

# Mails Messenger

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## Character Counts At Lisa J. Mails!

Harmony  
Empathy  
Achievement  
Reflection  
Transformation

## Mark Your Calendars

### Thursday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

Watch DOGS Launch  
6:00 PM

### Friday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

Boosterthon Fun Run  
K/1 – 9:00 AM  
2/3 – 10:10 AM  
4/5 – 1:30 PM

### Thursday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

Coffee w/ Principal  
PTA General Association  
Meeting  
8:30 AM

Site Council  
3:00 PM

## What is Your Mindset?

This year, our staff is studying and teaching students to have a growth mindset. People who have a growth mindset know that they can grow their brains. They realize that all of our skills and “talents” are things that come out of hard work and that with effective effort, they can become whatever they want! Here is a great graphic to help you understand the fixed vs. growth mindset:

| FIXED MINDSET  |            | GROWTH MINDSET   |
|--|------------|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SOMETHING YOU'RE BORN WITH</li><li>• FIXED</li></ul>   | SKILLS     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COME FROM HARD WORK.</li><li>• CAN ALWAYS IMPROVE</li></ul>                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SOMETHING TO AVOID</li><li>• COULD REVEAL LACK OF SKILL</li><li>• TEND TO GIVE UP EASILY</li></ul> | CHALLENGES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SHOULD BE EMBRACED</li><li>• AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW.</li><li>• MORE PERSISTANT</li></ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UNNECESSARY</li><li>• SOMETHING YOU DO WHEN YOU ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH</li></ul>                      | EFFORT     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ESSENTIAL</li><li>• A PATH TO MASTERY</li></ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GET DEFENSIVE</li><li>• TAKE IT PERSONAL</li></ul>   | FEEDBACK   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• USEFUL</li><li>• SOMETHING TO LEARN FROM</li><li>• IDENTIFY AREAS TO IMPROVE</li></ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BLAME OTHERS</li><li>• GET DISCOURAGED</li></ul>   | SETBACKS   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• USE AS A WAKE-UP CALL TO WORK HARDER NEXT TIME.</li></ul>                                |

As educators and as parents, we can make a great difference in our students' lives by supporting the growth mindset. If you are interested in learning more, we encourage you to check out the book Mindset: The New Psychology of Success by Carol Dweck or to visit [www.mindsetworks.com](http://www.mindsetworks.com).

Join our staff in bringing the Mindset ideas to the LJM community. We hope to introduce this to students school-wide at assemblies soon. It will be a topic of conversation at our upcoming **PTA General Association Meeting and Coffee with the Principal** on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. We hope you will join us to learn about what our PTA and administration has planned for the year. Mrs. Mutchnick will take some time to share her thoughts on Mindset and why this shift in thinking can be such a life-changing step for all of us!

**Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**

Fall Picture Day

**Friday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>**

Student Lunch  
with the Principals

**Monday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Chalk Draw  
8:00 AM

Book Fair Week!

**Thursday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Site Council Meeting  
3:00 PM

**Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

PTA Grandparent  
Breakfast  
7:50 AM

**Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Make-Up Picture Day

**Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**

5th Graders to  
Pathfinder Ranch



### **Boosterthon Fun Run**

As you may know, our school is participating for a second year in the Boosterthon Fun Run. The theme this year is Rock 'N Town Live. The students are already having a great time taking part in fitness and character lessons, and of course, they are being recognized for getting pledges for their laps. The actual run is next Friday! Parents are welcome to join us. As a special incentive, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking part in a Color Run! This should be an exciting event that you won't want to miss!

Did you know that the money we raise from the Boosterthon will support all of the programs we've come to expect at Mails each year? Red Ribbon Week, Parent/Child Events, Reflections, Spring Fling, Book Fair, Jingle Mingle, Movie Night...what would our school be like without these things?

The Boosterthon's service project this year is to donate a percentage of money to provide after school activities for children in military families! This is a service that is close to our community's heart! Finally, if we raise the money we hope to raise, this should be the only fundraiser of the year! We thank you for your support and active participation!!!

### **Introducing...Mr. Fogal, our new Assistant Principal**



Mr. Fogal, shown above with his son Zach, is joining us this school year. He has three years of experience in school administration and taught fifth grade prior to that. Mr. Fogal has joined us all the way from Illinois and is excited to be part of our school community! He, his wife, and three boys are now living in Murrieta. He has felt very welcomed by the staff and parents. If you have not introduced yourself yet, don't hesitate to do so. Mr. Fogal is looking forward to getting to know everyone and to contributing to our school.

## Announcements

### **Performing Arts Club**

Our school-wide Performing Arts Club is getting ready for their Holiday Musical. No audition is necessary and everyone from kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome. Sign up in the front office: don't forget to complete your Audition Form when you sign up. Sign-ups will close on September 8<sup>th</sup> and we start rehearsals on September 9<sup>th</sup>. All information is in the office and on the theater webpage. Hope to see you on stage soon!

### **Library Club**

Do you love going to the library? The Library Club is starting soon! Fourth and fifth graders interested in helping Mrs. Wallace in the library can join. If you are interested, please go to the library to pick up a flyer and sign-up form.

### **Yearbook**

Yearbooks are on SALE – 15% off until 9/30!

Our yearbooks feature 116 full-color pages and your yearbook comes with two free custom pages for your own photos!

Get your discounted yearbook – only \$21.25 until the end of September. All yearbook orders are done online only – no yearbooks are available for purchase at the end of the year so order your copy today!

Visit our school website for more information:

<http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/Page/25681>

Parents who would like to help take photos for the yearbook can contact Mrs. Wallace in the library. Thank you!

