



The Blazer Post

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May 2016



School Office Hours

Mon - Fri

7:30am - 4:00pm

Useful Links

[School Website](#)

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[School Handbook](#)

Upcoming Friday Spirit Assemblies

May 6

May 20

at 8:30am

In the

amphitheater



School Notes

Buchanan Families,

As we begin to wind down the school year, we find the month of May being a very busy month. We continue the tradition of activities and events that stimulate the performing arts, provide family centered events and academic endurance. We encourage our Buchanan Blazers to finish strong as we near the finish line of the 2015 – 2016 school year.

This month provides many performing arts opportunities for our students. Our amazing 2nd grade students will be taking a journey through our Patriotic roots with both music and song. Our Children's Chorus will be performing a variety of songs for our student body with a special assembly. Those students who "Got Talent" will have an opportunity to strut their stuff at our annual Talent show in June.

Our family centered events this month kick off with our wonderful PTA sponsoring our annual Movie Night on Friday, May 6th with Hotel Transylvania 2 as the featured movie. MVUSD's annual Passport for Success on May 24th is another wonderful way to spend time with your child. We hope to see many of our Buchanan families joining us for these fun filled nighttime events.

Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students continue their CAASPP math testing this month. Various grade levels will also be taking the FRA, SRI, and SMI assessments. Our 5th grade students are completing their DARE lessons and celebrating with a DARE graduation on May 13th.

For our incoming Kindergarteners our annual Kinder Here I Come will be held on Wednesday, May 4th to provide parents with the necessary information about kindergarten and Buchanan Elementary. Please contact school office for more details.

We hope you are able to join us sometime during the month of May!

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

Did you know.....

- Buchanan Blazers believe in the power of YET!
- Spirit day is Friday, May 6th with the theme of dress us as your favorite Movie Character
- All library books need to be returned to the library by Friday, May 27th. Any 5th grade student owing materials will not be able to register at Warm Springs/Thompson/Mc Elhinney/Shivela middle school without clearance from the school library and office. Notices of outstanding materials will be sent home via student and email.

Memorial Day Holiday - No School May 30th



Character Counts!
AT BUCHANAN!



"Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of being." — John Wooden



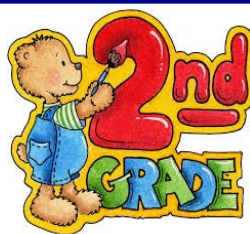
TK / Kindergarten News

Our wonderful TK/K classes enjoyed visiting Kenny's Strawberry Farm at the end of April - - what a fun way to enrich our knowledge about the life-cycle of plants! We are looking forward to the beginning of our "Countdown to Zee Last Day of School", starting with A: Aloha Day on May 5th. More information will be out soon about year-end activities that include a Picnic with Parents, an eXciting animal assembly, a water day, and more! We've worked hard to "Better our Best" - - our Growth Mindset for this Spring.



First Grade News

Our amazing first grade students have made so much academic and social growth this school year. Academically, they have been continually working towards meeting both their i-Read and Fast Math goals. Socially, they have been practicing many important social skills such as being safe, respectful, responsible, and of course KAFOOTY! On May 16th the first grade students will experience the traveling planetarium in the MPR. This in-house field trip is aligned with the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards). Your child will surely have many exciting things to share about his/her experience. As the school year is coming to a close, many assessments will be administered and the students will continue to be encouraged to do their best, to persevere, and to not give up even when it seems too hard.



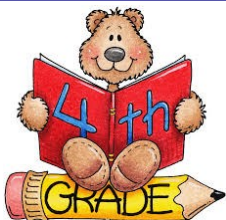
Second Grade News

We can't believe our school year is almost over. Our growth mindset this month will be teaching about how you can be good at more than one thing and that we need many differences to make a whole. We have many exciting activities to wrap up the school year, we will be going on a field trip to Penny Pickles for some hands on science and the Temecula Museum to learn about the history of our community. We will also be hosting our annual Patriotic Performance to learn about American symbols. In June we will be celebrating with our second grade Olympics, drive in movie, and second grade BBQ (with our very own firefighter cooking for us, thank you Mr. Ruppert). We have had such a wonderful year and want to thank all of you for your amazing Buchanan support.



