



Blazer Newsletter

Jennifer Randel, Principal

Jim Curtis, Assistant Principal



January 2015



School Office Hours

Mon - Fri

7:30am - 3:45pm

To report an absence,

Call 951-696-1428 and press 1 for attendance or send a note with your student

Stay up to date - Check out our School Website www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan

Upcoming Friday Spirit

Assemblies

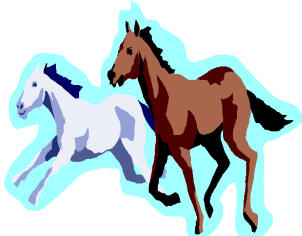
Jan 16

Feb 6

Feb 20

at 8:30am

In the amphitheater



School Notes

Buchanan Families,

Happy Snowy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break spending time with families and friends and the thrill of snow falling in Murrieta! As we begin the 2015 school year, we want to welcome any new families to our Buchanan community as well as welcome back our current families. We are excited about the upcoming semester and the wonderful events planned for the remainder of this year.

We will be offering a Parent workshop on Go Math and Think Central this month for all grade levels. Our first workshop will be Thursday, January 22, 2015 from 6:00 – 7:00 p. m. in our Library computer lab. This workshop will provide information on the changing math standards and resources available to support our math program. Please see the attached flyer for more information on how to register for this workshop.

As always, during this time we will be experiencing days of inclement weather. With these wet and rainy days we need to remind parents about the proper procedures in our traffic loop area because we want to keep all of our Buchanan families safe. The red no parking curb from Sugarberry heading east to the school entrance is not to be used for student pick up or drop off. Please do not park or wait for children in this lane. Unfortunately, any parking or waiting could result in a ticket by MPD. Please stay in your car and proceed forward in the loop to pick up students at the curb. Please do not endanger students and/or adults by double parking in the open lane and having students pass through cars to load or unload, or make U turns on Torrey Pines Road. These maneuvers are illegal and slow the free flowing traffic lanes. Also, please do not leave cars unattended in the loop. Student should be in the front of the MPR waiting and watching for their ride and approaching the vehicle after it has come to a complete stop. Staff members are also on hand to assist students to their cars. If you do wish to park and the lot is full the city has provided more legal parking on both sides of Sugarberry Road.

Did You Know.....

- The following students met their monthly reading goal and were winners of our Reading Round-up program for December:
TK/K - Jacob Rosengren **1st gr** – Malea Schantz **2nd gr** – Abigail Laws
3rd gr – Rebecca Tomsik **4th gr** - Zoe Aguilar **5th gr** – Madeline Livingstone

- It hasn't snowed like this in Murrieta since the 1940's!

Good things are happening at Buchanan Elementary!

Jennifer Randel and Jim Curtis

Murrieta Valley School District is Looking for Community Members



With the passage of Measure BB, the Murrieta Valley Unified School District is seeking community members to serve for a two-year term on the Measure BB Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Citizens' Oversight Committee meets with district staff on a regular basis to review the use of general obligation bond funds and monitor the implementation of Measure BB. Their task is to ensure that general obligation bond funds are being used in accordance with the intention of the voters and with the highest possible level of efficiency to serve the educational needs of the children of our community. To assure broad-based representation, committee members must be in one of the following groups: Business representative, senior citizen, parent of MVUSD student, member of a taxpayer organization, an at-large community member or a parent active in MVUSD PTA. If you are a member of one of these groups and are interested in serving a two year term on the Citizens' Oversight Committee, please download an application from our school website at www.murrieta.k12.ca.us or contact Lori Noorigian at (951) 696-1600 ext. 1080 to receive an application or for more information.



Positive Behavioral Supports Moment

Revisiting Following Instructions

Teachers and parents alike worry every summer about students losing some of the academic knowledge they gained from one year to the next as they take two months off from school. Well, in the winter, we as a staff worry that students will forget the school and classroom expectations they learned and followed while off for three weeks during winter break. Many teachers will take the time during January to reteach many of their classroom expectations just like they did way back in August. During January and February, as a school, Buchanan is going to do the very same thing.

