



The Blazer Post

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May 2017



School Office

Hours

Mon - Fri

7:45am - 3:45 pm

Useful Links

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Upcoming Friday Spirit Assemblies

May 5

May 19

at 8:30am
in the
amphitheater



School Notes

Buchanan Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of this school year is almost here! Even though we are winding down in days, the month of May continues to be a very busy month. This month is filled with performing arts activities, family centered events and continued perseverance with our academics. We encourage our students to "*Try Everything*" as we close out the school year.

Throughout the month of May, several performing arts activities are planned. Our fabulous 2nd grade classrooms will each be involved in patriotic performances to celebrate our patriotic roots with both music and song. Our Children's Chorus will also be performing a variety of songs at a student body assembly. Students are encouraged to try out for our annual Talent Show later this month.

Buchanan's family centered events kick off with our annual Open House/Science Fair Thursday, May 4th from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. For our incoming Kindergarteners we are hosting our "Kinder Here I Come" event on Monday, May 15th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. This event provides parents with the necessary information about kindergarten here at Buchanan. Our amazing PTA is hosting their last family event with PTA's Blazing into Summer Event on Friday, May 19th. We look forward to seeing many of our Buchanan families joining us for these fun filled, memory making events. The district's sponsored annual Passport to Summer Success Expo event is Wednesday, May 31st from 5- 7 pm at Rail Ranch Elementary School.

Academically, our students are working hard to finish strong. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students continue their CAASPP testing this month. Various grades levels will be taking the FRA, RI, and MI assessments also. In 5th grade, students have completed their DARE lessons and will be celebrating with DARE graduation on May 12th.

We hope you are able to join us for one or several activities during the month of May.

Good things are happening at Buchanan Elementary!

Jennifer Randel and Jim Curtis

Did you know.....

- Buchanan was awarded the 2016 Honor Roll award again for the 3rd straight year
- R.A.I.N. counselors received the state H. B. McDaniel Foundation group award for leadership and school counseling.
- PTA has less than 50 yearbooks to sell
- All library books are due the week of May 22-26
- Military ice cream social June 1

Growth Mindset Quote

"Failure is not fatal, but failing to change might be." — John Wooden



**BUCHANAN ELEMENTARY IN MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED
FOR HIGH ACHIEVEMENT IN STUDENT SUCCESS**
*California Districts Selected for Prestigious Honor Roll Issued By
a National Campaign of Business and Education Leaders*

Open House & Science Fair Display
Thursday, May 4, 2017 - 5:30-6:30pm
PTA Book Fair Open 5:30-7:00pm in the library

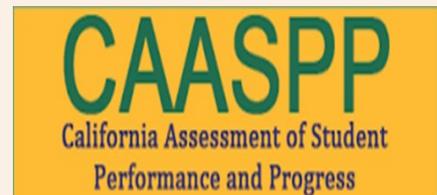


Memorial Day Holiday
Monday, May 29, 2017 - No School

Dear Buchanan Families,

CAASPP Update for May.

Yeah May! If it is May, we are half way done with state assessments for the year. Yes, ELA testing has been completed and it is on to math, along with science for 5th graders.



Grade 3: Math May 8 – 12
Grade 4: Math May 1 – 5
Grade 5: Math May 15 – 19
Grade 5 Science CAST: The week of May 22

Though we are half way done, the effort doesn't stop. We will keep preparing and you can help too. Here is a reminder of the small things you can do at home:

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.

If you want extra practice, you can still have your student take a practice test. 5th grade parents, this includes a science practice for this year's field test. The link below will take you directly to the login page for the CAASPP practice tests:

<http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>



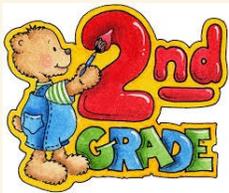
TK / Kindergarten News

Our TK/K kiddos have had so much fun learning about life-cycles (plants, butterflies, ladybugs, chicks) while mastering more and more K skills. We're looking forward to our very 1st bus field trip as well as our Countdown to Zee Last Day of School beginning with A for Aloha Day on May 4th. Please come see what's been "blooming" in your child's classroom by visiting our Open House on 5/4 from 5:30-6:30. We're continuing to work hard to "Better our Best"!



