



The Blazer Post

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September 2016



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

Labor Day Holiday
Sept 5th—No School

Useful Links

[School Website](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Lunch Menus](#)

[School Handbook](#)

**Upcoming Friday
Spirit Assemblies**
September 2
September 16
at 8:30am
In the
amphitheater



School Notes

Buchanan Families,

The 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start! We hope you found your child's Back to School Night both informative and helpful. We value the importance of home to school communication and hope that the evening(s) provided you with enough information about the academic year ahead and the technology supports available for your child. If you were unable to attend or need a refresher, you can visit our [website](#) and click on parents to view the Buchanan Technology supports available.

School attendance is a vital part of a student's success and is something that can be easily achieved by sending your child to school daily. Studies have shown that a student's attendance in school directly correlates to their academic performance. We encourage all students to be on time each and every day to insure they receive the instruction they deserve on their path towards College and Career Readiness.

As we move into the month of September, many activities are underway to support the Arts and academic growth at Buchanan. Band has begun for our 5th grade students, before school choir is being offered for students in grades 3 -5, all 4th graders are learning to play the recorder and our 2nd grade students will be exposed to Ballroom dancing. Academically our Universal Access intervention/prevention and acceleration programs are also underway supporting students as needed in Math and English Language Arts.

Communication is key for any successful program. We plan to continue to support our families through our monthly newsletter, Sunday reminder calls, our electronic marquee and our Buchanan website where you can find the [teacher websites](#). Please do not hesitate to contact a staff member if you have questions or concerns.

Did you know:

- September is National Attendance Awareness month and [National Preparedness Month](#)—"Don't wait, Communicate. Make your Emergency Plan Today."
- Watch D.O.G.S. kickoff night is Wed. September 14th
- Coffee and Conversation for our E.L.L. parents is Wednesday, Sept. 7th
- Our first Spirit Day is Friday, September 16th - Wear your favorite sports jersey

Good things are happening at Buchanan Elementary!

Jennifer Randel and Jim Curtis

Character Counts!
AT BUCHANAN!

Great works are performed, not by strength, but by perseverance. Samuel Johnson



Kindergarten News

K-Land is off and running! We are learning how to be responsible, respectful, and safe as we delve into our curriculum and make new friends in our little community. We are sharing, working together, and trying our best! "Good, Better, Best – I'll never let it rest, 'til my Good is Better and my Better's BEST!"



First Grade News

First graders are awesome! The students have had several weeks to adjust to the demands of first grade and we are very proud of their perseverance in all areas. We have noticed that they are continuing to practice the **Blazer Way** by being **Respectful**, **Responsible**, and **Safe** along with being polite listeners. The students are also finding success with meeting their goal of memorizing their 9-digit number for Fast+Math and other computer programs. Please encourage your child to practice this number, as it will allow him/her to access the programs in a timely manner. Way to go, first graders!



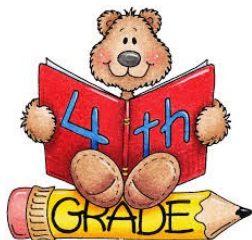
Second Grade News

Our 2nd graders are off to a great start this year! We are reinforcing school wide and classroom expectations to remind them of the Blazer Way. Our Growth Mindset quote is "Just keep trying and never give up!" In September, we are looking forward to integrating the Arts with our ballroom dancing program.



Third Grade News

Wow! Buchanan's 3rd graders are off to great start. We are working hard on developing a Growth Mindset with lessons in our class that focus on perseverance and not giving up. Our 3rd graders have started P.E. and will need to wear their comfy tennis shoes and bring a water bottle on Mondays and Thursdays. Learning new routines can be very overwhelming, but our third graders are doing a fantastic job and really demonstrating that Growth Mindset and "Can Do" attitude. Thank you for attending your child's Back To School Night.



Fourth Grade News

Thank you parents for attending our Back to School Night! It was a great to meet so many of you and an excellent way to start the year! As we continue to work on developing procedures and routines in the classroom, we are fostering Growth Mindset in our students. We appreciate your support as we move ahead this year and look forward to many new learning opportunities.



