



# E. HALE CURRAN

## “COUGAR UPDATE”



### Back to School Night Is August 29, 2019

It's been a wonderful 1<sup>st</sup> week of school. We are excited to share this new adventure with you and your children. They will be learning something new every day so be sure and ask them what they learned today!

This year's theme is: Mistakes Allow Thinking to Happen (MATH).

Here are the times:

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm (TK)

5:00 pm– 5:30 pm (Kindergarten)

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm (Session One for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

6:05 pm – 6:35 pm (Session Two for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm (Session One for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

6:35 pm – 7:05 pm (Session Two for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

You will get a chance to meet the wonderful staff and check out your child's classroom. Look for more details in the next couple of weeks!

**!!! 2019 CAASPP Scores !!!**

Hard copy reports are no longer printed and mailed home from the State. To view your child's results please log into the Aeries parent portal.



**MONDAYS  
ARE  
“EARLY  
OUT”  
FOR ALL  
GRADES**

**August is  
HOT! HOT!  
HOT!**



**How to beat  
the heat:**

- ☀ **water**
- ☀ **hats**
- ☀ **sunscreen**
- ☀ **shade**



**SAFETY in the LOOP**  
**Drop off and Pick up Rules**



- ❖ There is no parking from Chaco & Jackson to the beginning of the entrance of the first loop from 1:30pm – 3pm.
- ❖ Parents, please remember to never leave your car unattended in the loop.
- ❖ We love for you to be able to walk your child to class, we just need you to park in the lot or on the side streets.
- ❖ Do not allow your child to walk through the parking lots alone.
- ❖ Make sure to give your child clear instructions on which loop you will pick them up from:
  - Loop 1 is in front of the office.
  - Loop 2 is in front of the solar panels.



Dear Curran Families,

**Welcome to E. Hale Curran Elementary School, home of the Cougars!**

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the new school year. I am excited because I get the honor of being Principal and Instructional Leader of Curran Elementary, the only STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) focused elementary school in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District. Here at Curran we believe strongly that focusing on STEM disciplines helps prepare students with twenty-first century skills.

Each year we have a theme to help us focus our efforts. This year's theme is:

**Mistakes  
Allow  
Thinking to  
Happen**

Often students, and even adults, struggle with making mistakes, especially in math. That fear of being wrong will lead to a fixed mindset and belief that one is not good at something, or not smart, which greatly hinders learning. Someone with a fixed mindset will shy away from challenges. Studies show that we learn from mistakes and when one has a Growth Mindset, instead of a fixed mindset, real learning can happen. We believe everyone can learn and everyone can, in time, master math, science, reading and writing concepts and skills.

At Curran we help students develop a Growth Mindset. Students with a Growth Mindset believe abilities can be developed through hard work and perseverance. The key to creating a Growth Mindsets, where mistakes lead to real learning, is by having a community where everyone is respectful, responsible, safe, and kind.

Curran has an incredible, energetic staff that is dedicated to the academic and social/emotional growth of all students. There have been several staff changes for this new school year and I ask for your support and patience as we become part of the school community.

For all students to have the best chance for success, parent/guardian engagement is a must. Make sure to read the monthly newsletter as it is the primary way, we communicate upcoming events, keep you informed, and share opportunities to get involved. I also encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher about volunteering in the classroom.

Finally, Back to School Night is on August 29. We will be communicating times once the school year starts. I am looking forward to being part of the Curran Family. When dropping off your child or children the first week, please take the time to introduce yourself so I can start making personal connections.

Sincerely,

Greg Lumsden

Principal