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 along with meeting the end-of-year benchmarks & expectations. Socially, they have been practicing many important social skills such as being safe, respectful, responsible, and of course KAHFOOTY! On May 25th 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) and will be a unit opener for learning about space. 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. First Graders Rock! ☺



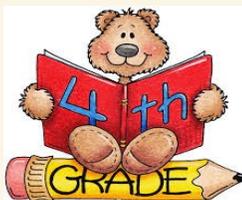
Second Grade News

We can hardly believe that the school year is rapidly coming to an end. Our growth mindset for wrapping up the year is "We should open ourselves to the impossible and embrace the possibility." We have many fun and educational activities to end the year. We will be hosting our annual Patriotic Performance to learn about American Symbols in late May. In June we will be celebrating with our second grade science and sports days followed up with our annual 2nd grade picnic. The last day of school will consist of our Car Show and Drive-in Movie day.



Third Grade News

Our 3rd 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 money to celebrate the end of 3rd grade with a field trip or activity. More information will be sent home soon! 3rd grade students will be taking the Math CAASPP the week of May 8th. 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 1st. 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. Thank you as well for nurturing your child's science curiosity by supporting them in completing their Science Fair Project! We had History Brought to Life on April 26th, please ask your child about this assembly. Open House is Thursday, May 4th, we hope to see you there as your 4th grader showcases their hard work!



Fifth Grade News

During the month of May, the 5th graders will have completed Physical Fitness testing, turned in Science Fair/Invention Convention projects and finished up the DARE lessons.

Science Fair and Invention Convention projects are due on May 1st. Projects will be displayed in the classrooms for Open House. The Invention Convention will be held in the MPR on May 5th. Parents are invited to attend. The Shark Tank portion of Invention Convention will be held on May 12th at 3:15 PM in the MPR. Five inventions will be selected to compete in Shark Tank. The students who are competing will be notified by their teacher on May 8th.

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 12th at 9:30 AM in the BES amphitheater. Families are invited to attend. May 12th will also be the day the students will have a panoramic picture taken by a local photographer. Pictures may be purchased on or before May 12th. Fliers will be sent home once the school has received them. 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.

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.

Coffee and Conversation with Our EL Families

Join us on Wednesday,
May 3 at 8:30am in
Room E3



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



Price is \$30.00 CASH ONLY. Order envelopes are available in the school office. A limited number of yearbooks were ordered for print, and only 50 are left to purchase.

Get yours NOW before they're sold out!

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.

All Elementary Students & Families Are Invited to MVUSD's

PASSPORT TO SUMMER SUCCESS EXPO

DISCOVER RESOURCES TO KEEP YOUR STUDENTS LEARNING OVER THE SUMMER

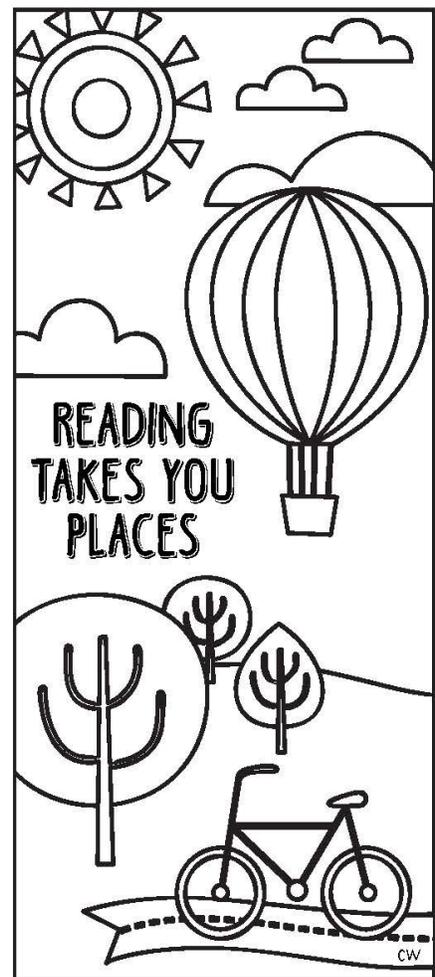
Wednesday, May 31st 2017 from 5 -7 PM

Rail Ranch Elementary School
25030 Via Santee, Murrieta

FREE

- 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, Counseling Resources
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOWCASE with MVUSD Elementary School performances throughout the evening!
- And MORE!