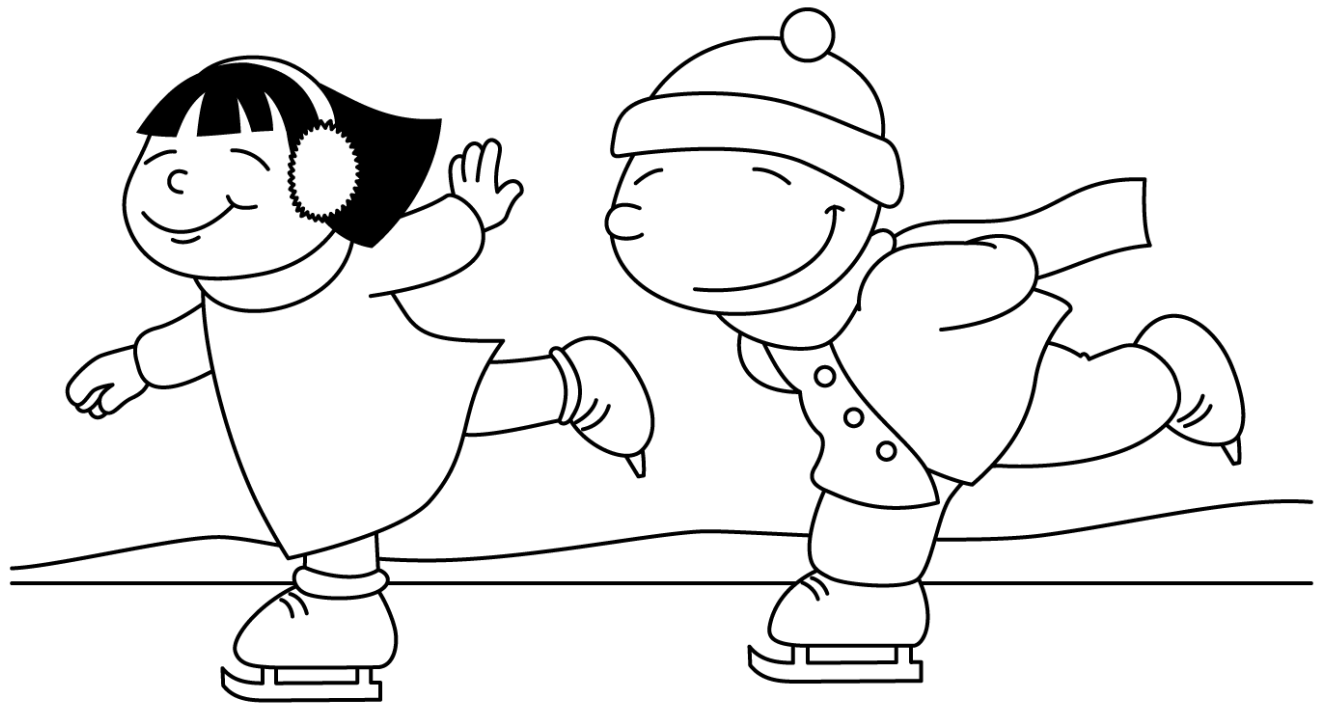
In a recent poll of Buchanan teachers they stated that one of the most important school-wide expectations for students is following directions or instructions. I doubt this is a surprise to any Buchanan parent. How many times do you have to ask your son or daughter to take out the trash? I know when I was growing up that my parents would be furious as they reached time number 3 or 4 and I still had not taken out the trash, usually because I was distracted by the TV or a video game. Sound familiar? Or how about a task or a chore around the house that has to be done in a specific step by step way? Ever find that your son or daughter completed the literal form of the request, but because the instructions were not followed specifically the task did not turn out quite right. In college my friends asked me to make some hash browns for breakfast. Now I followed the instructions as I saw them, but did not read them carefully enough. I poured a few teaspoons of oil in the pan, but instead of olive oil or vegetable oil, I decided to use corn syrup instead...good eh?

