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan



Dear Families,

As we begin our second month of school I want to thank you for a smooth opening of the school year. We had a wonderful turnout for our three Back to School Nights in August. I want to express a special thank you to parents and staff for making these informational nights a priority to ensure the success of our students.

Did you know.....

- Buchanan held its third annual "Dads and Kids" Pizza Night Kick off for our WATCH DOGS program. WATCH DOGS (Dads of Great Students) is an innovative program being used by schools across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of father and father-figures in the lives of students. This event was a huge success with many dads, granddads, uncles and step-dads attending. For more information please contact the front office.
- Buchanan's Running Program before-school activity will begin Monday, September 16th. Running days will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00am throughout the year on the grass field. Students may run, walk or jog until class begins at 8:20am. For more information please contact the front office.
- Students can practice their basic math facts anywhere there is a computer through the Stretch-to-Go games online at www.fasttmath.com/stretch

Good things are happening at Buchanan Elementary! I am proud to be a part of this school community and have the opportunity to "Blaze the Trail" with our parents, students and staff.

Jennifer Randel

Campus Safety News

In years past, campus gates have been opened 15 minutes before dismissal. In an effort to make our campus more secure and minimize classroom disruptions, gates will now be opened five minutes before dismissal. Student safety is our number one priority at Buchanan. In light of the recent tragedies at schools around the country, all Murrieta Valley Unified School District schools are examining their safety practices/procedures and are looking for ways to better protect their students. The bike and park gate will close at 8:25am. Parents still on campus will need to exit through the main gate by the office. We at Buchanan feel strongly that this small change will help create a safer learning environment.



Give your child the best start to the day - Be on time



Remember, the bell rings to line up at 8:20 am each morning for grades 1-5. Please be sure to drop your children off at school on time. Prompt attendance is crucial to maximize student learning. Arriving to school just five minutes late each morning adds up to nearly *three full days* of missed instruction over the course of the school year! Thank you for your support.