



Buchanan Elementary

# Blazer Newsletter

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## School Office Hours

**Mon - Fri**

**7:30am - 4:00pm**

**To report an absence,  
call 951-696-1428 and  
press 1 for attendance**

**Stay up to date -  
Check out our School  
Website  
[www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan](http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan)**

## Upcoming Friday Spirit

**Assemblies**

**Sept 5**

**Sept 19**

**at 8:30am**

**In the amphitheater**



## School Notes

Buchanan Families,

We have had a terrific beginning to our 2014-2015 school year. We had a wonderful turnout for our three Back to School nights in August. We 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.

As we begin our second month of school, we would like to emphasize that attendance is very important and directly linked to student achievement. Also, please remember to get up each morning with enough time to get to school before the tardy bell rings. Being on time helps ensure a good start to your child's day.

The Watch D.O.G.S. kick off was a success. We had many students and father figures in attendance. The Watch D.O.G.S. are a key part of our culture that help to make Buchanan a safe place and allow our students to have a lot of fun at lunch.

Did You Know.....

- ◇ Buchanan Elementary was named a 2014 California Distinguished School
- ◇ Nationally acclaimed Watch D.O.G.S. program is looking for father figures to support school academics and safety
- ◇ Our PTA is sponsoring an internet safety night on September 23rd at 7pm
- ◇ "Great works are performed, not by strength, but by perseverance." —Samuel Johnson

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

## Labor Day Holiday

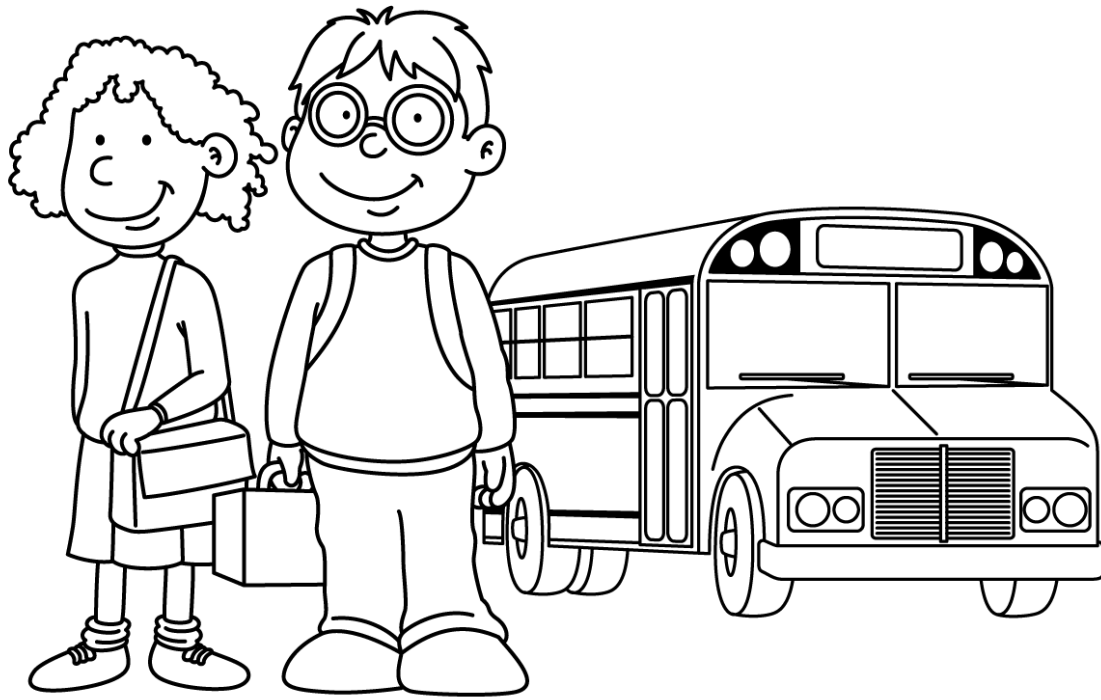
**Monday, Sept 1st - No School**

## We Need Your Help in the Parking Lot

Student safety is our number one concern. It is extremely important that parents and students use the crosswalk when walking to and from the parking lot.

If you are picking up your children in your car please ask them to wait for you in front of the Multi Purpose Room and not by the kindergarten gate area. Remember to keep moving forward so we can get as many cars as possible into the loop. Your help keeps the students safe. Please take your time when entering and exiting the parking lot. Safety is our top priority.





## Buchanan Elem September Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Holiday No School	2	3 5th Grade Band Practice	4	5 Friday Spirit Assembly PTA Fundrais- ing Orders Due	6
7	8 Early Release 2pm Children Chorus	9 PTA Board Meeting	10 5th Grade Band Practice	11 Fall Picture Make-up Day	12 5th Grade Band Practice	13
14	15 Early Release 2pm Children Chorus	16	17 5th Grade Band Practice	18	19 Friday Spirit Assembly 5th Grade Band Practice	20
21	22 Early Release 2pm Children Chorus	23 7pm PTA - Internet Safety Class for Parents	24 5th Grade Band Practice	25	26 5th Grade Band Practice	27
28	29 Early Release 2pm Children Chorus	30 8:30am 2nd Grade Student Awards				



## Buchanan Elementary Chorus For 3rd - 5th Grade Students

Chorus starts on Monday, Sept 8th from 2pm-3pm in the MPR. It's not too late to sign up. Forms available in the office

## School Site Council Members for 2014-2016

The following parents have been elected to serve on our School Site Council for this year:  
Lena Meserve, Monica Silhan and Larry Sword.

## Positive Behavioral Supports Moment

The Buchanan family has always been a strong community of parents, teachers, and others that have worked together to assist all Blazer students in becoming the best scholars they can be while also being productive members of their future communities. This year we look to continue this tradition while taking additional steps for further student growth.



Like last year we will focus on teaching and re-teaching the universal expectations of being respectful, being responsible, and being safe throughout the year. Every area of campus; from the hallways, to the MPR, to the playground and to the bathrooms; will have posters highlighting the expectations in those areas.

Additionally, this year we will also teach social skills specific to school, but can be applied to life outside of school. During Friday Spirit Assemblies and in classrooms students will be given step by step cues for how to handle different situations that may come up as they go from elementary school, to middle school, and then on to high school and beyond. Be ready to ask your student or students what it looks like to follow instructions, to stay on task, and even how to accept criticism appropriately. Yes, our goal is to produce students that can read and write and do arithmetic, but we also want to produce well rounded students that 'blaze the trail' to their own futures.

By the way, ask your student what KAHFOOTY means. Their lessons in social skills have already begun.



## PTA News

The Fall fundraiser and membership drive have started. Fundraising orders and money are due on Friday, Sept 5th. Spirit wear orders and Watch D.O.G.S. t-shirts orders and money are due Friday, Sept 5th. Checks can be made out to Buchanan PTA.



## Student Meals

Student Meal Prices:	Breakfast - Full Pay \$1.50	Reduced price \$.30
	Lunch - Full Pay \$2.50	Reduced price \$.40
	Milk or Juice - \$.50	Bottled Water - \$.75

Free and reduced lunch applications are to be completed online at [www.fma.murrieta.k12.ca.us](http://www.fma.murrieta.k12.ca.us)

Parents can make payments to lunch accounts at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)



## A Note from the Health Office



Just a reminder—Students may not have any medication (prescription or over the counter) in their possession. If your student needs to take any medication during the day, contact the health office for proper procedure and forms.