Fifth Grade News

The fifth graders have spent the past few weeks settling into the school year and classroom routines. Band started the on August 24th. We have approximately 80 students enrolled in band this year! The students have taken the first RI test of the school year. We are very proud of how hard the kids persevered during the test. Their Lexile levels are amazing. We have started our Math UA rotations. Students are working on mastering the concepts in Chapter 1. Reading UA will begin after Labor Day. During the UA rotations, the kids will continue to hear the teachers refer to a Growth Mindset. We all have areas that we need to improve on and challenges we need to strengthen.

There is a difference between not knowing and not knowing YET. – Shelly Tobias



Educational Specialists

At Buchanan we are very fortunate to have a wonderful team of Resource Specialists. This team collaborates with General Education Teachers to ensure students who receive additional academic supports are successful. Annette Nyqvist supports K-3 grade using the following programs: Touch Phonics, Touch Math, IREAD, Explode the Code, System 44, Mega-words and reviews math concepts taught within the classroom. Mrs. Nyqvist is also an amazing Wood Carver. Brandi Heise is new to Buchanan this year and works with 4th/5th grade using System 44, Read 180, and pulls out groups for Math support. An interesting fact about Mrs. Heise is she is 50% Guamanian. Melissa Juan is also new to Buchanan this year and is here 50% of the time. This team of Resource Specialists provide an optimal learning environment where students feel safe, loved and encouraged to continue learning.

Give your child the best start to the day - Be on time



Remember, the bell rings to line up at 8:20 am each morning for grades 1-5. Please be sure to drop your children off at school on time. Prompt attendance is crucial to maximize student learning. Arriving to school just five minutes late each morning adds up to nearly *three full days* of missed instruction over the course of the school year! Thank you for your support.

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.

A Message from the Health Office



Health Alert-Food Allergies/Sensitivities

We have several students in our school that may have food allergies, food sensitivities or dietary restrictions. Food allergies can trigger reactions that range from very mild to life threatening (anaphylaxis). Generally, an individual must ingest a food allergen to have a reaction, but for some, even being exposed to it or ingesting a very small amount can cause a life threatening reaction. As a result, there are several procedures that will help to prevent exposure and reduce the risk of anaphylaxis and help keep all of our students safe:

1. Students should be encouraged to wash their hands upon arrival to the classroom and again before and after lunch. This not only is good for food allergies, but helps reduce disease transmission.
2. The classrooms should be peanut/tree nut/food allergy *aware* spaces. Classroom projects or assignments should NOT include the use of peanut butter/nuts or other food items. Any exception to this rule would require pre-approval and prior notification to parents.
3. Any food or snack that may be provided/shared must have pre-approval and prior notification must be provided to all parents prior so they can make alternate choices. Additionally, all food items provided should be pre-packaged and food ingredients must be known or labeled. ***Suggestions for class sharing (birthday parties, etc.) may be providing or donating a book for the classroom or other non-food items.***

If your student has a food allergy, please make sure you contact/inform the Health Office. You may want to speak to the School Nurse if the allergy requires medication or other interventions. Students with food allergies may be entitled to accommodations or plans to address their needs. We look forward to working collaboratively with you to provide all of our students with a safe learning environment. We appreciate your care and support of our students and 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. Click [here](#) for lunch menus.

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



Upcoming School Spirit Day

Our first Spirit Day is September 16th

Wear your favorite sports jersey to school!



Box Top Contest







Our first contest period ends on October 28th. The classroom from each grade that submits the most box tops will get to play a Nation Ball game with Mrs. Randel and Mr. Curtis. Our Mr. Keith will be the referee! Send in those box tops now!!



Positive Behavioral Interventions Supports Moment Be Responsible: Follow Instructions

In an effort to purposefully teach a code of conduct we at Buchanan call the Blazer Way, we choose a social skill or two each month and make them a focus of attention. This skill is featured on our Blazer News video each week, it is taught to our individual grade levels during an assembly, and teachers can apply the skill to different situations in their classrooms.