**Fill Up Your PASSPORT
& Earn A FREE BOOK!!
Food Available for Purchase
*Raffles All Night Long!***



COLOR AND CUT OUT THIS BOOKMARK

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION TO YOUR SCHOOL'S OFFICE BY MAY 25TH IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

STUDENT (S) NAME: _____

GRADE (S): _____ HOME SCHOOL: _____

Field Trip Chaperones and Volunteers

All volunteers and chaperones must register every year with the district ***BEFORE*** they may volunteer in a classroom or chaperone on a field trip. Please see the office to complete the necessary forms and bring your government issued ID as they need to photocopy it. Thank-you for taking the time to volunteer!



The Blazer Way - Be Safe ~ *Bicycle & Scooter Information*



If you ride a bike or scooter to school, **bring a lock** and **lock it up** in the bike rack. We would love to trust that everyone is honest and will leave other people's possessions alone, but this is not always the case. The best way to keep your bike or scooter safe is to lock it up.

Also, California law requires that all **students must wear a helmet** when riding a bike or scooter. Students without a helmet will be sent to the office to call home for a helmet. Remember, this is to protect that incredible brain inside each student. Wear a helmet and be safe!

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



Buchanan's Reading Round-Up School Wide Incentive Program

For the month of March, Buchanan read a total of 230,888 minutes with a grand total of 1,457,900 minutes read to date. Our school wide reading incentive program for the 2016/2017 school year will come to a close at the end of this month. Will Mrs. Randel and Mr. Curtis have an apple pie eating contest dressed-up as Pokémon and Raichu? With only 42,100 minutes left to go, the reading team is feeling very confident! We sure hope Mrs. Randel and Mr. Curtis like apple pie!

Happy Reading!



Author and Artist of the Month



The following students were honored at our March 17th Friday Spirit Assembly. Their work is being showcased in our library.

Artist of the Month

K: none
1st: Magali Gusman-Solis (Hern)
2nd: Student in (Vesneski)
3rd: Emberlynn Mendoza (Nickoloff)
4th: Student in (Zeitman)
5th: Genevieve Geil (Lyda)

Author of the Month

K: Antonio Valdez (McWhorter)
1st: Emily Stanton (Dimler)
2nd: Lucca Caban (Knott)
3rd: James Colburn (Corbett)
4th: TIE—Adrion Silva (Karrer) and
A Student in (Zeitman)
5th: Safi Iqbal (Lauvray)

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 Thursday, May 4th. You will be contacted with a *specific time to audition* along with a *Permission Slip* that you must bring with you to 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.

★ Auditions are Tuesday, May 9th and Wednesday, May 10th from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the MPR

★ Acts must be 3 minutes or less.

★ We will need a copy of your music on a CD, clearly marked with your name and song. (No phones) Please make sure you copy your music onto an audio disc.

We will also need the *lyrics printed out*.

★ Make sure your act is appropriate for elementary school kids. (G-rated, no inappropriate language etc.)

★ If you are chosen, a rehearsal will be on Monday, May 22nd from 1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in the MPR .

★ Performances will be on Tuesday, May 30th. Each act will perform for the school at either a 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. show.

★ Performances for parents will be on Tuesday, May 30th from 6:00-7:30p.m.

★ You will need to bring your own keyboard if you are playing the piano

★ If you are in a group, each person must bring a permission slip to the audition.

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



Positive Behavioral Interventions Supports Moment

Be a Trail Blazer. Be a leader

You often hear Mrs. Randel say, “Be a Trail Blazer,” when it comes to inspiring Buchanan students and their day to day actions; but what does this mean? Well, one way to think about it is to be a great leader. Leadership is one of those terms we often use with kids over and over again, and you have to wonder, do they understand what we expect of them? It makes perfect sense to think that they may take this to mean they have to score 30 points in a basketball game or score a perfect 10 in gymnastics. We have to remember that in today’s world much of what student’s comprehend come in the form of less than 30 second video clips on YouTube. Sometimes we have to explain terms more explicitly to get the desired outcomes. So, what is leadership?

Forbes Magazine did a web article listing their top 10 qualities of leadership. Some are very specific to business, but there are a few that can be applied to Buchanan students and the Blazer Way.

Positive Attitude: Here at Buchanan we take a positive attitude and make it more specific. We ask our students to have a growth mindset. We ask them to keep trying even in the eyes of a struggle. When we have a positive attitude, we do not fail, rather we learn from our struggles.