### **After Class Enrichment (ACE)**

We have postponed our ACE classes in order to make a push for more interested teachers. Do you have a hobby or talent that you could share with our students? We are looking for parents to teach a six week course (one time a week for one hour after school) to our students. This is a great way to volunteer and to inspire students! Be creative with course ideas – art, dance, physical education, homework help...the sky's the limit! Our session will begin the week of October 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in teaching an ACE class, please email Mr. Fogal at [jfogal@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:jfogal@murrieta.k12.ca.us) with you class name and a short description of the class, which day of the week you would like to teach (Tues – Thurs), grade levels to include, and size of the group (15 – 20 max). We would truly appreciate your help!



### **Watch DOGS Launch**

Dads - We hope you will give mom a break and come on out for our pizza party and Watch DOGS Launch this Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Come learn about our program, sign-up to volunteer, and enjoy so time with your kids! This year, the Watch DOGS program is a half-day commitment! It's an opportunity to spend some time on campus and provide a positive male presence for our school. We love our Watch DOGS – they truly ROCK!



### **Site Council**

We are excited to welcome Carie Duncan back for her second year on Site Council, and we extend a warm welcome to our two new parent reps: Kate Goldstein and Connie Wilson.

Due to some unexpected changes, we have realized that we still have two parent spots to fill! If you have an interest in being part of this important school committee, please email Mrs. Mutchnick at [fmutchnick-jayx@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:fmutchnick-jayx@murrieta.k12.ca.us) as soon as possible.

Site Council is responsible for meeting monthly to discuss school data and to make decisions in regards to our school's goals and expenditures. We need parents who can see the big picture and who want to learn and contribute. If you are interested but have questions, don't hesitate to ask! We will need to vote in the new members by ballot.

### **Measure BB**

Over the past year, Murrieta Valley Unified has worked with our community to identify critical educational needs – especially educational technology needs – that require attention to protect the superior quality of education that helps our schools rank among the best in the state. Leading the way in education technology is key to our success.

By dedicating our instructional resources to stay aligned with the technology change curve, Murrieta students will be better prepared for college and careers in fields like science, engineering, technology and skilled trades. Measure BB has been placed on the November 2014 ballot to align with this vision and ensure peak performing K-12 schools for Murrieta Valley's future.

For more information please visit the district webpage:  
[www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/measurebb](http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/measurebb)

## Congratulations to our August Award Recipients



1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>



4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Soaring Spirit Recipients: Showing Harmony**

Bryce Burrascano, Cathlyn Nguyen, Ava Acevedo, Alma Castellanos, Londyn Stackhouse, Fersha Hernandez, McKenzie Parker, Morgan Gross, Abigayle Burrascano, Gianna Martinez, Joaquin Cardenas, London Howells, Jadyn Tanjuaquio, Charles Anderson, Brookelynn Lent, Miriam Delgado, Nathan Pitt, Danika Rios, Nicholas Chinchilla, Manar Ibrahim, Charlie Tippie, Benjamin Schumann, Makaela Schmitz, Jade Russo, Aisleen Trudel, Luke Mages, Ryan Gorham, Justin Lee, Lilly Sarmiento, Taryn Boyd, Jacob Jones, Gadiel Dominguez, Kristopher Alvarez, Madison Comerford, Tarron Johnson, Julieann Crisler, Josiah Gomez, Raylene Napoles, Colie Heise, Jaydon Schrader, Hunter Howells, Taylor Jarrett, Sydney Miller, Myles Hartwell, Raegyn Seneff, Brooks Boyer, Riley Berklite, Ashlin Whitaker, DeAndre Barlow, Madeline Yocom, Eryk Elizondo, Madison Williams, Zachary Hodgson, Skye Short, Makenzie Jordan, Alex McGough, and Connor Phengdara.

### **Did You Know?**

Lisa J. Mails is now on Facebook. [Like us](#) to stay on top of school events and to receive other school information! This is another wonderful way to stay connected with our community!

## **Classroom Adoptions**

Did you know that we are striving for each classroom to be “adopted” this year. Parents and local companies can adopt a classroom for \$250. This money goes directly to the teacher and is used to support both academics and the arts. It is a wonderful way to contribute in a meaningful way!

Please consider adopting a classroom or joining other families to adopt a classroom. Remember, the Library, Band, Special Education, and OT all need our support too!

A big thank you to the following families who are already working to help us reach our goal:

|                  |   |
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| Tippie Family    | Mrs. Egan                                   |
| Harrison Family  | Mrs. Eskridge                               |
| Thieu Family     | Half adoptions Mrs. Hankins and Mrs. Batton |
| Jurgens Family   | Mrs. Mages                                  |
| Born Family      | Mrs. Ramirez                                |
| Comerford Family | Mrs. Ackley and Mrs. Johnston               |
| Riva Family      | Mrs. Stragier                               |
| Snethen Family   | Mrs. Egan                                   |
| Horstman Family  | Mrs. Hanson                                 |

We truly appreciate your support!

## **Please Help Us Keep LJM Safe!**

We need your continued efforts to keep our parking lot and drop-off/pick-up times safe for all. Please do your part to model HEART at all times for our students. Here are a few reminders:

- Please only park in specified parking spots.
- Please always try to pull up as much as possible to keep our loop moving, but do not drop off past the last crosswalk.
- Talk with your children about getting in and out of the car quickly. Remind them to come right out front and watch for your vehicle.
- Drive slowly and cautiously.
- Be considerate of vehicles that need to merge or change lanes.

We thank you for your help! We appreciate your patience as these practices become routine this year.

## **COMMUNITY FLYER ACCESS:**

Please use the link below to access and download community events/activities flyers.

[View Flyers!](#)