During the month of January we are going to revisit following directions. With his new cowboy hat, our friend Blazer Bob will meet with each grade level and review these steps to what it looks like to follow directions at school and in the classroom:

- 1. Make eye contact with the teacher or adult talking with you. This simple gesture can show anyone that you are paying attention.**
- 2. Show you understand by saying "okay" or nodding your head. Letting a person know that you are following along with what they are saying is a great sign of respect.**
- 3. Do what you have been asked right away. Teachers and other adults love to see a student not only listen, but show they understand by doing.**
- 4. Check back after you are done. Let that person know you have followed the instruction and completed the task. They will love your follow through.**



Happy New Year and welcome back for the 2nd half of the 2014/15 school year to all of our Buchanan families and I hope that by working together your student will take out the trash the first time you ask.



Buchanan Elem – January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
Winter Break – No School						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Winter Break – No School						
11	12 No School for Students Staff Development	13 Students Return	14 5 th Grade Band	15 Drama Club	16 Spirit Assembly 5 th Grade Band	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Holiday No School	20	21 5 th Grade Band	22 Drama Club	23 5 th Grade Band	24
25	26 Early Release	27	28 5 th Grade Band	29 Drama Club	30 5 th Grade Band	31

Reading Incentives Program



Buchanan students love a challenge! Reading Round-Up, Buchanan's school wide reading incentive program is well under way and the students of Buchanan have clearly proven they are up to the challenge. Since its debut back in October, Buchanan students have read to date a total of 489,799 minutes. Amazing! Encouraging our students to read every day while fostering the love of reading, is a goal worth achieving!!



MILITARY CORNER

Please contact Melissa Mendez at momamendoza@yahoo.com for resources available to our military families.

Tutor.com is free to Military Families. For more info go to www.tutor.com/military

2015/2016 Enrollment Timeline

December 9 District accepts NEW Intra-district Transfer requests (K-12)

January 13 District accepts NEW and RENEWAL Inter-district Transfer requests.

January 13 Online Enrollment for Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten and new students begins. Registration packets are also available at school sites.

February 13 Last day to submit RENEWAL AND NEW Inter-district Transfer requests during Open Enrollment.

February 13 Last day to submit NEW Intra-district Transfer requests to school sites during Open Enrollment.

March 9 Online Enrollment for NEW elementary students -parents may begin to submit requested records to school sites to complete registration. See the school websites for more information.

June 12 Parents/guardians of Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will receive notification of placement at the home school and morning or afternoon session. The notification of determination on Intra-district and Inter-district transfer requests will be sent.



Buchanan Elementary SSC Meeting

December 9, 2014

Minutes



I. Called to order: 3:34 pm

II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Reading and approval of previous minutes from October 7, 2014 -approval motioned and approved

Approval of agenda for today's meeting
-approval motioned and approved

III. Action Items

Mrs. Randel reviewed The Single Plan for Student Achievement -Mrs. Randel summarized main ideas of pages 1-11 -Mrs. Randel presented.

LCAP School Goal #1: ELA based. Actions to be taken were discussed.

LCAP School Goal #2: Math based. Actions to be taken were discussed.

LCAP School Goal #3: Science based. Actions to be taken were discussed.

LCAP School Goal #4: School culture and environment. Actions to be taken were discussed.

LCAP School Goal #5: Arts/PE/Technology. Actions to be taken were discussed.

Mrs. Randel discussed expenditures per objectives -Team approval of SPSA plan was motioned and approved.

IV. New business

Review of 2014/15 parent involvement plan -Approval of Parent Involvement was motioned and approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting in February.

PARENT WORKSHOP

Go Math & Think Central

Thursday, January 22, 2015

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Buchanan Elementary School Library Computer Lab



Join parents from Buchanan Elementary to learn more about the changing math standards and the resources available.

Topics will include:

- Mindset

- Developing an understanding of new math standards

- Think Central (digital resource) and what to expect from homework

*** Due to limited space, parent reservations are required. If you are interested in attending, please call Mary Lowitz at 696-1428 ext. 2796.**

Additional workshops will be held at a future date.

****Childcare will be provided, but parents must reserve a spot when registering for the workshop.***



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