



Blazer Newsletter

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Upcoming Important Dates

Mon May 5

Early Release

Wed May 7

5th Grade Panoramic Picture

Mon May 12

Early Release

Kinder Here I Come

2:30-4:00pm

Friday May 16

5th Grade DARE Graduation

PTA Movie Night

Sat May 17

5th Grade Honor Band Performs at Mulligan's

Mon May 19

Early Release

Tues May 20

Lumsden & McWhorter Field Trip

Wed May 21

McKenzie & Vesneski Field Trip

4th Grade Field Trip

Thu May 22

Aspan-Martin, Karrer & Caskey Field Trip

The Next Friday Spirit

Assembly is

May 16, 2014

at 8:30am

School Office Hours

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

Website

www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan



School Notes

Did You Know.....

Buchanan Elementary is one of 424 elementary schools or 7% throughout the state that has been awarded the **2014 California Distinguished School Recognition.**



During our site validation tour, the representatives summed up their visit in four simple words, "**Buchanan is beyond words.**"

Thank you to all our Buchanan students, staff, families and community members for your hard work and dedication to make sure our school is successful.

Imagination Machine Winners

The Imagination Machine actors came to Buchanan and performed various skits from stories written by our students. Many wonderful stories were submitted and the entire student body were entertained with the skits written by the up and coming play writers listed below. Kudos to PTA for sponsoring this fun and imaginative event.

TK/Kindergarten: Joseph Rodriguez

First Grade: Daly Hodge

Second Grade: Hayes Riche

Third Grade: Natasha Voorhees and Timothy Ackerman

Fourth Grade: Jayden Clevenger and Nathan Harding

Fifth Grade: Morgan Delaney and Alina Murillo



**Congratulations to Melissa Zamora
An Eastern Municipal Water District & Rancho California Water District Poster Contest
Winner**



Invention Convention Winners

In March, 35 of our 5th grade students had the opportunity to participate in the Invention Convention at Buchanan creating new and innovated products that could one day receive a patent. Students had the opportunity to explore a concept of interest to them, create a prototype and present their invention to the public. The students below were the top winners.

First Place: Lewis Singleterry

Second Place: Jamie Clark

Third Place (tie): Bella Flexen and James Aspan-Martin



California Mathematics Council

Math Articles of Interest to Parents

As children's chief role models, parents are as important as teachers in their children's learning of mathematics. With awareness and information, parents, guardians, and families can play a powerful role in supporting their students' success in this all-important subject!

The California Mathematics Council wants to help. We have a section of our web site called, **FOR FAMILIES**, where parents and guardians can find information to assist them in helping their pre-school through high school students learn mathematics.

The articles on these pages provide insights into how students learn and specific advice that parents and families can use when working with their children. These articles are meant to increase parents' and guardians' knowledge of mathematics education and the new Common Core State Standards so they might better support their children's learning, both in school and at home.

Below are titles of FREE downloads of PDF articles of interest to parents on the website at:
<http://cmc-math.org/for-families/>

A Parent-friendly Version of the Common Core Standards for Mathematical Practice

The Common Core Standards for Mathematical Practice (Spanish)

The Mathematics Students Study in Schools

Basic Education Terms Every Parent Should Know

Educational Acronyms, Program Names, and Definitions Every Parent Should Know

Frequently Asked Questions—and Answers—About K-6 Math Programs

Mathematics Learning Resources for Parents

What Parents Should Know About High School Math

Helping at Home with Homework

Why Teach Problem Solving? Part 1

Why Teach Problem Solving? Part 2

The Value of Abstract Strategy Games for the Whole Family

The Benefits of Volunteering in Your Child's Classroom

Teaching Children to Do Mental Math Part 1

Teaching Children to Do Mental Math Part 2

The Art of Guessing: Estimation Part I

The Art of Guessing: Estimation Part 2

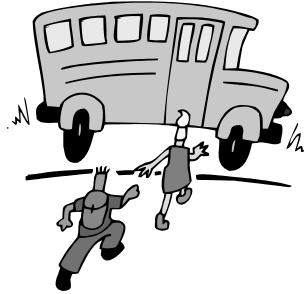
Useful Advice for Parent/Teacher Conferences

Ten Good Problems to Solve with Your Family

Murrieta Valley Unified School District

Presents

“Kindergarten, Here I Come!”



***Ease the transition to kindergarten for your child.
Join us for a fun filled afternoon of education and activities!***

Monday: May 12, 2014

Buchanan Elementary

40121 Torrey Pines Rd

Murrieta, CA 92563

Time: 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

For children attending

Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten in the Fall.

***Introduction to Kindergarten & Transitional Kindergarten
Meet Kindergarten Teachers, Principal & Assistant Principal
Learn about School Readiness Preparation
Receive a Readiness Calendar to work on over the Summer
Tour Kindergarten Classrooms***

Parents AND kids go to designated classroom to begin rotations (There will be 6 activities to rotate through, changing about every 7 min, with 3 min passing)



Positive Behavioral Supports Moment

Positive Behavioral Supports Moment – Be Responsible and Finish Strong

In the last newsletter the PBIS moment was a lengthy explanation about being responsible during testing. Now that SBAC testing is nearly finished, why should students still be responsible at school?

The answer is one that can be borrowed from sports, finish strong! A strong finish will leave a lasting impression on those around you: teachers, parents, and other students. Also, think about all the fun activities that come at the end of the year. The best way to make sure you can attend, finish strong!



Parents - your help is needed!

While in the car loop in front of the school, please stay inside your vehicle and continue moving forward. Please do not leave your car. If you need to get out of your car to pickup, drop off or watch your student walk into school, please park in a parking space. Your cooperation will ensure a continuous flow of traffic through the loop.



Student Profile Forms

Student Profile Forms are now available in the office. The purpose of this form and its questions is to help determine the best class assignment for your child as we develop classes for next year. Please note that it is important not to place a specific teacher's name on the form. We are unable to honor specific teacher requests. The grade level teams at each site value your input and will do their best to properly place your child with the appropriate teacher. Please note that the deadline for turning in your completed form is May 16th.



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Grades 4–12**

askhmc.org

**6–9 p.m.
Sunday–Thursday**

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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.

