



Buchanan Elementary

Blazer Newsletter

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Upcoming Important Dates

Mon Feb 10

Early Release

Kindergarten Love Bug
Performance
at Murrieta Mesa HS

Wed/Thu Feb 12-13

Drama Club Rehearsal

Fri Feb 14

Holiday - No School

Mon Feb 17

Holiday - No School

Wed/Thu Feb 19-20

Drama Club Rehearsal

Thu Feb 20

5th Grade Parent Info
Night on Common Core
Math at Warm Springs MS

The Next Friday Spirit

Assembly is

February 21, 2014

at 8:30am

School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:00pm

Website

www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan



School Notes

We have just completed our 100th day of school and it is amazing to see our students doing an outstanding job both on the playground and in the classroom. We held our first Honor Roll assembly for 4th and 5th grade students and celebrated students receiving either Gold or Silver Honor roll for their outstanding first semester efforts. Our 2nd and 3rd grade students celebrated both academic and behavior accomplishments at our Student Awards assembly last month. We also want to celebrate having a high percentage rate of students attending school daily. We are confident our students will continue to work at their highest ability and continue **Blazing the Trail** towards excellence.

As a Buchanan staff we want to thank our Parents for your continued support. The school and home relationship is vital to raising students who are not only academically strong but also persons of character.

Good things are happening at Buchanan Elementary!
Jennifer Randel and Jim Curtis

Positive Behavioral Supports Moment



Last newsletter we introduced our three basic ideas that will guide our students to blaze the trail towards positive behaviors: be respectful, be responsible, and be safe.

This newsletter we want to focus on responsibility, specifically on our bicycles, scooters, and skateboards. When riding we have to remember these are vehicles, and there are certain responsibilities we must follow when operating a vehicle. Here are three ideas that will assist you in riding responsibly.

1. Wear a helmet! Students, it is the law and this law is meant to protect your precious mind.
2. Follow the rules of the road. You are operating a vehicle and you are to follow the same rules cars do. That means stop at stop signs and stop lights, ride on the right side of the road, and signal your intentions to other vehicles.
3. Walk your bike, scooter, or skateboard on crosswalks and sidewalks. Crosswalks and sidewalks are meant for pedestrians (walkers) and to maintain their safety we should walk our vehicles on them when pedestrians are present or as we cross the street.

Riding bikes, scooters, and skateboards is tons of fun, but remember we must be responsible when doing so. And being responsible is what being a **Blazer** is all about.



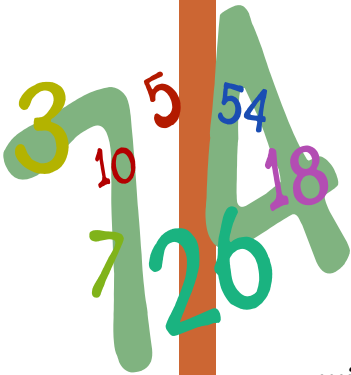
*Buchanan Elementary School
presents a school-wide*

Family Math

Thursday, February 27th

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Buchanan Elementary School



*Come and explore the wonders of math
with your children and enjoy an exciting evening of
hands-on learning activities and games!
Play educational games that will help your student learn
and master critical math skills.*



FUN, FACTS, and a SNACK!

*Wear your favorite number
and receive an extra raffle ticket!*



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RSVP - - - COUNT US IN FOR A NIGHT OF FUN!

Child's Name:

Teacher:

Did you know.....

- ◆ 38 Students were honored at our February 7th Friday morning assembly for completing a Fastt Math operation.
- ◆ Our students made 875 personalized "Valentines for Vets" to be sent to our brave men and women serving in the military.
- ◆ Our library is the busiest library in the district with a circulation of 4054 books in January and over 469,000 books YTD! We are certainly "Blazing the Trail" in reading.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Many families have not applied for Free or reduced breakfast/lunch for the 2013 -2014 school year. Applications are available in the school office or online at <https://fma.murrieta.k12.ca.us/> Please take the time to come by and pick one up, you never know, your child/ren may be eligible for free or reduced lunch.



President's Day Holidays
School Closed - Feb 14th & Feb 17th



The following students had their artwork selected to be a part of the 14th Annual Youth Art Exhibition. It is on display at the Promenade Mall during the month of February. It is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Temecula Valley and Minuteman Press.



Isabella Griffithe	Lianne Hutchinson	Hannah Gruidl	Kevin Pham
Katelyn Brandao	Janesza Monzon	Drew Fatter	Sydney Jones
Cailin O'Brien	Aryon McMurray	Kayla Carmody	Camilla Rodriguez
James Aspen-Martin	Madison Baiz-Adams	Zeke Hueter	

Military Families



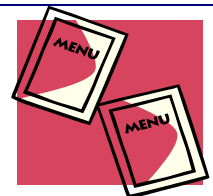
Murrieta Valley Unified is conducting a survey of military families so we can Identify the needs of military-connected students and their families. If you are a military family with students in Murrieta Valley Unified School District, please take a few minutes to take this short survey.

