



Blazer Newsletter

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Jim Curtis, Assistant Principal



February 2015



School Office Hours

Mon - Fri

7:30am - 3:45pm

President's Day Holidays

**Fri, Feb 13th and
Mon, Feb 16th**

NO School

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

Upcoming Friday Spirit

Assemblies

Feb 6

Feb 20

at 8:30am

In the amphitheater



School Notes

Buchanan Families,

Our school will be celebrating the 100th day of school on February 3, 2015 with various activities taking place throughout the grade levels. We are really excited about all the exciting events planned for this month for our Buchanan families. We start off the month with our Daddy Daughter "Winter Wonderland" dance this Friday, February 6th. This is a wonderful time for our girls to enjoy a special evening with their daddy, grandfather, uncle, or other guest. Our annual family math night is scheduled for February 19th. This year we are adding the exploration of science to the evening. This event will allow families to explore the wonders of math and science through fun filled hands on games and activities. We are also hosting another Parent Math training night for parents to become more familiar with our Think Central program and the Common Core standards for math on February 24th. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

As a Buchanan Staff, we want to thank our families for their continued support. This partnership is vital to the success of our programs and our students. Thank you for entrusting your child with us for the last 100 days.

Did you know.....

- Our 3rd graders are producing our Monday morning video announcements for the entire school!
- Our second grade class funded a grade level assembly through Donors Choose!
- Our student body is very close to meeting their School Wide Reading Goal of 600,000 minutes read by March 2015.
- A sound system has been installed in every classroom to enhance student engagement and learning.

Good things are happening at Buchanan Elementary!

Jennifer Randel and Jim Curtis

PTA Daddy & Daughter Dance

Buchanan Elementary PTA is excited to present our annual Buchanan Elementary Daddy Daughter Dance "Winter Wonderland 2015." A night filled with music, snowflakes, friends, raffles, photo booth and more! The fun starts Friday, February 6th in the Buchanan MPR. Times are Pre-K through 2nd grade 5:30-7pm and 3rd through 5th grade 7:30-9pm. We ask that guests attending bring a store bought refreshment to share the night of the event. We look forward to seeing you there!





**United States
Presidents**

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No School

National Counseling Week

National School Counseling Week will be celebrated from February 2 - 6, 2015 to focus public attention on the unique contributions of professional School Counselors within U.S. school systems. Here at Buchanan, we are fortunate to have part-time School Counselors who are actively engaged in helping students to support academic success. Our Counselors teach guidance lessons and facilitate small groups on social skills, anger management, grief and loss, and military support. They also provide individual responsive services, interventions and referrals as the need arises. If you would like to make a counseling referral for your child, please contact your child's teacher or Administration.



Kiwanis Art

The Kiwanis Club of Temecula Valley invited our school districts students to participate in the 14th Annual Youth Art Exhibition at the Promenade Mall in Temecula from February 1 through February 28, 2015. This year's theme is "Art You Like." The following student's artwork was chosen to represent Buchanan Elementary:

Sophia Reshaw	TK	Kaycee Omabtang	3 rd
Magali Gusman-Solis	TK	Miliani Villarreal	3 rd
Trevor Collier	TK	Jillian Aspan-Martin	3 rd
Nicolas Torres	TK	Diego Gaytan Sibrian	4 th
Asucena Martinez	K	Kaiden Smith	4 th
Brooklyn Hodge	K	Mason Del Calzo	4 th
Calyn Miller	1 st	Lizette Romero	4 th
Sawyer Kirk	1 st	Victoria Cabral	4 th
Keawe Holloway	2 nd	Adam Acosta	5 th
Kloe Woods	2 nd	Nicole Diaz	5 th
Ai Takashima	3 rd	Ryane Dorsett	5 th



Stop by the mall and see these wonderful students artwork sometime during the month of February.

DARE

5th Grade Students to Participate in DARE Program

Each year, the 5th grade students participate in the DARE program. DARE is taught once a week for approximately 8 weeks by an officer from the Murrieta Police Department. For the past 8 years, Buchanan has been fortunate to have Detective Therien as our teacher. Detective Therien comes to every 5th grade class and educates our students about decision making skills, ways to say "NO", and ways to stay healthy. The students look forward to Officer Therien's lessons. The students develop a positive relationship with a police officer and learn skills needed to lead a healthy, productive life.

Student Lunches and Cafeteria Meals

Due to parent concerns and health/food allergies, students and parents should not share lunches with other students. Parents who join their student during lunch time will eat with their student at the tables under the blue canvas cover.

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

Parents can make payments to lunch accounts at www.myschoolbucks.com

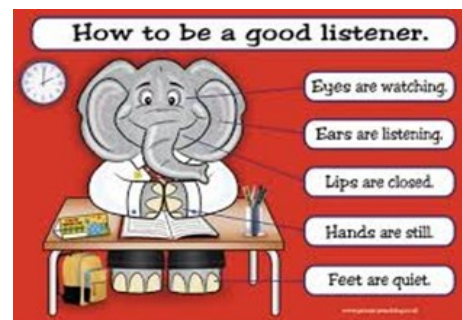


Positive Behavioral Supports Moment Listening to Others

How many times have you been talking to your student at home, or maybe even the husbands out there, and when you were done talking they turned, looked at you blankly, and clearly heard nothing you just said? There are some things we do not think of as a skill, like listening. Yet think about it, remember those friends we appreciate because of their ability to listen attentively. Sometimes we expect our students to just acquire certain skills inherently without any training. Good, active listening is a skill we hope to help train Buchanan students to have.

