



# The Blazer Post

Jennifer Randel, Principal

Jim Curtis, Assistant Principal



June 2017



## School Office Hours

Mon - Fri  
7:45am - 3:45 pm

## Useful Links

[School Website](#)

[School Calendar](#)

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**Upcoming  
Friday Spirit  
Assemblies**  
**June 2**  
**June 9**  
**at 8:30am**  
**in the**  
**amphitheater**



## School Notes

Buchanan Families,

It is hard to believe that the 2016-2017 school year is almost over. We wind up the year with early release days on both Monday, June 5th and Friday, June 9th. All grade levels have activities planned whether on or off campus. Be sure to contact your child's teacher for specific details. We wish all the best to our promoting 5th grade class as they begin their educational career in middle school. We want to take this time to wish all our wonderful Buchanan families a wonderful and safe summer break enjoying time with families and friends!

Good things are happening at Buchanan Elementary!

Jennifer Randel and Jim Curtis

Did you know.....

- Buchanan was named an Honor Roll school for the 2016 California Honor Roll by Educational Results Partnership and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence for the 3rd year.
- Monica Hajduk is our newest parent member of our School Site Council.
- Our students exceeded their reading goal by reading 1,635, 348 minutes this year. A special thank you to our Reading Incentive Team of Mrs. Goldsmith, Ms. Corbett, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Ruppert and Mrs. Knott.

### Growth Mindset Quote

"There is something about seeing myself improve that motivates and excites me." — John Wooden



## Congratulations to Our Employees of the Year

Teacher of the Year  
Tonja Lyda  
Classified Employee of the Year  
Joseph Walthall



### 5th Grade DARE Essay Winners

The overall winner of the DARE essay contest is  
Nadia Rountree

The following students are the classroom winners:

- Mrs. Lauvray - Natalie Valle and Haris Faruqi
- Mrs. Lyda - Genevieve Geil and Brody Guinn
- Mrs. Nechaev/Mrs. Rench - Nadia Rountree and Jaden Rosales
- Mrs. Prario - Anabelle Coloca and Max Gonzalez-Broussard
- Mrs. Williams - Jayla McKnight and D'Angelo Duncan
- Mrs. Woods—Rebecca Tomsik and Timothy Nguyen



Last Day of School  
Friday, June 9, 2017 - An Early Release Day

**Summer Break**  
**No School**  
**June 12**  
**Thru**  
**August 15**



## 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 20 are left to purchase.



Get yours NOW before they're sold out!

To Buchanan's PTA Board



Just a note of sincere gratitude to our wonderful PTA for all the support they have provided for our students, staff and families.

A special shout out to Mrs. Neilson for heading up this special team of caring adults who truly make Buchanan Elementary a wonderful place for your children.

## 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!



## Author and Artist of the Month

The following students were honored at our May 19th Friday Spirit Assembly. Their work is being showcased in our library.



### Artist of the Month

T/K: Kinley Fisher (McKenzie)  
K: None  
1st: Brody Rench (Davis)  
2nd: Student in (Richardson)  
3rd: Isabella Iraheta (Corbett)  
4th: Jacquelyn O'Husky (Adams)  
5th: Adriana Tamez (Lauvray)

### Author of the Month

T/K: Gabriel Busto (McKenzie)  
K: Camila Gonzalez (McWhorter)  
1st: Student in (Davis)  
2nd: Student in (Richardson)  
3rd: Kiyomi Aliya Brown (Corbett)  
4th: Christian Flores (Adams)  
5th: None

## Student Lunches and Cafeteria Meals

Starting June 1st and continuing to June 9th, 2017  
Students ***MAY NOT BORROW/CHARGE*** meals in the cafeteria if out of money.



Students not having enough money will be offered a PBJ sandwich and milk or to call home.

### 2017-2018 Meal Applications

Watch this summer for your 2017-2018 Meal Application

You must reapply each year after August 1st

apply online at [www.murrieta.k12.ca.us](http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us)



## Watch D.O.G.S. Top Dog Award

4th annual McFarlan Top DOG award is given to the individual who exemplifies the Watch DOGS philosophy of positive role models to all Buchanan students. This year's recipient has been a constant presence on campus multiple times a week throughout the year. The students look forward to his presence on campus.