Your anonymous responses will help us improve the support and services we provide to military -connected students whether they are new to the district, facing the deployment of a parent or getting ready for the family's next move.

You will find a link to the survey on the home page of the school website at www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan

Lunch Menu

Be green and also the first to see the lunch menu for the next month. Sign-up on the Nutrition Services page of the District Website at www.murrieta.k12.ca.us



Science Fair



TK - 3rd Grade Students - Sign-up now to submit a project for the Science Fair on March 20th. Return this slip to the office to receive a packet of information.

Science
Fair

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Middle School Math Information Night



Parents of fifth graders and middle school students are invited to attend a one-hour Middle School Math Information Night led by the district's secondary math coaches. The Middle School Math Information Night will focus on how our district is transitioning to the Common Core Curriculum Standards in Math. There are some important changes occurring in math course descriptions and in the standards covered, and this is your opportunity to learn about these changes and how they will affect your middle school child.

All presentations will take place at 6:00 PM at the schools listed below. Feel free to attend whichever presentation best fits your schedule.

- **February 20th – Warm Springs Middle School**
- **March 4th – Shivela Middle School**
- **March 12th - Dorothy McElhinney Middle School**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office for more information.



Marvelous Math Class

Who: This class is for current 1st-2nd graders throughout the community.

What: This is a class to encourage children to enjoy and increase their confidence in math. It is a fun class using games, art, manipulatives, and writing to develop math skills. Children will participate in small group stations and individually with the instructor.

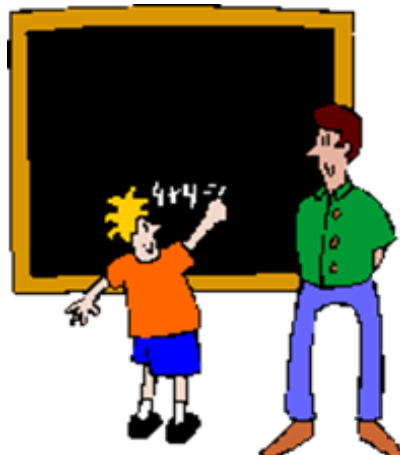
Where: Buchanan Elementary School

When: Wednesdays beginning February 12th-March 19th. It is a six week class after school from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

About the teacher: Mary Riley is a former elementary school teacher, workshop presenter, parent educator, staff developer, and a regular substitute teacher. She operates "Toot Toot Tutoring, For Children Who Can", to support students in need of academic assistance.

Registration: Online through Murrieta Valley Adult School and Community Education, www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/adulted under community fee based/enrichment classes. The cost is \$65.00 for the six weeks. There is also a \$5.00 materials fee/per child payable to the instructor.

Please note: The class is limited to 12 students and early registration is encouraged. Any questions, call (951) 696-3805.



Murrieta Valley Unified School District

2014 - 15 School Registration Timeline



Dear Parents/Guardians;

The following registration activities are planned:

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| January 14 | District accepts new and renewal <i>INTER</i> DISTRICT Transfer requests.
<u>School Sites Accept (NEW) <i>INTRADISTRICT</i> Transfer requests</u> |
| February 14 | Final day to submit Renewal and New INTER DISTRICT transfer requests.
Final day to submit (NEW) <i>INTRADISTRICT</i> transfer requests <u>at the School Site.</u> |
| March 3 | Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten and new enrollee packets (1-5) will be available at the school sites for pick up only. |
| March 10 | Enrollment packets will be accepted for all students new to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District.

Packets must include all registration forms, birth certificate/verification of age, immunization records, current physical and verification of residence. (Note: packets at elementary schools will be accepted after 9:30 a.m.) |
| May 5 | Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten and new enrollees' (elementary) packets are due to the school site. Packets must be complete before they can be accepted. |
| June 13 | <i>INTRADISTRICT</i> and <i>INTER</i> DISTRICT Transfer notifications to parents. Notifications for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten will be made at this time. |

NOTE: Transfer requests between schools within the Murrieta Valley School District are processed at the school site. Please submit the request at the school site that you are requesting.

Middle School and High School sites will provide school registration information in a separate letter.

Please check the district website for enrollment forms, registration and Transitional Kindergarten information. <http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us>

We hope that this information will help in your planning for the 2014-2015 school year. If you have any questions, please contact your school office.

Thank you,
Administrative Team
Murrieta Valley Unified School District