



red tailed hawks news

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Principal: Tammy Hunter-Wethers • Assistant Principal: Lynn Nord



Principal Wethers' Message:



Dear Rail Ranch Families,

The Red-Tailed Hawk Newsletter (aka "family bulletin") will be emailed home monthly around the first week of each month we are in school. This bulletin is always available for viewing online on the Rail Ranch Website. It contains important information regarding the school calendar, student safety, and school reminders. If you change your email address, let us know right away! We will also email out important notices throughout the year. We will never give or sell your email address to anyone.

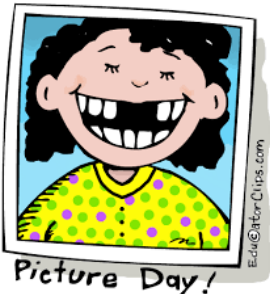
Communication is key to ensuring a successful school year for all. We encourage parents to read the bulletins and classroom newsletters, check the website regularly, and read the marquee in front of the school each week. Major announcements will also be made via our Parent Square Communication email/voice-mail system. When this happens, our computer will call every home and/or email and leave the same message. Please make sure that we have your most recent phone number and encourage family members to take a message when they receive a call from us.

Most importantly, we need parents to routinely check emails for notification of exposures. We receive notices at various times during the day and the most effective way to send directions is through the email provided. Please help us be vigilant and maintain our ability to keep our schools open.

Thank you to parents, staff, and students for the extra effort to make this work. All of you are amazing.

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

Tammy Wethers



PICTURE DAY!

Thursday, 9/16

**Be sure to wear your Best
and BIGGEST smiles!**



Resource Links:

Community
Flyers



Parent/
Student
Handbook



Lunch Menu



**WEDNESDAYS ARE EARLY
RELEASE DAYS**

K am 8:30-11:50
K pm 10:30-1:50
1st-3rd 8:30-1:45
4th-5th 8:30-1:50

Hawk Happenings

September

9/6- LABOR DAY HOLIDAY-NO SCHOOL

9/8- **NO EARLY OUT**

9/10- PTA REFLECTIONS KICK OFF

9/10- PATRIOT DAY- WEAR **RED**, **WHITE** & **BLUE**!

9/15- EARLY OUT

9/15- MVUSD AAPAC MEETING (African American Parent Advisory Committee) Virtual Meeting

9/16- PICTURE DAY

9/22- EARLY OUT

9/30- MAKE UP PICTURE DAY

• STILL ACCEPTING SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL APPLICATIONS.



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Important Reminders



Drop-off is 8:15-8:25am for grades 1-5. Morning K begins promptly at 8:25 am, Afternoon K begins promptly at 11:10am.

Pick-up is 2:40 pm for grades 1-3. Grades 4-5 is 2:45 pm. Afternoon K is 2:45 pm. Please see the student handbook for Minimum and Early Release (Wednesdays) Day schedules. No staff is available to watch students before 8:15am and after 3:00pm.

Students must be picked up before 3:00pm. (Again, please see the student handbook for Minimum and Early Release (Wednesdays) Day schedules.) **Early drop off or late pick-up may result in the police being called so that the student is safe.** Supervision is not available for siblings of students in before and after-school programs. Child care is available on campus for a fee. Please call the district office at 696-1600 for more information if you are interested in before or after-school child care.

STOP

SAFETY FIRST

SLOW

Safety in the Loop

Please **do not** leave your vehicle unattended in the loops.

- Please **do not** block the loop driveways
- Please do not block the crosswalks w/ your cars.
- Use the crosswalks when crossing the street. **NO JAYWALKING PLEASE!**
- Be cautious for children when exiting the school

Please follow these rules to keep our kiddos safe!

PTA MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Ends 9/30/21

[Rail Ranch Elem. \(jointotem.com\)](http://jointotem.com)

Help your student's class be the big winner! Class with the most memberships will win a prize for each student and a Google Home for their teacher!

**Rail Ranch Elementary School
School Site Council**

Nominations for Parent Member
2021-2022 through 2022-2023 Term

August 31, 2021

The Rail Ranch Elementary School Site Council (SSC) has three **parent** vacancies that need to be filled at this time. The purpose of this letter is to secure nominations for these open positions and get some background information for our ballot.

Our bylaws indicate that each term is two years. However, if you are really interested in getting involved with SSC and only have one year left at Rail Ranch (for example, your child is a 5th grader now), this can work as long as we have parents of younger school age children that can commit to a 2 year term. In other words, we have the flexibility to stagger the commitments over 1, 2 and 3 years if that will encourage more parents to get involved with SSC. ●

What is the SSC? School Site Council is a parent and staff advisory committee comprised of parents and staff members. This council reviews and updates Rail Ranch's Single Plan for Student Achievement, School Safety Plan, and Parent Involvement Policy, to name a few. All SSC decisions are made jointly with input from Rail Ranch staff, including our Leadership Team.

What are the duties of the SSC members? The SSC meets approximately once per month to review budgets and assessment data as they relate to our School Plan for Student Achievement, School Safety Plan, English Learner (EL) programs, Intervention programs, Enrichment programs, and Core Instruction programs.