This year's winner is Larry Mitzner.



## Positive Behavioral Interventions Supports Moment

### Be Kind to Others



As we close the last days of the 2016 and 17 school year, I want to remind all in the Buchanan community of what it means to follow the Blazer Way. It means to Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. Within these three 'B's' lies the entire platform of the Buchanan culture. Being responsible means following the school rules. Being safe means making sure that you are doing things to yourself and others that keeps you out of harm's way. But it is the underlying meaning of being respectful that I want to focus on this month.

#### The Golden Rule:

*Treat others the way  
You want to be treated.*

Being respectful does not have to be a complicated concept. At its simplest, all it means is to be kind to others. Whether it be 'The Golden Rule' of treating others the way you want to be treated, or simply saying a kind word with a smile; a Buchanan community with a population of kind students who care about each other is a school that all students will want to attend and be a part of.

The end of the year provides an excellent opportunity to try kindness out. At the beginning of the year we talk about how a good first impression can be a lasting impression. Well, a kind last impression will leave a good taste in our hearts to take us into the 2017 and 18 school year. Have a safe and fun summer Blazers!

*One Kind word  
can change  
someone's  
entire day*

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## Procedure For Teacher Assignment Notification for the 2017-2018 School Year

Teacher assignment notification for the 2017-2018 school year for all students in grades Transitional Kindergarten thru 5th grade will take place August 8th thru August 10th during the hours of 9am-12pm.

Please visit our school website at [murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan](http://murrieta.k12.ca.us/buchanan) for information on when the Parent Portal will open. Once the portal opens, you will go in and verify or make changes to all the data information. An automated phone call will also be sent out when the parent portal opens, so make sure the office has your current phone number on file. **All data must be updated and a current utility bill in the parents name dated June or July presented** to receive your child's teacher assignment. During August the 8th-10th registration, you will complete a health information form and we will verify the utility bill and that the data confirmation in the parent portal is complete. Once we verify that everything has been completed, you will receive your child's teacher assignment for the school year.

Parents are highly encouraged to complete the above information prior to August 8<sup>th</sup>. Waiting until the last moment will result in long lines and possibly delay your student starting school on August 16<sup>th</sup>. We also highly encourage those of you with new students to Buchanan Elementary to enroll your child beginning Monday, July 31, 2017 thru Friday, August 11, 2017 when our office reopens from the summer break.

## 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!



## Lost and Found

All lost and found items are outside the office by the amphitheater. Items not claimed by Friday, 6/9/17 afterschool will be donated to charity.



## PTA Running Club Awards

Since the fall we have had students running before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays as part of our Buchanan Blazers Running Club. Students in grades K—5 participated with some students running as many as 30 laps in the morning.

### Top Runners in the school:

Elijah Richardson  
Arturo Lopez  
Gavin Rench

### Top Runner in Each Grade

K - KJ Flowers  
1st - Leland Santos and Kyle Nagy  
2nd - Casey Kosubucki  
3rd - Elijah Richardson



## LIBRARY NEWS

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

The library is closed and all library materials are due. Please return any books you have at home.

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](mailto:bnelson@murrieta.k12.ca.us)



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



**I. Call Meeting to Order** - May 16, 2017 Meeting called to order @ 3:16

**II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

Minutes of March 14, 2017 - Motion to approve the minutes by Laura Prebay and motion second by Carolyn Fitch. All approved

Agenda of May 16, 2017 - motion to approve agenda made by: Mrs. Neilson and Mrs. Prebay. Agenda approved by all.

**III. Action Items**

2017-2018 BES Site Fund Budgets

**Discretionary Funds:** Mrs. Randel went over discretionary Funds. Broke down the funding and discussed how the money will be allocated. Motion made to approve funds by Mrs. Layne and 2nd by Mrs. Poveda. All approved.

**LCAP Supplemental Funds:** Mrs. Randel went over the LCAP Sup. Funds. Due to enrollment, funds have been decreased. Projection is down about 42 students. Leadership recommended expenditure: grade level publications/Assemblies, licenses for technology programs, sub days for testing, conferences and Admin SST's, stipends, science supplies. The items approved by leadership for an additional half day counseling, technology purchase. Motion made to approve: Mrs. Poveda and Mrs. Prebay. All Approved.

**2017-2018 BES Parent/Student Handbook**

Parent/Guardian and Student Handbook for 2017-2018 reviewed with team. Motion made to approve the student handbook changes - Mrs. Layne, Mrs. Neilson all Approved.

**IV. New Business** Mrs. Meserve is resigning position. Mrs. Layne (V. P.) accepted the resignation of Mrs. Meserve.

Parent nominations received from Mrs. Hajduk. Elections to be held May 26 - May 30.

Mrs. Fitch's term is completed and Mrs. McCandless voted as new certificated staff member for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 term by certificated staff.

Next School Site Council meeting TBA

**V. Adjourn**





# Counselor's Corner

## How To Survive Summer Break

Parents have a love/hate relationship with summer. They are excited to have their children home more, excited to not have so many responsibilities (places to be), but may feel anxious about all the time that will need to be filled.

There are lots of resources and ideas for activities and things to do during the summer months, but here are some general thoughts to help ease the anxiety that might be threatening your summer fun.

**Allow your family to have down time.** It is not necessary to schedule every minute. It may be nice to not to have so many places to be.

**Don't abandon routine.** As nice as down time is, a completely unstructured summer may lead to boredom or chaos in the house. Stick to chores and responsibilities that are appropriate for their ages and abilities and be sure those things are taken care of each day.

**Consider service.** One of the best things we can do for our children, is teach them the importance of serving and helping others. While you are planning your summer activities, include some service oriented activities.

**Plan ahead.** Take a few minutes to do some research about all the fun things your city has to offer over the next few months. Most places you will want to visit, do promotions, two for one days, kids free days etc... These are good things to know in advance and great to put on the calendar. That way, you have planned ahead and saved money too.

**Ask for input.** Ask your children what they want to do this summer. They have been dreaming about it too! They are certain to have opinions, and including them will help them feel in control and assume ownership over their actions throughout the next few months. They will also be much more likely to take care of their chores and responsibilities when they know they are getting to participate in things they are excited about, because they helped choose them.

**Regulate technology time early.** Don't let technology get the best of your family. Set your time guidelines BEFORE the summer gets under way. This way, the children will understand the summer routine before arguments arise.

**Don't forget the books!** One of the best activities for your children to be involved in over the next few months, is continued reading. It will help them retain what they learned in school, and keep their minds and imaginations sharp.

**Team up with other parents.** Your children's friends may have additional ideas of activities to do and may be happy to include your children.

**Schedule "Me Time".** Make sure you take care of your own need for a break by planning ways you can do the things you like to do. This will help revitalize you.

**Love them.** Instead of thinking about how stressful it might be to entertain your children over the next few months, take the time to get to know them, talk to them more, laugh with them more, and share more experiences with them.

Ms. Richardson (M, T) &

Dr. Rieger (Th)

RAIN Counselors

951-696-1428 ext 2723



### Some Helpful Local Resources

*Free or cheap things to do this summer.*

<http://temeculablogs.com/free-cheap-summer-time-activities/>

<http://www.murrieta.org/thingstodo/>

<http://www.inlandempire.com/things-to-do/temecula/kids/>



## Buchanan Elementary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Spirit Assembly  TK/K attend AM hours TK/K Field Trip  4th Grade Field Trip to Mission San Luis Rey	3
4	5 Early Release Day	6 5th Grade Field Trip to Sports Park  2nd Grade Science Day	7 5th Grade Field Trip to EPIC Rollertain- ment  2nd Grade Field Day	8 5th Grade Field Trip to Temeku Theater  3rd Grade Apple Valley	9 Early Release Day  Spirit Assembly 3rd Grade Field Trip 9:30am—5th Grade End of Year Celebra- tion	10
			All TK/Kinder students attend the Early Bird time on June 7, 8, 9			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Summer Vacation!!! — School Office Hours 9:00am-2:00pm						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	The School Office is closed June 22nd - July 28th Office re-opens July 31st 9:00am-3:00pm				