



The Blazer Post

Jennifer Randel, Principal

Jim Curtis, Assistant Principal



June 2016



*School Office Hours
Mon - Fri
7:30am - 4:00pm
Summer Office Hours*

*June 13-22 & July 25-Aug
10*

9:00am - 3:00pm

Office Closed

June 23- July 24th

Useful Links

[School Website](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Lunch Menus](#)

[School Handbook](#)

**Upcoming Friday Spirit
Assemblies**

June 3

June 10

at 8:30am

In the

amphitheater



School Notes

Buchanan Families,

Wow! This year has really flown by and summer is almost upon us. June will be a short month with both Monday, June 6th and Friday, the last day of school being early release days. Report cards will be sent home on the last day of school along with other important information. To our awesome 5th grade promoting class, we wish you all the best as you embark on the next phase of your educational career as middle school students. To our wonderful Buchanan families, we wish you and your family a safe and wonderful summer break enjoying time with family and friends.

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

Did you know.....

- Buchanan Elementary was named a Honor Roll school for the 2015 California Honor Roll by Educational Results Partnership and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence for the 2nd year!
- Our amazing PTA honored our fabulous "Star Performers" in a week long appreciation of staff.
- Our students met their reading goal of 1,500, 000 minutes this school year. A very special thank you our Reading Incentive Team of Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Knott, Ms. Corbett, Ms. Vesneski



To Buchanan's PTA Board

Just a note of sincere gratitude to our wonderful PTA for all the support they have provided for our students, staff and families.

A special shout out to Mrs. Jones for heading up this special team of caring adults who truly make Buchanan Elementary a wonderful place for your children.

**Summer Break - No School
June 11 - August 9**



**Character Counts!
AT BUCHANAN!**

"Nothing will work unless you do." — John Wooden

Congratulations to Our Employees of the Year



Teacher of the Year
Anna McCandless

Classified Employee of the Year
Kirk Stanford



PTA Running Club Awards



Since the fall we have had students running before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays as part of our Buchanan Blazers running club. Students in grades K—5 participated with some students running as many as 30 laps in the morning.

Top Runners in K-2nd Grade:

Eli Richardson with 556 laps
Roderick Mejares with 435 laps
James Colburn with 282 laps

Top Runners in 3rd—5th Grade:

Matthew Richardson with 797 laps
Arturo Lopez with 605 laps
Joseph Hueter with 457 laps

Top Classrooms

Mrs. Morgan with 2,022 laps
Mrs. Prario with 1787 laps
Mrs. Nechaev/Mrs. Rench with 1370 laps

PTA Honorary Service Awards

At our May 27th Movie Night, PTA presented service awards to the following individuals:



- **Continuing Service Award** - Jan Cato, Kim Hern and Vanessa Prario
- **Honorary Service Award** - Dawn Jones
- **Very Special Person Award** - Rob Busto, Silvia Bonilla, Christy Neilson, Amanda Will, Kailey Files



Watch D.O.G.S. Top Dog Award

3rd annual McFarlan Top DOG award is given to the individual who exemplifies the Watch DOGS philosophy of positive role models to all Buchanan students. This year's recipient has been a constant presence on campus multiple times a week throughout the year while raising three children. The students look forward to his presence on campus and parents appreciate his assistance with helping the morning traffic flow in the loop. His easy going personality and funny disposition engages students to want to do their very best. This year's winner is Jim Livingstone.



Counselor's Corner

How To Survive Summer Break

Parents have a love/hate relationship with summer. They are excited to have their children home more, excited to not have so many responsibilities (places to be), but may feel anxious about all the time that will need to be filled.

There are lots of resources and ideas for activities and things to do during the summer months, but here are some general thoughts to help ease the anxiety that might be threatening your summer fun.

Allow your family to have down time. It is not necessary to schedule every minute. It may be nice to not to have so many places to be.

Don't abandon routine. As nice as down time is, a completely unstructured summer may lead to boredom or chaos in the house. Stick to chores and responsibilities that are appropriate for their ages and abilities and be sure those things are taken care of each day.

Consider service. One of the best things we can do for our children, is teach them the importance of serving and helping others. While you are planning your summer activities, include some service oriented activities.

Plan ahead. Take a few minutes to do some research about all the fun things your city has to offer over the next few months. Most places you will want to visit, do promotions, two for one days, kids free days etc... These are good things to know in advance and great to put on the calendar. That way, you have planned ahead and saved money too.

Ask for input. Ask your children what they want to do this summer. They have been dreaming about it too! They are certain to have opinions, and including them will help them feel in control and assume ownership over their actions throughout the next few months. They will also be much more likely to take care of their chores and responsibilities when they know they are getting to participate in things they are excited about, because they helped choose them.

Regulate technology time early. Don't let technology get the best of your family. Set your time guidelines BEFORE the summer gets under way. This way, the children will understand the summer routine before arguments arise.

Don't forget the books! One of the best activities for your children to be involved in over the next few months, is continued reading. It will help them retain what they learned in school, and keep their minds and imaginations sharp.

Team up with other parents. Your children's friends may have additional ideas of activities to do and may be happy to include your children.

Schedule "Me Time". Make sure you take care of your own need for a break by planning ways you can do the things you like to do. This will help revitalize you.

Love them. Instead of thinking about how stressful it might be to entertain your children over the next few months, take the time to get to know them, talk to them more, laugh with them more, and share more experiences with them.