Third Grade News

Our 2nd Annual Astronomy Night was a big success. We look forward to having the Temecula Valley Astronomy Club come back yearly to host this wonderful evening for Buchanan families. It also allowed us to raise enough money to celebrate the end of 3rd grade with a field trip to go bowling at Cal Oaks Bowl on Wednesday, June 1st. Permission slips will be coming home soon. Contact your child's teacher if you would like to chaperone. 3rd grade students will be taking the Math CAASPP the week of May 2nd. Remember to have your child eat a healthy breakfast and get plenty of rest throughout the week. Remind them to persevere and do their best at problem solving when taking the test. Having a growth mindset can make all the difference in a student's performance at school and on tests.



Fourth Grade News

Thank you families for giving your fourth graders the best chance of success during State testing by encouraging them to remember their growth mindset... do their best and persevere! We are finished with Language Arts and will begin the Math portion on May 9th. Just a reminder to help your child get extra rest that week and have a healthy breakfast so they may have just a bit more energy as they tackle the challenging tasks they may come across. We have an exciting science assembly scheduled for the end of the month so be sure to ask your 4th grader what they learned!



Fifth Grade News

During the month of May, the 5th graders will have finished up the DARE lessons. Each student was assigned to write an essay explaining what he/she learned from DARE. Essays were turned in and Detective Therien will read the essays and select the top essay winner. This student will read his/her essay during DARE graduation. DARE graduation is May 13th at 9 AM in the BES amphitheater. Families are invited to attend. On May 12th, the students will have a panoramic picture taken by a local photographer. Pictures may be purchased on or before May 12th. We will also be finishing up with the CAASPP testing towards the end of May. The students have worked extremely hard this year. We are proud of all of the effort and skills the group has mastered.

In June the students will continue to participate in Growth Mindset lessons as well as STEM activities so the students can collaborate on projects that will reinforce and challenge the grade level standards. At the end of each school year, 5th graders have the opportunity to participate in FUN WEEK. FUN WEEK is the last week of school. Students are earning honor points in order to participate in the field trips. The trips include swimming at California Oaks pool, roller-skating at Epic Rollertainment, watching a movie at Temeku, and a final awards assembly. Students earning Honor Roll and Physical Fitness Awards will be recognized during this assembly on the last day of school.

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 or you can pick up an application in the school office
Parents can make payments to lunch accounts at www.myschoolbucks.com



MAY SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY
MAY 6TH - FAVORITE MOVIE CHARACTER
DRESS UP DAY

SPIRIT
DAYS



Coffee and Conversation with Our ELL Families

Join us on Wednesday, May 4th at 8:30am in Room E3

Celebration Policy

Per MVUSD policy regarding food allergies, any food brought on campus to be shared with other students needs to have prior approval from school personnel.

As an alternative suggestion to food for student celebrations (i.e. birthdays), you may donate a book to the classroom or school library honoring your student. Another idea is to bring in a goody bag (**with no food items**) or a **non-food treat** for each student in the class.



Thank you for adhering to this policy for the safety of all students and staff.



Box Top Contest



Our last contest is full swing and ends May 27th. The classroom from each grade that turns in the most will play Nation Ball with Mrs. Randel, Mr. Curtis and Mr. Keith! Remember, Box Tops that are incomplete or expired do not count so be careful when cutting them out. Box Tops can be turned in loose in a ziplock bag (preferred method) or taped/glued to a piece of paper. Good luck to all the classrooms.

5th Grade Panoramic Picture Day May 12th



Ordering information will be coming home soon. Orders and payment due by May 12th.

5th Grade DARE Graduation May 13th 9:00am in the Amphitheater



Bicycle and Scooter Reminders and Safety



A couple of reminders: Please remember to wear helmets whenever riding. It can help protect your growing brain and...it's the law. Also, when pedestrians are present be courteous, they do have the **right away**. Don't zoom by or try to squeeze through if there is not much space. For example, after school, walk your bike or scooter to the crossing guards on either side of the bike compound because these are crowded areas that need to be used safely. Remember, doing these things shows good character and that you care. And, remember, character counts!



Buchanan's Reading Round-Up School Wide Incentive Program

Will Mrs. Randel dance the Whip and Nae Nae dressed like a hip-hop hamster? With only one more month to go and 163,000 minutes away from meeting our goal, Buchanan students are eager to find out! For the month of March, Buchanan read a total of 236,585 minutes bringing our grand total of minutes read to 1,100, 467. AMAZING!

Keep on reading Buchanan and remember to turn in your reading logs!

Happy Reading!
The Reading Team



Counselor's Corner

GOT Grit??? What it is, why it's important, and how to help your child get it.

Grit is defined as having perseverance and passion for long-term goals and working hard toward challenges, even when failure and adversity presents itself.

Grit is a "non-cognitive" skill, similar to self-control, resiliency, and curiosity.

Researchers now realize that grit is as important as academic skills!

We know that teaching literacy and math skills are important for a student's long-term success. But what happens when the math gets a little tricky? Or when the reading is "boring"? What keeps a student from giving up? **G R I T!** That's what!

AND, GRIT CAN BE TAUGHT.

Here's how to help your child develop grit:

1. Praise the effort, not the grade.

When you praise the "stick-to-it-ness" of your child's efforts, they will be more determined to continue working hard. Praising your child's hard work will encourage them not to give up.

2. Let them struggle.

As hard as it is to see your child struggle, they need to learn how to work through frustration and failure. If you swoop in and save them before they fail, they will never learn how to deal with failure, which is a part of life. While they're struggling, praise their effort!

3. Create and talk about your own goals.

If your goal is to clean the basement, repaint the bedroom, or run that half-marathon, talk about it as a family. Share what small steps you are taking along the way to meet your goal, and talk about your own struggles and how you plan to get past them.

4. Keep and model an open mindset.

An open mindset is believing that things can change, that we can improve our skills and knowledge, and that we can get past challenges. Instead of saying, "I can't do this!" you can say, "I can't do this....yet."

5. Find ways to challenge your child.

Encourage your child to try new things, even if they aren't sure they're any good at it. Trying new things is how we learn from our mistakes. Give them age-appropriate chores at home. Find new hobbies and involve your child. Praise their effort along the way!

For more information about grit, see the UPenn website, with work by Psychologist Angela Duckworth:



Ms. Richardson (M-W) &

Dr. Rieger (Th)

RAIN Counselors

951-696-1428 ext 2723



School counseling in the classroom...

In April and May our second step classroom lessons for 3rd grade focus on being assertive to resist negative peer pressure. Students learn that it is okay to say no and that when someone says no to them, they needn't be upset. Accepting an assertive refusal is also a skill. Learning how to resist going along with peers can help students avoid a variety of problem behaviors. In 4th grade, the focus is on taking responsibility for one's actions. Students learn that this is the respectful thing to do, utilize problem solving steps when someone is wronged, demonstrate acknowledging mistakes, and making an apology or offering to make amends.





Positive Behavioral Supports Moment – Finish Strong by Staying on Task

The 2015 and 16 school year is in its home stretch. State assessments are coming to an end and students are looking forward to end of year activities, so why should students stay on task?

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. A great way to accomplish this is by showing you can see something to its end and stay on task. Like preparing for a race there are steps you can follow to stay on task.



Our Buchanan students are nearly to the finish. Those last few tasks need the same focus as those done all year. The best way to make sure you can attend, finish strong by staying on task!

Little Buck-A-Roo's - Birthday Book Club

Did you know you can donate a new or gently used book to our school library for your Birthday? A Book Plate with the students name and birth date will be placed on the inside front cover of the book to acknowledge our appreciation of the donation. Each child who donates a book in honor of their birthday will be invited to attend the Little Buck-A-Roo's Birthday Party Celebration held at the end of each school year. Also, every student who donates a book to our school library will also be recognized with a certificate of appreciation at a Friday Spirit Assembly!

Thank you for considering a donation to help build our school library collection!



Blazers, keep on reading!

Artist & Author of the Month Winners



The following students were honored at our April 15th Friday Spirit Assembly.

Their work is being showcased in our library.

Author of the Month:

K: Kellen Guinn (Aspan Martin)
1st: Ashlyn O'Neill (Davis)
2nd: Isabel Sanchez (Knott)
3rd: None
4th: Miliani Villareal (Adams)
5th: Sophie Meserve (Lauvray)

Artist of the Month:

K: Caleb Keller (McWhorter)
1st: Sadie Vallasenor (Cato)
2nd: Alysia Cromwell (Ogawa)
3rd: Bella Sword (Morgan)
4th: Andrea Espinal (Adams)
5th: None



Parents please remind your children to follow these safety guidelines when walking to and from school:

- ⇒ Always walk to and from school with a friend, a group of friends or an adult.
 - ⇒ Always go straight home when school is over.
 - ⇒ If approached by a stranger, keep walking.
 - ⇒ Never let a stranger get too close, whether he or she is in a car or walking
 - ⇒ Never accept a ride or anything else from a stranger.
 - ⇒ Never tell a stranger your name or address.
 - ⇒ Never go with a stranger for any reason, even if he/she says they know your parents.
 - ⇒ If a stranger tries to grab you, yell as loudly as you can and run away.
 - ⇒ Stick to the same safe route when you walk to and from school.
 - ⇒ Always walk in public places. Don't take shortcuts or go into deserted places where other people cannot see you.
 - ⇒ Be observant and be aware of your surroundings.
 - ⇒ Take earbuds out.
 - ⇒ Do not text and walk, bicycle, skateboard or scooter
 - ⇒ If you have a cellphone, call for help (911) if you feel threatened.
 - ⇒ If you see someone bothering a friend call for help (911)
- Report any incidents to a trusted adult immediately.

Dear Buchanan Families,

CAASPP Update for May!



As May begins our grades three through five students are half way through their assessment season. During this month the focus will be on their Math assessments and the 5th grade Science CST assessment. Below is Buchanan's remaining CAASPP testing schedule:

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| Grade 3: | Math May 2 – 6 |
| Grade 4: | Math May 9 – 13 |
| Grade 5: | Math May 16 – 20 |
| Grade 5 Science CST: | May 10 & 11 |

Here are some reminders from the April newsletter on how to support your students:

Maintain a normal bedtime (no late night movies during testing)

Serve your student a solid and well-rounded breakfast. Remember, too much sugar can cause students to crash with fatigue.

Most Important!!! BE ENCOURAGING. Encourage your student to keep trying even when the test seems too hard.

As a team we can provide Buchanan students the support they need to show us their best and rock these tests!





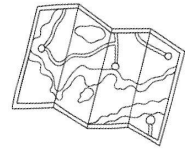
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PASSPORT TO SUMMER SUCCESS EXPO



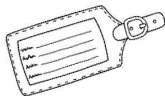
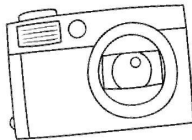
TUESDAY, MAY 24TH 2016
5-7 PM

RAIL RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
25030 VIA SANTEE, MURRIETA



DISCOVER RESOURCES TO KEEP YOUR STUDENTS LEARNING OVER THE SUMMER

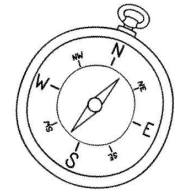
FILL UP YOUR
PASSPORT
AND
EARN A
FREE BOOK!!



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- *Math and Language Arts Make-It, Take-It Booths
- *Robotics Demonstrations and STEM Activities
- *Reading and Math Resources: Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Murrieta Public Library, Journal Making, Tutoring Resources
- *Community Resources: Ideas for Local Educational and Inexpensive Field Trips, Staycation Ideas
- *Family Resources: Dental Health, Healthy Eating, Fitness Fun with MVUSD High School students, Counseling Resources
- ***ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOWCASE** with MVUSD Elementary School performances throughout the evening!
And MORE!