Please fill out the bottom part of this letter and return it to the front office by September 20th . A ballot will be sent out on September 23rd, due by September 30th. (Please print form)

Three parent members are needed beginning the 2021-2022 school year. This will be a two-year term.

Sincerely,
Tammy Hunter-Wethers, Principal
Thunter-wethers@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Your name _____ Your Child's name _____
(Please Print) (Please Print)

Child's current grade (circle): K 1 2 3 4 5

Signature _____ Phone Number _____

I would like the following information about me placed on the ballot. (3-5 sentences describing yourself)

Tammy Hunter-Wethers, Principal

Counselor's Corner

Rail Ranch Elementary School
Nicole Vergara, School Counselor
nvergara@murrieta.k12.ca.us
951-696-1404 ext 2490

COUNSELING CHECK-IN FORM

[CLICK HERE](#)

FREE MENTAL HEALTH CONCIERGE

[CLICK HERE](#)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

[CLICK HERE](#)

What does an elementary counselor do?

School counselors are certified/licensed educators who improve student success for ALL students by implementing a comprehensive school counseling program.

- Teaching class lessons on social skills, bully prevention and college and career.
- Providing professional assistance and support to a student or small group of students during times of transition, heightened stress, critical change or other situations impeding student success.
- School counselors do not provide therapy or long-term counseling in schools.
- However, school counselors are prepared to recognize and respond to student mental health needs and assist students and families seeking resources.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need support for your student(s) and family.

Self-Care & Mental Health Tips for Kids



Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.

Recognize toxic stress events.

Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.

Cultivate interests and hobbies.

Set aside time for low stress or solo activities.



Encourage journaling and writing.



Encourage them to focus on the moment.

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Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.



Focus on articulating feelings.
"I am angry."
"I am sad."



Establish a self-care routine.

Upcoming...

OCTOBER IS
NATIONAL BULLY
PREVENTION MONTH

The Month Ahead

9/10: Reflections Kickoff

9/13: Grandparents Day

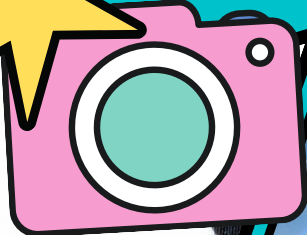
Reminders

If you haven't gotten your PTA membership

If you are interested in joining the Pta we do have a few positions still available.

Please contact us @
Railranchpta@gmail.com

PTA sponsored Reflections are coming soon. This is a great way for your students to show off their talents.



The Month Gone By

Last month we had the most amazing turn out for our Fall Book Fair. Thank you to all of our Parents, Teachers and Students for a great turn out.



***There is nowhere
to go but UP!***

<https://jointotem.com/ca/murrieta/rail-ranch-elem>

MEMBERSHIP *Contest*

THE CLASSROOM WITH THE MOST
MEMBERSHIPS PURCHASED FROM 7/1/21-
9/30/2021 WILL WIN A PRIZE FOR EACH
STUDENT AND A GOOGLE HOME FOR THE
WINNING TEACHER!



It's time for **PTA Reflections**, which allows every student to express their creativity by picking one of six categories (music, visual art, dance, literature/writing, photography, film) based on the theme: **I will change the word by...** to create an original project. We hope all students will participate.

ONLINE SUBMISSIONS: We are going to do online submissions this year again. Last year we had close to 150 submissions which was amazing given it was the first time we did online submission. Students will have to log in using their Office account (956# email address)

DUE: Entries are due the week of **Oct. 18th-21st** via online submission only.

Online entry form and more information will be explained at Friday Morning Sing and on Rail Ranch website by the kick-off date September 10th!

Questions-email Mrs. Rucker at mrucker@murrieta.k12.ca.us



I WILL CHANGE THE WORLD BY...



DANCE
CHOREOGRAPHY



MUSIC
COMPOSITION



FILM
PRODUCTION



LITERATURE

**EXPLORE THE ARTS AND
EXPRESS YOURSELF!**



PHOTOGRAPHY



VISUAL ARTS

**2021-2022
CALL FOR
ENTRIES!**

**DEADLINE
FOR ENTRIES:**

Oct. 18th-21st

Digital Entries

FOR DETAILS:

See or email Mrs. Rucker

mrucker@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Come to School When You're **HEALTHY**



Please Stay Home If You Are:



SHOWING SYMPTOMS OF POSSIBLE COVID-19



DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19



REQUIRED TO QUARANTINE

COVID-19 symptoms *may include a combination of* : Fever, cough, unexplained difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle/body aches, Unexplained headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea

STUDENTS REQUIRED BY THE SCHOOL OR PHYSICIAN TO QUARANTINE AT HOME:

Elementary:

Students will be provided with independent assignments via Canvas or paper copies and can continue to earn academic credit by completing work. Look for the Quarantine Learning Support tile in Canvas to access.

Middle School/High School:

Students can access coursework on class Canvas pages and can continue to earn academic credit by completing work.

EXCUSED ABSENCE VS. UNEXCUSED DURING SCHOOL- REQUIRED QUARANTINE:

Excused Absence:

Students who are ill or quarantining will be marked with an "Excused Absence" each day.

Unexcused Absence:

Students who are absent from school without a valid excuse (i.e., not ill, not quarantining, and do not have any other valid reason) will be marked with an "Unexcused Absence."



MURRIETA VALLEY
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT