



Blazer Newsletter

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March 7, 2014



Upcoming Important Dates

Mon Mar 10

Early Release

2014-2015 New Enrollment Packets accepted

Wed Mar 12

Drama Rehearsal

Thu Mar 13

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Mon Mar 17

Early Release

Tue Mar 18

Jump Rope for Heart Jump Day - Envelopes Due

Wed Mar 19

Science Fair Entries Due

Thu Mar 20

Open House

Science Fair

Fri Mar 21

Storm Baseball Bookmarks Due

The Next Friday Spirit

Assembly is

March 21, 2014

at 8:30am

School Office Hours

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

Website

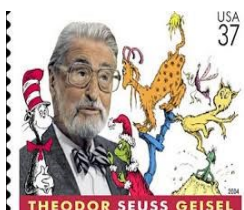
www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan



School Notes

"You can find magic wherever you look, sit back and relax, all you need is a book." Dr. Seuss.

This week students had an opportunity to explore and celebrate the wonderful literary works of Dr. Seuss through reading, hands on activities, song, and food. His writing has taught us many life lessons intertwining reading and learning together with rhyming and wordplay that fit in with literacy components being taught in the classrooms. He believed that children want the same things we want, to laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained and delighted. Brilliant, playful and always respectful of children, Dr. Seuss charmed his way into the consciousness of four generations of youngsters and parents. In the process he helped millions of kids learn to read.



"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child." Please continue the literary journey with your children discovering as Dr. Seuss did "Oh the Places You'll Go" as you explore the wonders of reading.

We are excited to present *Annie* our musical production based on the popular Harold Gray comic strip *Annie Jr.* on Saturday, **March 15, 2014 at 12 & 4pm.** Tickets are free for children and \$1.00 for adults 12 and over. The Musical songs of "Tomorrow" and "The Hard Knock Life" are a few of the songs that will delight us. Our students have been



working very hard since October learning their lines and musical lyrics to this wonderful and entertaining play starring Annie. We are very thankful to Mrs. Hern, Mrs. Cato, Mrs. Prario and Mrs. Coker for heading up this amazing production from the first auditions to the final act. Please join us in celebrating the talents of our students as they perform this entertaining play.

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

Day Light Savings - Time Change

Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour on
Saturday Night



Open House & Science Fair

Join us on Thursday, March 20th for our Annual Open House & Science Fair.

The Book Fair and Science Fair will open at 5:30pm and PTA will have their Association meeting at 5:30pm. Classrooms will be open 6pm-7pm



Positive Behavioral Supports Moment

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During this week of celebrating the life of Dr. Seuss we turn to his stories for advice on what it means to be safe. In the story "The Cat in the Hat" the fish in the pot screamed, "They should not fly kites in a house! They should not. Oh, the things they will bump! Oh, the things they will hit! Oh, I do not like it! Not one little bit!"



How does the fish in the pot relate to our Buchanan students and being safe? Well, the fish in the pot is similar to that little voice inside our head called our conscience. When we are observing a behavior or action that appears to be unsafe, that little voice will usually kick-in and tell us, "Wait just a minute that may not be the right thing to do. If I do that someone might get hurt. Oh, I do not like it. Not one little bit!" Often the key to being safe is listening to that voice inside our head. It can guide us to avoid dangerous situations, understanding right from wrong, or even helping someone else avoid being hurt. To borrow from another famous children's story character, "Let your conscience be your guide," and perhaps our students will watch the mischievous Cat in the Hat leave "with a tip of his hat" and think twice and always be safe.

Spring Break is Coming

March 24th thru April 4th - No School

Report Cards go Home March 21st



Did you know.....

- ◆ 52 Students were honored at our March 7th Friday Spirit assembly for completing a Fastt Math operation.
- ◆ Brandon Grein, a 5th grade student was selected to represent MVUSD at a Math 180 conference in Palm Springs.
- ◆ Dr. Seuss was inspired by his father's occupation which led to him writing the book "If I Ran the Zoo."
- ◆ Our annual musical production started out as a grade level play and by the second year mushroomed into a school wide production involving over 150 students!



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Please Join Us Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Warm Springs Middle School Annual Open House 5:30-7:30 pm

Everyone is welcome to tour classes!

Current 5th Grade Families are encouraged to visit

6th Grade [incoming for 2014/2015] Parent Information Meeting

All classrooms will be open for tours at 6:00pm

Mr. Picchiottino, WSMS administrative team; 6th grade teachers and PTSA invite our new 6th grade families and students to meet at 5:30pm in the MPR



Symphonic Band & Choir will perform
PTSA Book Fair in the library all evening
Variety of vendors on campus selling food



Welcome to Wildcat Country

Read about how our school, students and teachers measure up.

New School Accountability Report Cards have been published and they contain detailed information about our school's major achievements, focus for improvement, student performance and accountability measures, curriculum, buildings, school finances and key facts about the condition of our facilities, textbooks and teachers. Click here (<http://murrietavalley.schoolwisepress.com/home/>) to see our School Accountability Report Card.



Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC) for grades 3rd, 4th and 5th is coming starting April 21, 2014. This year is just a field test to test our technical capabilities. There will be no testing results provided from these assessments. If you wish, students can begin practicing by going to the following website: <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/>