



# Blazer Newsletter

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February 21, 2014



## Upcoming Important Dates

**Mon Feb 24**

Early Release

**Wed Feb 26**

Drama Rehearsal

**Thu Feb 27**

Drama Rehearsal

Family Math Night

**Mon Mar 3**

Early Release

**Tue Mar 4**

2nd Grade Awards

School Site Council Meeting

PTA Board Meeting

**Wed Mar 5**

3rd Grade Awards

Drama Rehearsal

**Thu Mar 6**

Drama Rehearsal

**The Next Friday Spirit**

**Assembly is**

**March 7, 2014**

**at 8:30am**

School Office Hours

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

Website

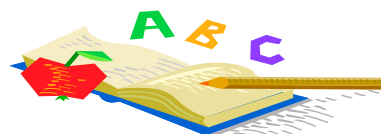
[www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan](http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan)



## School Notes

Read with your child. It's the most important 20 minutes of your day.

Parents are critical partners in helping children learn to read. Yet sometimes parents just don't know how to encourage reading at home or how to make it fun and interesting.



Reading at home with your child is important in helping your child develop the skills necessary to become a successful reader, and it can also build relationships at the same time. Sitting close together and snuggling over a good book sends the message to your child that he or she is important to you and that you value time together. Sharing ideas about the story shows that you value your child's ideas and feelings. By making reading a special time, you increase the chances your child will see reading as an experience he or she doesn't want to miss.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have already taken the SRI (Scholastic Reading Inventory) assessment 3 times this year. After taking the SRI, students are given a Lexile that assists them in checking out books at the library in their reading range. This month, our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will also be taking the SRI and will have a Lexile score. Please help your child choose appropriate books for reading by using their Lexile score when visiting the library. Go to [www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com) to learn more about the books in your child's Lexile range.

March 2, 2014 is Dr. Seuss Day! Spend the day reading with your child!

A very special thank you to Lisa Little and Van Piceno for organizing our first annual Jog -a thon that earned over \$12,000 for field trips and other activities that our students can enjoy.

A special shout-out to our wonderful PTA for sponsoring our Father/Daughter dance this month. Mrs. Sandy Vincent and Mrs. Shelly Morris did an excellent job spear-heading this event. During the evening many students shared this was the most fun event they had experienced all year. Thank you to Sandy and Shelly for giving of your time to make this a memorable evening for so many of our students.

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



## Positive Behavioral Supports Moment



What does it mean to be respectful? One meaning is to be careful not to do anything against someone's wishes or rights. This definition reminds a person of a very old saying called the golden rule which says, "One should treat others as one would like others to treat one self." Think of how positive our school might look if we all took a moment to think of the kind of respect we would want others to treat us with.

Students be respectful of your parents' time by being attentive to the directions of Buchanan staff as they assist you to your parents' or guardian's car. Your parents will appreciate this as they pull forward and they can exit the loop in a timely manner.

### The Golden Rule:

*Treat others the way  
You want to be treated.*

On the playground students refer to one another in respectful terms. Comments during basketball or kickball games would be complementary rather than criticisms meant to hurt. When Buchanan staff has the need to redirect behavior, students look them in the eye, listen, and speak in a respectful tone. The student then takes the redirection to heart knowing that it is meant to keep them safe.

So many times being respectful means thinking about others first. In turn as we think of others first, more often than not, our outcomes are better. Think of the outcome if all those involved in Buchanan respected each other. The outcome would be a strong community with incredible character.

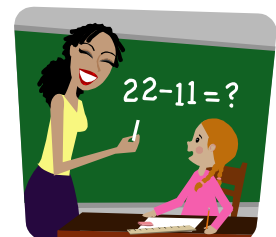
### Lost And Found

Coats, jackets, hats, lunch boxes, etc. are placed in the lost and found outside the office. Small items are taken into the office. Please remember to label your student's items so they can be returned. Please check the lost and found often for missing items.



### Did you know.....

- ◆ 22 Students were honored at our February 21st Friday morning assembly for completing a Fastt Math operation.
- ◆ 22 students spoke about Famous Inventors at our Spirit Assembly.
- ◆ Family Math Night is Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 6 - 7:30 in the Buchanan MPR. Be sure to RSVP so that we have enough materials for your family! Flyers went home last week.





# Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

**James**

**Travis**

reads 20 minutes per night,  
5 times per week



reads only 4 minutes per night  
...or not at all

**In one week:**

**100**

minutes of reading



**20**

minutes of reading

**In one month:**

**400**

minutes of reading



**80**

minutes of reading

**In one school year (9 months):**

**3600**

minutes of reading



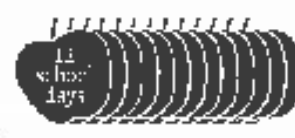
**720**

minutes of reading

**By the end of sixth grade:**

**21,600**

minutes of reading



**4320**

minutes of reading

- Which student would you expect to read better?
- Which student would you expect to know more?
- Which student would you expect to write better?
- Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
- Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?
- How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?



**GREER GENIUS**  
We put children's lives together

*Buchanan Elementary School  
presents a school-wide*

# Family Math

*Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Buchanan Elementary School*

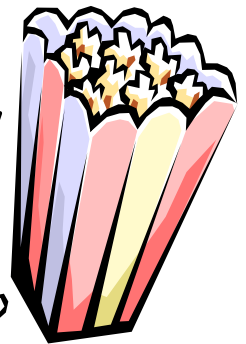
*Come and explore the wonders of math  
with your children and enjoy an exciting evening of hands-  
on learning activities and games!*

*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!*



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

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Grade Level: K 1 2 3 4 5*

*Please RSVP by Friday February 21st*