A good place to start is to look at following instructions. Of course, different situations are going to call for different ways of following instructions. The simplest place to begin is what following instructions in the classroom might look like. Below is a simple step by step to read and look at with your student:

1. Look at the teacher

2. Show you understand and say "OK."

3. Do what you have been asked right away.

4. Check back with teacher when done.


Having a good understanding of how to follow instructions is a great place to begin towards following the Blazer Way. Following instructions is respectful and it can lead students towards getting their classwork done with the best effort. It can also point students towards safe play on the playground. Let's face it, the ability to follow instructions is just a great tool for the tool box of life.



CAASPP
California Assessment of Student
Performance and Progress

Dear Buchanan Families,

Last spring we completed our 2nd season of state assessments entitled CAASPP. All students, grades 3rd through 5th, completed online assessments in Language Arts and Mathematics. At this point you should have received individual score reports for your students in both of these areas.

As you look at these reports, please note that these results are just one piece of the larger puzzle that is your student's education. Common formative assessments, reading inventories, math inventories, daily class assignments, and teacher observations along with CAASPP results create a more complete picture of each student's academic progress. Even with that, we have to consider other factors, like social development, when making decisions regarding all of our young Blazers' education. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Mrs. Randel or Mr. Curtis.

Children's Chorus for 3rd-5th Grade

Meets every Thursday morning from 7:45am to 8:15am

Last day to join is September 22nd.



Buchanan's Reading Round-Up Returns! A School Wide Reading Incentive Program



HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

1. Each student will receive his/her 1st "Reading Roundup" monthly reading log the week of 9/25/16. Every month students will receive a new "Reading Roundup" reading log at the beginning of every month from their classroom teacher.
2. Write your child's name, teacher, and grade level at the top of the Reading Roundup reading log and keep it in a safe place. Each night after your child has read, record the total minutes read, and initial it. At the end of the week, add up how many minutes were read.
3. At the end of the month, total your reading minutes, and write the total minutes for the month on the bottom of the log. Fill in the Raffle Ticket at the bottom of your log. **DO NOT** remove! All Reading Round up reading logs are turned into the library on your **regularly scheduled library time during the first week of the following month.**
4. RAZ Kids minutes counts too! Also, if your child's teacher requires his/her own reading log, those minutes can be applied to the Reading Round-up.

Monthly reading goals and prizes:

TK-K= 300 minutes a month

1st-2nd=450 minutes a month

3rd-5th=600 minutes a month

Every student that turns in his or her reading log and reaches the monthly goal will receive:

A free kids meal coupon

A raffle ticket to win a book bag and book from Mrs. Nelson at the Spirit Assembly

A special "Reader's Recess" each month for 1 class in each grade with the most participation for that month

The gift of becoming a better reader

Mrs. Randel will have to do something **CRAZY** as determined by the students of Buchanan

School goal: Every Student Reading, Every day!

If our school reads **1,500,000 minutes by April 2017**, Mrs. Randel has agreed to accept a challenge presented by students, like trading jobs with custodian for a day. Soon classrooms will submit their ideas for her challenge and a final vote of the top 3 ideas will be voted on by the students of Buchanan.

Remember, even if you do not meet your monthly goal, still turn in your reading calendar because every minute helps us reach our goal school wide goal!

Thank you for your support!

We look forward to another, exciting year of reading!!



Counselor's Corner



HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW?

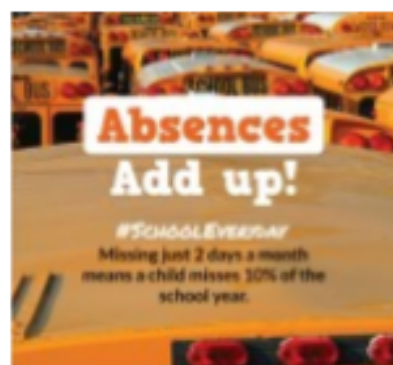
Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school. • Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read. • Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks. • Being late to school may lead to poor attendance. • Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org

Ms. Richardson (Mon/Tue) &
Dr. Rieger (Th)
RAIN Counselors
951-696-1428 ext 2723





Buchanan Elementary SSC Meeting September 13, 2016 3:30pm Room E8



Attendance:

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Minutes of May 10, 2016

Agenda of September 13, 2016

III. Action Items

School Site Council members introduce themselves.

Election of Officers - President, Vice President and Secretary

IV. New Business

Role of School Site Council -

Buchanan Elementary Overview Powerpoint

Local Control Funding Formula.

At the Next School Site Council meeting the following will be reviewed and discussed - Parent Involvement Plan and School Safety Plan

Next Meeting date - October 11th at 3:30 in room E8

V. Adjourn



Buchanan Elementary SSC Meeting May 10, 2016 3:30 pm Room E8



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. Motion carried

III. Action Items

Site Fund Budgets, Mrs. Randel presented the 2016/17 budget for

Discretionary funds explained

LCAP funds explained

President asked for motion to approve the budget

Mrs. Knott motioned to approve, Mrs. Aarsvold seconded

Motion carried

Parent/Student Handbook. Mrs. Randel presented changes made to the Handbook

President asked for a motion to approve. Mrs. Lowitz motioned to approve, Mrs. Meserve seconded.

Motion carried

Members. Mrs. Randel discussed current service time of current SSC members. Ballots to go out
May 27 and returned by June 1

IV. New Business Next School Site Council meeting TBD.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM

Drama Club

Sugar, Honey Ice Tea! It's time again to audition for Buchanan's annual school play *Madagascar, Jr.* !

When: Wednesday, October 5th - Grades K-3

Thursday, October 6th - Grades 4-5

Where: Buchanan Elementary MPR

Time: 3 p.m. - approx. 5 p.m. (your child may leave after they audition)

Please come prepared with a 30 second song, monolog, poem or dance. All auditions are done 'a capella' (no music). You **MUST** bring the Permission Slip (copies will be available in the office) **with you** to the audition or you will not be admitted. This is **YOUR** time to shine so no buddy auditions. We are looking for outgoing, confident people with sparkling personalitiesso show us what you've got!

Everyone who auditions will receive a part in the play either as a speaker or in the ensemble chorus! Rehearsals begin Thursday, October 13 and will be from 3-4:30 for the speakers and from 3-4:00 for the ensemble chorus and will be every Thursday each week. There will be more rehearsal days added as we get closer to the production. The tentative date for the production is Saturday, March 12.

We look forward to our fun adventure of "Madagascar Jr."



Military Kids Friendship Club Update

As of August, we now have 37 children in our club. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 27th from 1:30-2:30 on campus. We will be introducing ourselves to our new club members and pairing up to form peer mentoring buddies. We will be learning about each other through a fun "getting to know you" activity.

Look for information soon regarding our Military Family Fun Night sometime in October. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Simmons at psimmons@murrieta.k12.ca.us.



HEALTH CARE FOR ALL FAMILIES

A PROJECT OF THE CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP

Enroll. Get Care. Renew. Health Coverage All Year Long

Health Coverage Options

Medi-Cal:

- ▶ Children—regardless of immigration status—foster youth, pregnant women, and legally present individuals—including those with DACA status—may be eligible for no- or low-cost Medi-Cal.
- ▶ Medi-Cal covers immunizations, checkups, specialists, vision and dental services, and more for children and youth at no or low cost.
- ▶ Medi-Cal enrollment is available year round.

Covered California:

- ▶ Covered California is where legal residents of California can compare quality health plans and choose the one that works best for them.
- ▶ Based on income and family size, many Californians may qualify for financial assistance.
- ▶ Enroll during Open Enrollment or any time you experience a life-changing event, like losing your job or having a baby. You have 60 days from the event to complete enrollment.

! Immigrant Families visit: www.allinforhealth.org/immigrantfamilies
Immigration status information is kept private, protected, and secure. It will not be used by any immigration agency to enforce immigration laws, but only to determine eligibility for health programs.

Enroll.

Three ways to enroll in Medi-Cal and Covered California:

-  www.coveredca.com
-  1(800) 300-1506
-  Find in-person help: www.coveredca.com/get-help/local/

Get Care.

- ▶ Find a primary care doctor in your network.
- ▶ Schedule an annual checkup for you and your family.
- ▶ Make sure to take your child to the dentist.
- ▶ Pay your monthly premium if your plan requires it.

Renew.

- ▶ Medi-Cal must be renewed every year. If you receive a renewal notice, complete and return. You can also renew online or by phone. For help, contact your local Medi-Cal office.
- ▶ Health plans through Covered California must be renewed every year. Renewal information will be mailed at the end of the year, or contact Covered California at 1 (800) 300-1506.

You and your family may qualify for financial help:

Household Size	If 2016 household income is less than...		If 2016 household income is between...
	\$16,395	\$31,601	\$16,395-\$47,080
1	\$16,395	\$31,601	\$16,395-\$47,080
2	\$22,108	\$42,614	\$22,108-\$63,720
3	\$27,821	\$53,626	\$27,821-\$80,360
4	\$33,534	\$64,638	\$33,534-\$97,000
5	\$39,248	\$75,651	\$39,248-\$113,640
6	\$44,961	\$86,663	\$44,961-\$130,280
▶	Adults may be eligible for Medi-Cal	Children may be eligible for Medi-Cal	May be eligible for financial help to purchase insurance through Covered California

For more information go to:
www.allinforhealth.org
 May 2016





Asegúrate, para el bienestar de tu familia

UN PROYECTO DE "THE CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP"

Inscríbese. Cuide Su Salud. Renueve Su Cobertura.
Cobertura de salud durante todo el año

Sus Opciones de Cobertura de Salud

Medi-Cal:

- ▶ Los niños—sin importar su estatus migratorio—niños de crianza, mujeres embarazadas y personas que estén legalmente en el país—incluyendo aquellos que tengan DACA—pueden ser elegibles para Medi-Cal de bajo costo o sin costo alguno.
- ▶ Medi-Cal proporciona vacunas, visitas al doctor de prevención, especialista, oculista y servicios dentales para niños y jóvenes gratis o a bajo costo.
- ▶ Inscripción al programa de Medi-Cal está disponible todo el año.

Covered California:

- ▶ Covered California es donde los residentes legales de California pueden comparar planes de salud de alta calidad y elegir el que les conviene.
- ▶ Dependiendo de los ingresos y el tamaño de la familia, muchos Californianos también podrían calificarán para obtener ayuda financiera.
- ▶ Inscríbese durante la Inscripción Abierta o en cualquier momento durante el año que a tenido un evento calificado de vida, como si perdió su trabajo o tuvo un bebé. Tienen 60 días del evento para inscribirse.



Para familias inmigrantes visiten: www.allinforhealth.org/familiasinmigrantes

Su información de inmigración es confidencial, protegida, y segura. Su información no se usará para fines de control de inmigración. Solo se usará para determinar la elegibilidad para cobertura médica.

Usted y su familia podrían calificar para asistencia financiera:

Tamaño de la familia	Si el ingreso familiar en 2016 es menos de...		Si el ingreso familiar en 2016 es entre...
	\$16,395	\$31,601	\$16,395-\$47,080
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5	\$39,248	\$75,651	\$39,248-\$113,640
6	\$44,961	\$86,663	\$44,961-\$130,280
▶	Adultos podrían calificar para Medi-Cal	Niños podrían calificar para Medi-Cal	Podría calificar para asistencia financiera en la compra de un seguro a través de Covered California

Inscríbese.

Tres maneras para inscribirse con Medi-Cal y Covered California:

- www.coveredca.com/espanol/
- 1(800) 300-0213
- Ayuda en persona: www.coveredca.com/espanol/get-help/local/

Cuide Su Salud.

- ▶ Elija su doctor de su red medica.
- ▶ Haga sus citas anuales con su doctor para usted y su familia.
- ▶ Asegúrese de llevar a su hijo(s) al dentista.
- ▶ Si su plan lo requiere, haga su pago mensual.

Renueve Su Cobertura.


- ▶ Medi-Cal tiene que ser renovada cada año. Si recibe un aviso de renovación, se debe completar y devolver. También puede renovar en línea o por teléfono. Para obtener ayuda, póngase en contacto con su oficina local de Medi-Cal.
- ▶ Los planes de salud a través de Covered California se deben renovar cada año. La información para renovar se le enviara a finales de año o contacte a Covered California al 1 (800) 300-0213.

Para más información visite:
www.allinforhealth.org
www.allinforhealth.org/parafamilias
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Buchanan Elementary

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