



# red tailed hawks news

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## Principal Wethers' Message:



Dear Rail Ranch Families,

We would like to welcome all of our new and returning students to Rail Ranch. We look forward to the accomplishments we will make together. Our school year was deeply impacted by the COVID pandemic last March. There was great hope that we would be able to open our doors by the time the new school year arrived, but the safety of our staff and students takes precedence, we will continue to teach and learn virtually at this time.

During the summer months, many of the staff members and district personnel worked collaboratively to ensure that Virtual Learning will meet the rigorous standards expected from our community. We are no longer in emergency mode like we were in March. Our district has purchased a Learning Management System called Canvas, that will allow live interaction for every day. Our staff worked on trainings this summer to prepare for the new year. We also have safety protocols in place for when we are ready to receive students.

This year, we had some of our staff retire.

Mr. Love, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Mrs. Caricato, Resource Specialist

Mrs. Carbajal, Instructional Assistant

Also, Ms. Dewey, Counselor, has a new position at the district office as our new Coordinator for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

We also have some changes on site. Mrs. Williams has moved from fourth grade to fifth grade. Mrs. Raeburn has moved from first grade to fourth grade. Ms. Hilary Norman has joined Rail Ranch as our new Resource Specialist. Mrs. Nicole Vergara has also joined Rail Ranch as our new Counselor,

**Back to School Night will be Virtual on Thursday, August 27, 2020. Times to be determined.**

**The teachers will present overviews of their program.**

We look forward to your involvement during the 2020-2021 school year.

It is such a privilege to have you here at Rail Ranch!

Tammy Hunter- Wethers Principal

Lynn Nord Assistant Principal



8/12- Device Pick up  
8/13- Device Pick up  
(please see attachment for schedule)

**8/14 First Day of School**

Week of 8/17: Student Supply Pick Up Day (Date & Time TBD)

**8/27- Virtual Back to School Night (Time TBD)**

9/7- Labor Day Holiday



## Resource Links:

Community Flyers



Rail Ranch School Year Calendar

Parent/Student Handbook



Rail Ranch Website

Lunch Menu



Picking up meals during Virtual Learning? Please take this quick 4 question [survey](#).



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Device pick up will be August 12 & 13 for families who have requested one. The schedule is attached to this newsletter.

Student Supply Pick Up Day: will be the week of the 8/17. More information to follow soon.

## NEW FACES AT RAIL RANCH

Hilary Norman- Ms. Norman is our new Resource Specialist. We welcome our newest teacher!

Nicole Vergara- Mrs. Vergara is our new School Counselor. We are excited to welcome her to the Rail Family!

Maria Zazueta- Mrs. Zazueta will be our crossing guard at the corner of Via Santee/Los Alamos.. We are happy to have coverage at this important intersection. We welcome her!

## HELPFUL LINKS FOR ASSISTANCE IN VIRTUAL LEARNING

*Virtual Learning Overview: Click [HERE](#) to view MVUSD's presentation that details information about school in a virtual environment.*

*CANVAS: Please click [HERE](#) for an overview of our new Learning Management System.*

*How students log into Canvas: Click [HERE](#) to take you to the link.*

*How do parents/guardians get access to their child's account? Click [HERE](#)*

*If you still need a device, please fill out this [survey](#).*

*Social, Emotional & Mental Health Support: [Murrieta.k12.ca.us/SELCounselors](https://murrieta.k12.ca.us/SELCounselors)*



Welcome Back Rail Ranch Families!

Are you as excited as I am to get this school year started? Great things are ahead of us in the coming weeks, and although these are unusual times, I am confident that we will persevere as a school community to make this the best year possible. Please be assured that the staff here at Rail Ranch has been working hard to train in the latest technology, create lesson plans and activities, and organize your student's experience to make the most of our virtual learning environment.

What will we need from our Red-Tailed Hawks? We need you to participate! Stay engaged in your learning. Show up to your virtual meetings. If you are not able to attend, or if you are having difficulty with the lessons, reach out to your teacher as soon as possible. If you are experiencing technical difficulties, please call our office. Our teachers will be busy with live instruction in the morning hours and will not be able to help with technology questions at that time. The office staff are here to help our students in any way we can.

I also encourage all families to read, listen to, and complete any correspondence from our school site and district office as soon as possible. Communication will be key this year!

This will be a great adventure, and I am so proud to be on it with all of you! Here's to happy, healthy learning Rail Ranch!