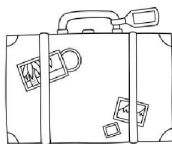


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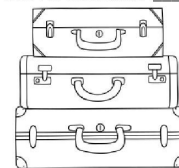


-----Please Return This Portion to Your School's Office by May 20th if You Plan to Attend-----

STUDENT (S) NAME: _____ GRADE (S): _____ HOME SCHOOL: _____
PARENT/CAREGIVER'S NAME (S): _____ TOTAL # ATTENDING: _____



PACK YOUR BAGS AND GET READY FOR SUMMER LEARNING!



Kate Hatfield Design



Spring Break is over and we are on the final home stretch! We want to help your student finish the school year strong, so if you are concerned about your student's attendance, behavior, grades, etc., then the Breakthrough Student Assistance Program is here to help! Our services are available to any student, Pre-K through 12th grade, and his/her family in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District. Our mission is to offer confidential services to support academic and personal achievement. We work with one family at a time because every student matters. Our trained staff members take the time to listen carefully to learn about the student's and family's strengths and concerns. Our staff members will then work with the family to develop a plan for success. We will provide links to resources at our schools, and in the local community. We believe in early intervention and prevention so if you have a concern for your student, then please do not hesitate to contact us to schedule an appointment. Our clerk can be reached at 951-696-1600 x1219 or at breakthroughclerk@murrieta.k12.ca.us. Feel free to browse our website for more information: <http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/Breakthrough>. We hope to hear from you soon!



Hey BLAZERS! Get your YEARBOOK BEFORE THEY ARE SOLD OUT!

Price is \$25.00 CASH ONLY. Order envelopes are available in the school office. Only a limited number of yearbooks have been ordered for print, so get yours before they're sold out!



2ND GRADE PATRIOTIC PERFORMANCES

We are stepping into the past to teach students the importance of patriotism and relating it to how important our American symbols are today. We are reviewing the different ways you can honor America through symbolic songs and pledges. This will teach our second graders the importance of respecting our American values and our history. Our students are very excited about performing for their families and friends!



Buchanan Elementary Annual Talent Show

It's time again for our annual talent show! If you have star power and would like to showcase your talent, please fill out the audition form that went home (there are more in the office) and return it ASAP to your teacher or Mrs. Hern (E-21) no later than Tuesday, May 3rd. You will be contacted with a *specific time to audition* along with a Permission Slip that you must bring with you to the auditions or you cannot try-out. There are a limited number of performance spots available and judges will determine which acts will be a part of the show.

We are looking forward to see all of the amazingly talented kids we have here at Buchanan!!!





Buchanan Elementary SSC Meeting May 10, 2016 Agenda



Attendance:

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Minutes of March 8, 2016

Agenda of May 10, 2016

III. Action Items

2016-2017 BES Site Fund Budgets

2016-2017 BES Parent/Student Handbook

2016-2018 SSC Members

IV. New Business

Next School Site Council meeting TBA

V. Adjourn

BUCHANAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Site Council Openings for Parents

2016 – 2018 School Years



We have **FOUR** parent openings for our School Site Council. SSC members serve a two year term. Meetings are every other month from 3:15 – 4:15pm. If you would like to be on the ballot, please fill out this form and return it to the school office by May 13, 2016. The SSC ballots will be sent home on Friday, May 27th with all students and need to be returned by Wednesday, June 1, 2016. Thank you to all parents who volunteer for this position.


Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Yes, I would like to volunteer to be on the School Site Council ballot for the 2016 - 2018 school years.



Buchanan Elementary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Early Out Day	3	4 Children's Chorus 5th Grade Band Coffee & Conversation with EL Families Kinder Here I Come	5	6 Spirit Assembly 5th Grade Band Favorite Movie Character Dress Up Day PTA Movie Night	7
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CAASPP Testing - 5th Grade Math						
22	23 Early Out Day	24 Birthday Book Club Little Buck-a-roo Party Summer Passport to Success Event at Rail Ranch Elementary	25 Children's Chorus 5th Grade Band	26	27 Last Day of 5th Grade Band	28
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