



Daniel Buchanan Elementary School

"To inspire every student to think, to learn, to achieve, to care"

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Hello Blazer Families!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Even though we are starting our school year virtually, our teachers and staff have been working incredibly hard to make this a successful start of the school year for all of our students where the learning is the forefront of everything we do. Many of us still have questions regarding this school year, and we hope this letter provides some clarity as we rev up to start our year together.

Please make sure you have completed the information required in the Aeries Parent Portal. If you have moved or not returning to Buchanan this year, please call or email our attendance clerk Earlene Carrithers at (951) 696-1428 or email at ecarrithers@mvusd.k12.ca.us. This Friday, August 7th, parents/guardians will be able to log on to the Parent Portal sometime after 3:00 to view their child's classroom assignment if all documentation is completed in the Parent Portal.

Friday, August 14th will be our first day of school. Students will be logging on that first day to get to know their teacher and other students in their class. Teachers will be sending out more information regarding the first day of school details.

This summer, the teachers have been participating in staff developments to bring a structured, rigorous, and robust virtual learning experience for all our students. This will look VERY different than this past spring. The platform that teachers will be using for instruction is called Canvas and will be the homepage you access for classroom information. For live instruction, the teachers and instructional aides will be using Zoom. As partners in this virtual learning experience, we will make sure you have the information and tools that you need in order to be able to support the learning at home.

For your reference, here are sample schedules by grade level to start. These schedules may change or be adjusted, but this is to give you an idea in order to structure the learning day.

TK/Kindergarten:

8:00-8:15	Morning Meeting	Whole or small group Live
Early Birds 8:15-9:00	Language Arts Centers	Small group live instruction and independent activities
9:00	Break/Snack	
Early Birds: 9:15-9:45	Math	Whole group and small group live instruction, independent activities
Late Birds and Early Birds: 9:45-10:15	Storytime/ Calendar	Whole and small group
Late Birds 10:15- 12:45	Language Arts Centers and Math	Whole group and small group live instruction, independent activities

Grade 1-5

Time	Content Area	Instruction Delivery
8:00-10:00	Morning Meeting up to 30 minutes English Language Arts or Math up to 120 minutes	Whole group and small group live instruction 20-30 minutes of pre-recorded direct instruction Meaningful learning activities
10:00-10:20	Snack Break	
10:20-12:00	Language Arts or Math up to 120 minutes	Whole group and small group live instruction 20-30 minutes of pre-recorded direct instruction Meaningful learning activities
12:00-12:45	LUNCH	
12:45-3:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities to reinforce/extend the learning • Social Studies/Science • Art • Band (5th Grade) • Intervention/Enrichment • IEP: Goal work 	Pre-recorded videos/screen casts Small group live instruction Learning activities

For those of you that are checking out a device from the school, our two device checkout dates are Monday, August 10th and Thursday August 13th. Monday will from 1:00-4:00 pm and Thursday will be 9:00 am to noon.

Please see our website for the grade level supply lists completed by each grade level for the supplies needed for learning at home.

Also, please make sure your child has the required immunizations as soon as possible. Your child will be able to begin the school year virtually, however *they will not be able to attend on campus instruction if we get clearance to open.*

We want to thank all of you for your support as we embark on this virtual learning experience together. Even though this is not ideal, we feel confident that we will be able to successfully continue the learning for our Blazers until they can be back onto campus with us. We cannot wait for that day to come, but until then, we are in this together and we will get through this together!

Kind regards,


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