



The Blazer Post

Jennifer Randel, Principal

Jim Curtis, Assistant Principal



January 2017



*School Office Hours
Closed
Dec 19th - Jan 6th
Reopens Jan 9th
Mon - Fri
7:45am - 3:45 pm*

**Winter Break
December 19 through
January 9
No School
Students return
Tuesday, 1/10**

Useful Links

[School Website](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Lunch Menus](#)

[School Handbook](#)

[Peach Jar Flyers](#)

**Upcoming Friday Spirit
Assemblies
January 20
at 8:30am
In the
amphitheater**



School Notes

Buchanan Families,

Happy New Year! As we ring in the new year, this is a great opportunity to sit down with your child and review first semester's academic performance with regards to our new standards based report card. Our new report card provides valuable information about how your child is progressing towards the mastery of year-end standards. Please review the Teacher Comment section on the report card to find ideas of continued support at home to help your child develop a stronger academic foundation. We have been fostering a positive growth mindset here at Buchanan, so having talks with your child emphasizing their accomplishments and establishing goals for further mastery will provide a great start for our second semester. We are so proud of our students, who understand that persevering and having a positive growth mindset are the perfect combination to meeting their goals.

Reading Lexile score for grades 3-5 only:

| Grade | Below Basic | Basic | Proficient | Advance |
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| 3 | BR - 329 | 330-519 | 520-820 | 821-1700+ |
| 4 | BR - 539 | 540-739 | 740-940 | 941-1700+ |
| 5 | BR - 619 | 620-829 | 830-1010 | 1011-1700+ |

Our second installment of Measure BB funds should be arriving this month. We are replacing desktops in one of our older labs and adding laptops to our electronic devices to better enhance and support the learning outcomes of our students. Our goal is to ensure all students are College and Career Ready as they finish their high school years.

We are excited to be offering more Performing Arts programs this semester through Horizon Unlimited. Our first graders will be exposed to Music Appreciation. In second grade, students will be exposed to Visual Arts and History. Our 3rd grade students will be performing a Hip Hop dance at our Friday Spirit Assembly on January 20th at 8:30 am.

Did you know:

- Children are unique milestones growing in their own way.
- Buchanan Spelling Bee winners are Cormac Meserve, Emerson Vincent and Jazmyn Bradley. District Spelling Bee is Thursday, January 12th at 5:30 pm at Thompson Middle School.
- No school Monday, January 16th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Good things are happening at Buchanan Elementary!

Jennifer Randel and Jim Curtis

Growth Mindset Quote

The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make a mistake.
— Elbert Hubbard



Buchanan Elementary SSC Meeting

December 13, 2016

3:15 pm Room E8



I. Call Meeting to Order- Mrs. Meserve called meeting 3:18

II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda- See sign in sheet

Minutes of October 11, 2016- Mrs. Meserve made motion to approve Ms. Knott seconded- motion carried.

Agenda of December 13, 2016- Mrs. Prebay made motion to approve, Mrs. Layne seconded- motion carried.

III. Action Items

Review Technology plan - Kirk/Randel- Mrs. Kirk shared description and expectation at Buchanan for technology. We would like to see teachers adopting new technology standards. Shared how technology implementations were broken down year by year and what the hopes were this year and 2017-18. This year we will be updating a computer lab and adding laptops to classrooms. We would like to add robotics kits and engineering. Mrs. Randel shared how the measure BB money would be spent to increase student's ability to use technology in the classroom. Mrs. Kirk shared how teachers can support students in classroom to integrate technology. Looked at training that teachers have had in regards to learning in the classroom. Shared STEM with technology and computers in the classrooms and interventions to support learning. Shared what would like to be added to inventory for future years. District is hiring more people for technology issues, they are available to support. In SPSA \$24,000 was set aside to help support technology goals. Mrs. Layne made motion to approve, Mrs. Fitch seconded the motion- motion was approved.

IV. New Business

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

Next Meeting date - March 14th at 3:15 in room E8

V. Adjourn- 3:58



Murrieta Valley Unified School District
2017 -2018 SCHOOL REGISTRATION TIMELINE

- November 7 School Sites Accept **NEW** Intra-District Trans requests.
**Intra-District = A transfer between schools in the MVUSD*
- January 3 District accepts **New** and **Renewal** Inter-District Transfers
- February 1 Online Pre-enrollment begins for all students new to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District, including Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students.
- February 13 Final day of Open Enrollment for New or Renewal of **Inter**-District transfer requests.
- February 13 Final day to submit **(NEW) INTRADISTRICT** transfer requests at the School Site.
- March 6 Onsite enrollment appointments begin for Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten and **New** enrollees. Please contact the school site to make an appointment to complete registration and turn in documents *such as*, birth certificate/verification of age, immunization records, verification of residency and more depending on the grade level of your student.
- June 09 Open Enrollment **INTRA**-district and **INTER**-district Transfer notifications to parents will be sent no later than this date.
***All other transfers that are turned in after 2/13/17 will be considered case by case**

NOTE: Intra Transfer Requests between schools within the Murrieta Valley School District are processed at the school site. Please submit the request at the school site that you are requesting.

Please check the district website for Enrollment/Registration Information. *Listed under Parents @ <http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us>

We hope that this information will help in your planning for the 2017-2018 school year. If you have any questions, please contact your school office.

Thank you,

Administrative Team
Murrieta Valley Unified School District



Buchanan Elementary

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| 8 | <p>Happy New Year! 2017</p> | <p>Winter Break December 19th - January 9th Students Return - Tuesday, January 10th</p> | | | | | | |
| 9 | | <p>Professional Development Day Non-Student Day</p> | <p>Students Return Running Club Kaleidoscope Choir 2nd Grade Visual Art & History Lessons</p> | <p>5th Grade Band Coffee & Conversation with EL parents TK/3rd Grade Hip Hop Lessons</p> | <p>Running Club Drama Club</p> | <p>5th Grade Band</p> | | |
| 15 | | <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday No School</p> | <p>Running Club Kaleidoscope Choir 2nd Grade Visual Art & History Lessons</p> | <p>5th Grade Band TK/3rd Grade Hip Hop Lessons 1st Grade Music Appreciation Lessons</p> | <p>Running Club Drama Club</p> | <p>5th Grade Band Spirit Assembly</p> | | |
| 22 | | <p>Early Release Day</p> | <p>Running Club Kaleidoscope Choir 2nd Grade Visual Art & History Lessons</p> | <p>5th Grade Band 1st Grade Music Appreciation Lessons</p> | <p>Running Club Drama Club</p> | <p>5th Grade Band</p> | | |
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