Lynn Nord,

Assistant Principal

RETIREED, BUT FOREVER AN EDUCATOR AT HEART

Thank you for your dedication to our students, enjoy retirement 😊



Mrs. Caricato, RSP Teacher



Mr. Love, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher



Mrs. Carbajal, Inst. Assistant & PE

“Good teachers are the reason why ordinary students dream to do extraordinary things...”

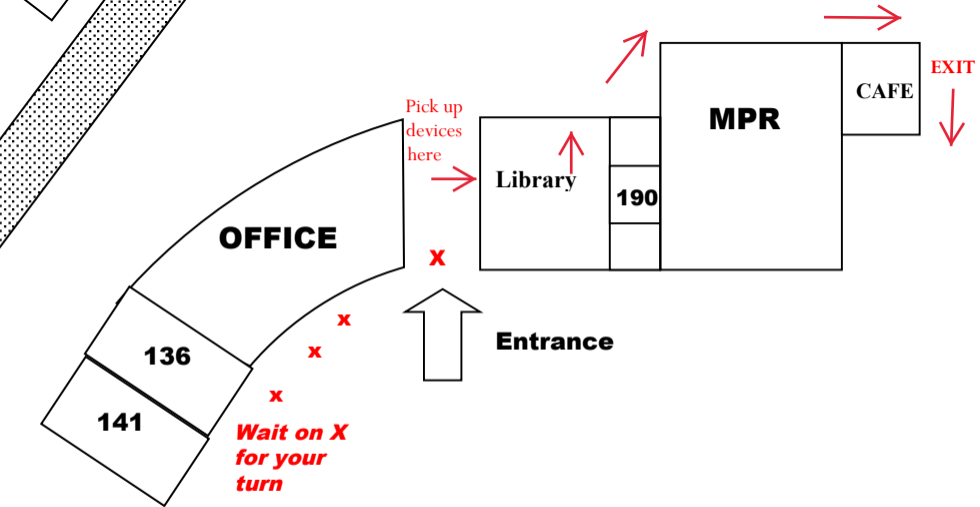


## Rail Ranch Device Pick-Up Schedule

Wednesday, Aug. 12		Grades K-2
Time	Last Name	
8:30 – 10:00	A – E	
10:00 – 11:30	F – L	
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch	
12:00 – 1:30	M – R	
1:30 – 3:00	S – Z	

Thursday, Aug. 13		Grades 3-5
Time	Last Name	
8:30 – 10:00	A – E	
10:00 – 11:30	F – L	
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch	
12:00 – 1:30	M – R	
1:30 – 3:00	S – Z	

**IF YOU HAVE STUDENTS IN DIFFERENT GRADES,  
PLEASE COME AT THE YOUR YOUNGEST CHILD'S  
TIME.**



**RAIL RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**



<b>Elementary Student Daily Schedule</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Instructional Activities</b>
<b>8:00 - 12:00</b>	<b>Live Whole/Small Group Instructional Time – Times will vary based individual teacher/class schedules</b>
	Morning Meeting (15 - 30 minutes)
	ELA Block (90 - 120 minutes)
	Math Block (90 - 120 minutes)
	Teacher/Student Break (20 minutes)
<b>12:00 - 12:45</b>	<b>Teacher/Student Lunch Break</b>
<b>12:45 – 3:00</b>	<b>Independent work, intervention groups, and enrichment opportunities</b>

**\*\*\* MONDAYS ARE STILL EARLY OUT DAYS \*\*\***



# NUTRITION SERVICES

## MEAL SERVICES DURING VIRTUAL LEARNING

- Weekly Meal packs will contain 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches\*
- Meal Packs will be available for curbside pickup Friday August 14th
- **Thursday** will be the regular pick up day once school begins
- Meals may be picked up from **any MVUSD school** from 12:15 PM to 6:00 PM
- Families may pick up meals from a single school site for all students in the family
- Meals will be packaged for preparation at home (some meals will have to be heated).
- Meals are **Free to qualified students** - Weekly Prices \$3.50 Reduced Price - \$22.50 Full Price
- Visit [www.Murrietaschoolnutrition.com](http://www.Murrietaschoolnutrition.com) for Meal Pack Menus and Meal Program Applications
- Student ID numbers or Student PIN numbers will be required for all meals picked up. -an email containing this information will be emailed to families.