During the month of February Buchanan students work with Blazer Bob, our resident expert on social skills, on the following active listening steps.

- 1. Look at the person who is talking and remain quiet.**
- 2. Wait until the person is through talking before you speak.**
- 3. Show that you hear and understand the person by acknowledging what they have said.**



These steps are just the start of training a good active listener. It is a seemingly simple skill, but training a good listener is a means to success at home, at school, and a future career.



Buchanan's Science Fair

The Science Fair will be held during Open House on March 26th. Students in grades TK—3rd that are interested in participating in the Science Fair can get a packet of information from their teacher. An experiment science project is required of all 4th and 5th grade students and more information will be sent home at a later date.





FEBRUARY

Buchanan Elementary 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Early Release	3	4 5th Grade Band Kindergarten Love Bug at Murrieta Mesa	5 Drama Club	6 Spirit Assembly 5th Grade Band PTA Daddy & Daughter Dance	7
8	9 Early Release	10	11 5th Grade Band	12 Drama Club	13 Holiday— No School	14 
15	16 Holiday— No School	17	18 5th Grade Band	19 Drama Club Family Math & Science Night	20 Spirit Assembly 5th Grade Band Jump Rope for Heart Jump Day	21
22	23 Early Release	24 Parent Math Info and Training Night	25 5th Grade Band	26 Drama Club	27 5th Grade Band	28

Buchanan's Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is proud to partner with the American Heart Association through **Jump Rope For Heart!** Our event will be held on Friday, February 20, 2015. This community service project teaches our students the importance of heart health (exercise, nutrition and living tobacco free) while having a great time jumping rope. Students also have the opportunity to raise funds for the **American Heart Association** to fund research and educational materials to lower the risks of America's #1 and #4 killers: heart disease and stroke.



American Heart Association Mission: *to build healthier lives free from cardiovascular disease and stroke*

You're the cure and together, we CAN save lives!! Thank you for your support!



MILITARY CORNER

Adopt a Soldier for Christmas update: Many of the soldiers that received their package received them in time for Christmas. They were very excited and thankful for the wonderful gifts and thoughts from our school. Thank you again to all the staff and families that helped make this successful.

Looking ahead...We will be having a Military ice cream social sometime in Spring, so keep an eye out for more information to come.

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 Pre-Enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year for *new* 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 mailed.



Family Math Night
discover the wonders of math...together

Buchanan's 3rd Annual Family Math and Science Night will be held on Thursday, February 19th from 6:00 – 7:30 in our multipurpose room. Come explore the wonders of math and science with your children and enjoy an exciting evening of hands-on learning activities and games! Come play educational games that will help your student learn and master critical math skills and participate in some exciting science experiments! See attached flyer for more information on reserving a space for this fun filled educational evening.



NEW School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is now available online!

The SARC is an annual summary of our school's performance and it includes information about our school's programs, major achievements, student learning and testing results, school and district finances and key facts about the condition of our school facilities, textbooks and teachers.

Parents and guardians can view the SARC on our website www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan or you can get a copy from our school office.

Parent Workshop

Go Math & Think Central

We will be hosting a parent workshop on Go Math and Think Central on Tuesday, February 24th from 6-7pm in our library computer lab. Parent can learn more about the changing math standards and the resources available. Due to limited space, parent reservations are required. If interested please contact Mrs. Lowitz in the school office. More information is on the flyer that will be sent home next week with students.



PTA Box-Tops Contest Update

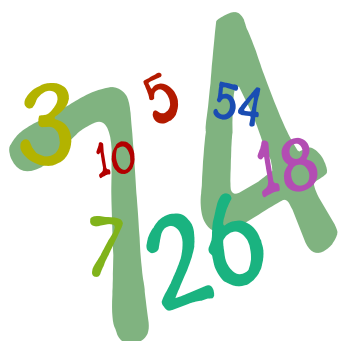


Thank you to all you AMAZING Blazers who have kept the Box Tops Program alive by bringing in your Box Tops! Every Box Top helps support our school, your classes and you! Keep turning in Box Tops and at the end of the school year, top classes will earn something special!! Extra collection sheets can be found in the school office, or coming to you soon if you have already submitted Box Tops this year!



*Buchanan Elementary School
presents a school-wide*

Family Math & Science Night

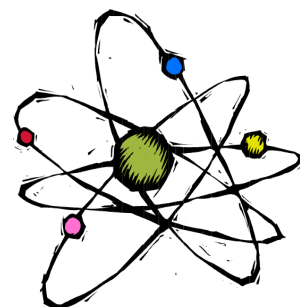


Thursday, February 19th

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

Buchanan Elementary School

Multipurpose Room



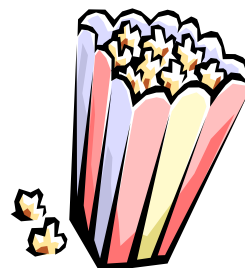
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FUN, FACTS, and a SNACK!

*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 Thursday, February 12th

PARENT WORKSHOP

Go Math & Think Central

Tuesday, February 24 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 for school age children will be provided, but parents must reserve a spot when registering for the workshop.***



Buchanan Elementary SSC Meeting Agenda February 10, 2015



Attendance:

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Minutes of December 9, 2014

Agenda of February 10, 2015

III. Action Items

Review of 2014 - 2015 Safe School Plan

IV. New Business

Review 2014 - 2015 Disciplinary Dashboard Summary

Next School Site Council meeting the following will be reviewed and discussed -
Technology Plan.

Next Meeting date - March 10th

V. Adjourn

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 and remember the loop is a NO cell phone use area. Safety is our top priority.





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