Honesty: ...is the best policy. In business and in school it is how you gain trust from those you work with every day. At Buchanan it is a big part of the Blazer Way and Being Responsible.

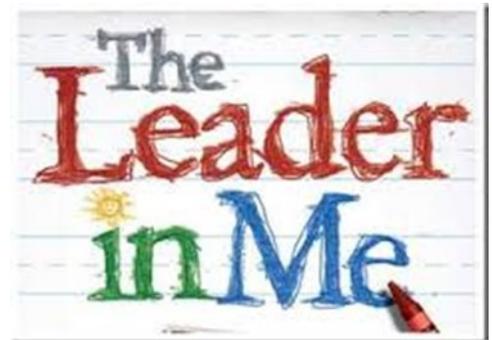
Communication: Talk things through. Use your words. Clearly state what is on your mind. The more leaders in this we have, the better our campus would be. Think of all the disagreements that could be solved peacefully if we all used our words.

Creativity and Intuition: Forbes lists these as two different qualities. For our elementary school students, one would be good enough. If we had some students who thought up new ideas, while others had instincts that helped them with good decisions; ‘Oh the places we would go,’ to quote Dr. Seuss.

Commitment: This might look a little different for an elementary school student than for a business person. For a Buchanan student this means seeing things through. Finish a project or homework assignment, listening and completing all directions, and attend school every day; these are the qualities of commitment at Buchanan.

Confidence: Yes, we can see confidence in students even as young as our kindergartners. What is really special is when that confidence is a reflection knowing right from wrong, completing all tasks as instructed, and from the friends we make during our elementary school career. When students see these qualities in another, they will follow, and so will the next student, so on, and so on.

Leadership, if we just tell a young student to do it, they may not know what to do. But, if we instill leadership qualities through the following of the Blazer Way, well then, we truly have a campus full of Trail Blazers.





Buchanan Elementary SSC Meeting—Agenda May 16, 2017 3:15 pm Room E8



Attendance:

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
 - Minutes of March 14, 2017
 - Agenda of May 16, 2017
- III. Action Items
 - 2017-2018 BES Site Fund Budgets
 - 2017-2018 BES Parent/Student Handbook
 - 2017-2018 SSC Members
- IV. New Business
 - Next School Site Council meeting TBA
- V. Adjourn

Buchanan Elementary School Site Council - Openings for Parents 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 School Years



We have ONE parent opening for our School Site Council. SSC members serve a two year term. The SSC serves as an advisory committee to the school leadership in the implementation of the Single Plan. Meetings are every other month from 3:15 -4:15 pm. If you would like to be on the ballot, please fill out the form below and return it to the school office by May 12, 2017. The SSC Ballots will be sent home on Friday, May 26th with all students and need to be returned by Tuesday, May 30, 2017. Thank you to all parents who volunteer for this position.

Parent Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

____ Yes, I would like to volunteer to be on the School Site Council ballot for the 2017-2019 school years.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Important Safety Reminders

Drop-off is 8:00-8:25am for grades 1-5. Morning TK/K begins promptly at 8:20 am, Afternoon TK/K begins promptly at 11:00am.

Each morning when the **8:25am TARDY BELL rings**, staff members will be at each entry gate to give out tardy slips and teachers will send any student not in class or on their line to the office for a tardy slip.

Pick-up is 2:35 pm for grades 1-3. Grades 4-5 is 2:40 pm. Afternoon K is 2:35 pm. **No staff** is available to watch students **before** 8:00am and **after** 3:00pm.

Students need to be picked up by 3:00pm. If you need supervision after 3pm, child care is available on campus for a fee. Please call our Family Services at 951-304-1623 for more information if you are interested in before or after school child care.

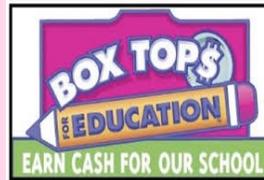
Safety in the Loop

Please remember to keep moving up in the loop as cars leave and do not leave your car unattended. Our goal is to keep our children safe!



May's
School Spirit
Dress Up Day

May 19th
Dress as your teacher day



Box Top Contest

The current contest ends May 26th. The winning classrooms will get to play Nation Ball with Mrs. Randel, Mr. Curtis and Mr. Keith.

Who is going to win?

