

BLAZER POST

September 20th - September 24th

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Week at a Glance:

September 20th:

5th Grade Band Begins

September 21st:

September 22nd:

Early Dismissal Day

5:00 DELAC Meeting

September 23rd

September 24th

Wear spirit wear or school colors

8:30 Friday Spirit Assembly

iReady testing ends

Upcoming Events:

September 29th

ELAC Meeting

October 6th

BES AAPAC Meeting

October 18th- 22nd

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Minimum Days Mon-Fri



General Announcements:

Trunk or Treat:



In October, we will be bringing back this fun family event. Please start thinking about how you want to decorate those cars! We will also be asking for volunteers and candy donations as the event gets closer. Be on the lookout for more details soon!

Attendance Counts!

We want to thank all parents and guardians for your diligence on keeping your student home when they are demonstrating ill symptoms. If your child is not sick, they need to be on time and at school daily. Consistent attendance is vital to a child's success at school. Not only does it help them academically, but it also aids with their social/emotional well-being as they acclimate to being back in school after this past year and a half.

COVID Testing:

Attached is a letter that contains information, testing schedule, and a QR code to sign your child up for free COVID testing here at Buchanan.



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September 9, 2021

Re: COVID-19 Testing Information

Dear Buchanan Parent/Guardian(s),

We know how important it is to keep students at school in-person uninterrupted. And like you, we are beyond happy that students are back on campus with their teachers and friends.

Our priority this school year is to focus on meeting student needs wherever they may be; academically, socially, and overall health. Unfortunately, we are still amid a pandemic and schools are required to implement several mitigation measures to help stop the spread of COVID-19. While testing students for COVID-19 is only mandated under a modified quarantine, it is strongly encouraged as a one of several layers aimed at keeping learning in-person uninterrupted.

Recently, MVUSD has partnered with USA Medical for districtwide COVID-19 student testing. USA Medical is a full-service FDA approved COVID-19 testing company. They provide medical assistants at each school site to help facilitate and process tests using FDA approved CLIA certified labs. Test results are available within 24-48 hours of testing.

We are notifying you of this available service in case you would like to register your student for voluntary COVID-19 testing at school. Again, as of today this is optional mitigation layer.

For families interested in registering their student for voluntary on-site weekly COVID-19 testing please see the back side of this letter.

General information about COVID-19 may be found at <https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus>. You can also visit the MVUSD COVID-19 dashboard to view active cases within the school district: www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/C19Dashboard.

Respectfully,

Nicole Downer, Principal and the MVUSD Health & Safety Team

[Flip to the back side of this page for testing information](#)

COVID-19 Testing at Buchanan Elementary School

Students who wish to be tested for COVID-19 must follow the steps below to register for on-site COVID-19 testing

1. Visit USA testing website at:
<https://quicktest.labxchange.io/patientintake?testguid=B9FAE9F2D6094E4> or scan the following QR code.



2. For 'Patient Information' please enter your student's information. Note: you do not need to scan or upload a driver's license. Entering insurance information is optional as well.
3. Click 'Submit'. Once registered your student may attend testing at Buchanan on the following days and times:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Helpful Hints

Parents/Guardians of students are welcome and have the option to accompany their student to testing on-campus at the designated days and times above.

If you have questions or concerns, please call our COVID-19 hotline at 951-304-1578.