\*Meal pack quantity will be adjusted for non-student days and holidays





## **Rail Ranch Kindergarten Supply List:**

1. Crayons	11. ELA Activity Mats
2. Scissors	12. Five/Ten Frame
3. Glue Sticks	13. Spinner/Number Bond Mat
4. Playdough	14. Number Cards 0-10
5. Tangram Shapes	15. Circle Dot Cards
6. Whiteboard Markers	16. Numeral Cards
7. Whiteboard	17. Paper Picture Counters
8. Math Counters	18. Writing Journal
9. Fine Motor Activities	19. ABC book with letters and pictures
10. Math Activity Mats	20. Additional Fine Motor Manipulatives (Lego, bears, cubes, etc.)

Kindergarten Teachers are providing a bag and toolbox with all these supplies for our students along with curriculum/textbooks. Some of the items listed above are being provided by the district.

\*Parents please provide sidewalk chalk, extra playdough, copy paper or blank white paper, extra whiteboard markers, and an extra pair of kid scissors.



## Supply Wish List for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> grade! Here is a list of supplies that we are asking families to purchase for students to use at home during Virtual Learning time. These are only a few items to get the year started. (If you have any questions or concerns, please email your child's teacher.) Thanks!

### Student supplies:

1. 24 pack of **CRAYOLA** crayons (these last longer than store brands)
2. glue sticks (at least a pack of 3)
3. **BLACK EXPO** dry erase markers (thin or thick)
4. small white board (can be purchased at Lakeshore, Target, dollar store)
5. #2 **TICONDEROGA** pencils (these are the best)
6. erasers
7. scissors
8. pencil sharpener
9. pencil box or pencil pouch to keep all items organized and together so they are easily accessible during Virtual Learning time.
10. headphones may be helpful if multiple children are online at same time!

Thank you,

The First Grade Teachers

Mrs. Hoffmann [lhoffmann@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:lhoffmann@murrieta.k12.ca.us)

Mrs. Sutor [jsutor@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:jsutor@murrieta.k12.ca.us)

Mrs. Gamble [gpoudevigne-gamble@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:gpoudevigne-gamble@murrieta.k12.ca.us)

## 2nd Grade School Supplies & Workspace Needs

Dear Families and Students,

Below is a list of suggested school supplies we would like your child to have. If you are not able to get the basics (pencils, erasers, crayons, sharpeners, spiral notebooks, etc) please let your 2nd grade teacher know ASAP. We would like all students to have these basic supplies. We also listed some suggestions on how to set up your child's workspace to help them focus and grow academically. Thank you for your support!

### Students Workspace Needs:



- A comfortable seating with desk/workspace
- Eliminate distractions by:
  - Creating a separate workspace away from distractions of tv, siblings ,etc.
  - Removing toys, turn off tvs
- Keep Essentials within arms reach by having:
  - Desk/paper calendar and/or planner
  - Organized/labeled school supplies in container
  - Extension Cord/surge protector (access to)
- Enough lighting



- Ventilation (open window or fan)



**Individual student needs/wishes for home classroom if you can:**

**(Items in bold/italics are basic needs but please remember to contact teacher if you need supplies)**

- ***Pencils (or mechanical pencils with lots lead)-more is always better***
- ***Pencil top erasers***
- ***Pencil sharpener***
- ***Spiral notebook (at least 2 for math and language arts but more is great for art,***



***science/social studies)***

- ***Composition journal (lined)***



- ***Folders to organize work (inexpensive)***
- ***Noise reducing headphones/earbuds with Microphone (EXTREMELY ESSENTIAL)***
- Dry Erase whiteboard
- 4+ dry erase pens and eraser
- Pencil cup or box to store items



- Box of markers and or crayons
- Ruler with metric and standard



- Scissors
- Glue/glue sticks
- Paint set (optional)



Thank you so much!

**Your 2nd Grade Teachers,**

**Ms. Masters - [jmasters@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:jmasters@murrieta.k12.ca.us)**

**Mrs. Murphy (2nd/3rd) - [mmurphy@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:mmurphy@murrieta.k12.ca.us)**

**Ms. Nunley - [mnunley@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:mnunley@murrieta.k12.ca.us)**

**Mrs. Parsley - [tparsley@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:tparsley@murrieta.k12.ca.us)**

## 3rd Grade School Supplies & Workspace Needs

Dear Families and Students,

Below is a list of suggested school supplies we would like your child to have. If you are not able to get the basics (pencils, erasers, crayons, sharpeners, spiral notebooks, etc) please let your 3rd grade teacher know asap. We would like all students to have these basic supplies. We also listed some suggestions on how to set up your child's workspace to help them focus and grow academically. Thank you for your support!

### Students Workspace Needs:

- A comfortable seating with desk/workspace
- Eliminate distractions by:
  - Creating a separate workspace away from distractions of tv, siblings ,etc.
  - Removing toys, turn off tvs
- Keep Essentials within arms reach by having:
  - Desk/paper calendar and/or planner
  - Organized/labeled school supplies in container
  - Extension Cord/surge protector (access to)
- Enough lighting
- Ventilation (open window or fan)



### Individual student needs/wishes for home classroom if you can:

(Items in bold/italics are basic needs but please remember to contact teacher if you need supplies)

- ***Pencils (or mechanical pencils with lots lead)-more is always better***
- ***Pencil top erasers***
- ***Pencil sharpener***
- ***Spiral notebook (at least 2 for math and language arts but more is great for art, science/social studies)***
- ***Composition journal (lined)***
- ***Folders to organize work (inexpensive)***
- ***Noise reducing headphones/earbuds with Microphone (EXTREMELY ESSENTIAL)***
- Dry Erase whiteboard
- 4+ dry erase pens and eraser
- Pencil cup or box to store items
- Box of markers and or crayons
- Ruler with metric and standard
- Scissors
- Glue/glue sticks
- Paint set (optional)



*Thank you so much!*

Your 3rd Grade Teachers,

Ms. Richardson, Ms. McKenzie, Mrs. Rucker, Mrs. Bravo, Mrs. Murphy (2nd/3rd)





## Rail Ranch Elementary School - Fourth Grade Supply List

If you need help providing these essentials for your child, please let us know ([sbanuelos@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:sbanuelos@murrieta.k12.ca.us)) by August 10<sup>th</sup> and we will include a set of supplies with your child's learning materials.

### Each child needs to have the following at home for online learning:

- Four Composition Books (Language Arts, Math, Writing, Science/ Social Studies)
- 1 small ream of Blank White Copy Paper
- Expo Markers 4-8 pack (no neon colors)
- White board (which you can find inexpensive at the 99 cent store, Dollar Tree, Target dollar spot)
- Pencils
- Highlighter (yellow is easiest to see)
- Black Sharpie
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Colored Pencils/crayons
- Markers

\*These items will go to school with your child (in their pencil box) when we return to the classroom.

### Each child needs to have the following when they return to school:

- Two 3-pronged plastic folder with pockets
- Backpack (Labeled with first/last name)
- Wide Ruled Paper 1-2 packs
- Pencil Pouch or Pencil Box (standard size-no larger than 9"x 6")
- 1 ream white copy paper
- Pack of black sharpies
- Large Art Erasers (white)/Pencil Top Erasers
- Package of Glue Sticks (Elmer's only please)
- Ruler with inches and centimeters
- Sheet Protectors (Heavy Duty)
- Roll of scotch tape
- Baby wipes
- Box of Kleenex
- Earbuds or headphones: Personal set, in a Ziplock labeled for the computer lab to be kept at school

### Extra items requested that we also use throughout the year:

Ziploc Baggies (quart/gallon)	Colored Copy Paper	Index Cards	Flair Pens
Sticky Notes	Treasure box items	Avery labels (1"x3")	Clorox wipes



## **Rail Ranch Elementary School - 5th Grade Supply List**

If you need help providing these essentials for your child, please let us know  
(cmjohnson@murrieta.k12.ca.us)

### **Each child needs to have the following at home for online learning:**

- Four Composition Books (Language Arts, Math, Writing, Science/ Social Studies)
- 1 ream of Blank White Copy Paper
- Expo Markers 4-8 pack (no neon colors)
- White board (which you can find inexpensive at the 99 cent store, Dollar Tree, Target dollar spot)
- Pencils
- Highlighter (yellow is easiest to see)
- Black Sharpie
- Scissors
- Colored Pencils/crayons
- Markers

\*These items will go to school with your child (in their pencil box) when we return to the classroom.

### **Each child needs to have the following when they return to school:**

- Backpack (Labeled with first/last name)
- Wide Ruled Paper 1-2 packs
- Pencil Pouch
- 1 ream white copy paper
- Pack of black sharpies
- Package of Glue Sticks (Elmer's only please)
- Ruler with inches and centimeters
- Sheet Protectors
- Baby wipes
- Box of Kleenex
- Earbuds or headphones: Personal set, in a Ziplock labeled for the computer lab to be kept at school

### **Extra possible donations that we also use throughout the year:**

Ziploc Baggies (quart/gallon)	Colored Copy Paper	Index Cards	Flair Pens
Sticky Notes	Treasure box items	Avery labels (1"x3")	Clorox wipes