Ms. Richardson (M-W) &

Dr. Rieger (Th)

RAIN Counselors

951-696-1428 ext 2723



Some Helpful Local Resources

Free or cheap things to do this summer.

http://

*temeculablogs.com/
free-cheap-summer-*

time-activities/

http://

*www.murrieta.org/
thingstodo/*

http://

*www.inlandempire.co
m/things-to-do/
temecula/kids/*



Positive Behavioral Supports Moment – Be Kind to Others

As we close the last days of the 2015 and 2016 school year we want to remind all in the Buchanan community of what it means to follow the Blazer Way. It means to Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. Within these three 'Be's' lies the entire platform of the Buchanan culture. Being responsible means following the school rules. Being safe means making sure that you are doing things that keep you and others out of harm's way. But it is the underlying meaning of being respectful that we want to focus on this month.



The Golden Rule:

*Treat others the way
You want to be treated.*

Being respectful does not have to be a complicated concept. At its simplest level it means to be kind to others. Whether it be 'The Golden Rule' of treating others the way you want to be treated, or simply saying a kind word with a smile. The end of the year provides an excellent opportunity to try kindness out. At the beginning of the year we talk about how a good first impression can be a lasting impression. Well, a kind last impression will leave a good taste in our hearts to take us into the 2016–2017 school year.

**One Kind word
can change
someone's
entire day**

Essential Learning in Life

Buchanan Elementary Annual Talent Show

Come out to see all of the amazingly talented kids we have here at Buchanan!!! They will be performing for family and friends on Friday, June 3rd at 6pm in the MPR.



Student Lunches and Cafeteria Meals

Starting June 1st, 2016 and continuing to June 10th, 2016

Students ***MAY NOT BORROW/CHARGE*** meals in the cafeteria if out of money.

Students not having enough money will be offered a PBJ sandwich and milk or to call home.

2016-2017 Meal Applications

Watch this summer for your 2016-2017 Meal Application

You must reapply each year after August 1st

apply online at www.murrieta.k12.ca.us



Murrieta Public Library—Summer Reading Program

Every Hero has a Story! Runs June 11—July 23.

Join the Fun! Read books and earn prizes. The library has many events planned. Visit their website at http://www.murrieta.org/documents/SRP2016_KidsEvents.pdf to view the fun!

Events are free & sponsored by the Friends of the Murrieta Library. Space is limited. Please arrive early to ensure seating. Programs subject to change.

Tickets available 30 minutes before the program.

5th Grade DARE Essay Winners

The overall winner of the DARE essay contest is
Mirakle Wilson



The following students are the classroom winners:

Mrs. Lauvray - Alivia Johnson and Jacob Keller

Mrs. Lyda - Mirakle Wilson and Dylan Nunn

Mrs. Nechaev/Mrs. Rench - Alyssa Nichols and Kaiden Bean

Mrs. Prario - Bailey Layne and Jose Serrano

Mrs. Williams - Sarah Leano and Jeremiah Reischlein

Mr. Folsom—Dillon Han

Procedure For Teacher Assignment Notification for the 2016-2017 School Year



Teacher assignment notification for the 2016-2017 school year for all students in grades Transition-al Kindergarten thru 5th grade will take place August 2nd thru August 4th during the hours of 9am-1pm.

Please visit our school website at murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan for information on when the Parent Portal will open. Once the portal opens, you will go in and verify or make changes to all the data information. An automated phone call will also be sent out when the parent portal opens, so make sure the office has your current phone number on file. **All data must be updated and a current utility bill in the parents name dated June or July presented** to receive your child's teacher assignment. During August 2nd - 4th registration, you will complete a health information form and we will verify the utility bill and that the data confirmation in the parent portal is complete. Once we verify that everything has been completed, you will receive your child's teacher assignment for the school year.

Parents are highly encouraged to complete the above information prior to August 4th. Waiting until the last moment will result in long lines and possibly delay your student starting school on August 10th. We also highly encourage those of you with new students to Buchanan Elementary to enroll your child beginning Monday, July 25, 2016 thru Friday, August 5, 2016 when our office reopens from the summer break.



Buchanan Elementary SSC Meeting May 10, 2016 Agenda



Attendance:

I. Call Meeting to Order: 3:32 pm

II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Minutes of March 8, 2016. Mrs. Knott motioned to approve, Mrs. Lowitz seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda of May 10, 2016. Mrs. Meserve motioned to approve, Mrs. Fitch seconded. Motioned carried.

III. Action Items

2016-2017 BES Site Fund Budgets. Mrs. Randel fully explained budget for Discretionary funds and LCAP funds. Mrs. Knott motioned to approve site budgets, Mrs. Aarsvold seconded. Motion carried.

2016-2017 BES Parent/Student Handbook. Mrs. Randel presented handbook and changes made. Mrs. Lowitz motioned to approve, Mrs. Meserve seconded. Motion carried.

2016-2018 SSC Members. Mrs. Randel discussed current parent openings. Ballots to go home on May 27th and returned June 1

IV. New Business

Next School Site Council meeting TBA

Lost and Found



All lost and found items are outside the office by the amphitheater. Items not claimed by Friday afterschool will be donated to charity.



Ballots for Parent members were sent home Friday, May 27th.
Please vote and return your ballot to the office by June 1st.



Buchanan Elementary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3rd Grade Field Trip	2	3 Spirit Assembly 6pm Talent Show	4
5	6 Early Release Day	7 Election Day 5th Grade Field Trip to Sports Park 2nd Grade Olympics	8 5th Grade Field Trip to EPIC Rollertainment 4th Grade Field Trip to Mission San Luis Rey 2nd Grade Olympics	9 5th Grade Field Trip to Temeku Theater 3rd Grade Apple Valley 1st Grade Glow Noodle Party	10 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Early Release Day Spirit Assembly 9:30am 5th Grade End of Year Ceremony	11
			All TK/Kinder students attend the Early Bird time on June 8, 9, 10			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Summer Vacation!!! — School Office Hours 9:00am-2:00pm					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	The School Office is closed June 23rd - July 22nd Office re-opens July 25th 9:00am-3:00pm					
26	27					