[Check the Box Tops for Education website](#)

A few reminders and tips. Box Tops cannot be expired. Box Tops missing the expiration date or the manufacture code in the upper left corner are not accepted, so cut carefully.

Box Tops can be turned in loose in a Ziploc bag (this is preferred) or glued 10 on a sheet of paper.

Thanks for clipping!

LIBRARY NEWS

Here are a few important dates to keep in mind as the end of the school year approaches:

May 15-19 The last week to check out library books and for story time.

May 22- 26 The library is closed and all library materials are due.

May 30 & 31 Parents of 5th grade students- Please be sure your child has turned in all library books and text books. Registration at any of the MVUSD Middle Schools will be delayed for students missing library or classroom materials.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Nelson at 951-696-1428 X2788 or bnelson@murrieta.k12.ca.us



Counselor's Corner

Good Sportsmanship

Losing is disappointing, so it's not surprising that kids don't like it. Adults don't like it either, but everyone can learn to control how they react to a loss. The tricky part is that sometimes we react before we even realize it.

Ten Ways To Be A Good Sport

1. **Be polite** to everyone you're playing with and against. No trash talk — which means no saying mean things while you're in the middle of a game.
2. **Don't show off.** Just play your best. If you're good, people will notice.
3. **Tell your opponents "good game!"** whether you've won or you've lost.
4. **Learn the rules** of the game. Show up for practices and games on time — even if you're the star of the team.
5. **Listen to your coaches** and follow their directions.
6. **Don't argue with an official** if you don't agree with his or her call. If you don't understand a certain call, wait until after the game to ask your coach or the official to explain it to you.
7. **Don't make up excuses or blame a teammate** when you lose. Try to learn from what happened.
8. **Be willing to sit out** so other team members can get in the game — even if you think you're a better player.
9. **Play fair** and don't cheat.
10. **Cheer for your teammates** even if the score is 1,000 to 1! You could inspire a big comeback!

This article was summarized from the full article on kidshealth.org.

Ms. Richardson (M, T) &
Dr. Rieger (Th)
RAIN Counselors
951-696-1428 ext 2723

Ways to Cool Down

Take 5 deep breaths



Think of a calm place



Think Positive Thoughts



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 12th
9:30am in the Amphitheater

DARE

**TO RESIST DRUGS
AND VIOLENCE.**

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION



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!

Murrieta Valley Unified School District

Presents

“Kindergarten, Here I Come!”

Hear Ye . . . Hear Ye! Calling all incoming TK and K Parents! Please plan to attend Buchanan’s annual “Kinder, Here I Come” presentation. Come find out what to expect in TK/K including curriculum and schedules, as well as ideas to help your child be more successful from Day 1. Meet the TK/K Team, and take a short tour of “Kinder-Land”.

Monday: May 15, 2017
Buchanan Elementary MPR

40121 Torrey Pines Rd
Murrieta, CA 92563

Time: 6:00 – 7:00pm

*For parents of children attending
Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten in the Fall.*



- **Introduction to Kindergarten & Transitional Kindergarten**
- **Meet Kindergarten Teachers, Principal & Assistant Principal**
 - **Learn about School Readiness Preparation**
- **Receive a Readiness Calendar to Work on over the Summer**
 - **Short campus tour for those who are new to Buchanan**



Buchanan Elementary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Early Release Day	2 Running Club Kaleidoscope Choir	3 Coffee & Conversation with EL parents 5th Grade Band	4 Running Club Open House and Science Fair PTA Book Fair Open	5 Spirit Assembly 5th Grade Band	6
	4th Grade Math CAASPP Testing					
7	8 Early Release Day	9 Running Club Kaleidoscope Choir	10 5th Grade Band	11 Running Club	12 5th Grade Band	13
	PTA Teacher & Staff Appreciation					
	3rd Grade Math CAASPP Testing					
14	15 Early Release Day Kinder Here I Come Info Night	16 Running Club Kaleidoscope Choir	17 5th Grade Band	18 Running Club	19 Spirit Assembly 5th Grade Band Spirit Dress Up Day Dress as your teacher day	20
	5th Grade Math CAASPP Testing					
21	22 Early Release Day	23 Running Club Kaleidoscope Choir	24 5th Grade Band	25 Running Club	26 5th Grade Band	27
28	29 Holiday No School	30 Talent Show for Family & Friends at 6pm	31			