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Principal's Message

As we leave February, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Black History Month – an homage to the achievements of African Americans who have shaped American history. February was chosen to celebrate Black History Month because it's the birth month of former President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, an escaped slave and activist. Both of these men played a prominent role in the abolition of slavery.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Intelligence plus character is the goal of education." At DMMS we build character by valuing all types of diversity and respecting our differences. In turn, these diverse perspectives help build academic excellence because they broaden our understanding of the world around us.

I want to encourage our Colts to use their voices and words in a positive way to bring about significant change and to help others. Young people can have a powerful influence on society by listening, showing empathy, and acting wisely. We have recently rejuvenated our Black Student Union and African American Parent Advisory Committee (AAPAC) to gain a better perspective on how to best meet the needs of our African American students. If you or your child are interested in attending future meetings, please contact Jamie Goebel for more information at jgoebel@murrieta.k12.ca.us.

To close with another quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

Thank you,

Tom Patane



MESSAGES & DELIVERIES

Students should be responsible for remembering their work, lunches, clothing, band instruments, sports equipment, or other necessities; therefore, we do not accept items for drop off or delivery to students. No cell phones, instruments, cash, wallets, or any other valuable items can be left at the front desk or dropped off for students. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to reserve this function for true emergencies. Parents can email teachers if they need to give their students a message.

HOMEWORK HELP

[Click here!](#) 

D M M S P T S A

[Join PTSA Today.](#) 

NEW ABSENCE REPORTING LINK

[Report an Absence](#) 

REMINDERS

STUDENT DROP OFF

- Students should not exit the vehicle in the middle lane.
- No parking in handicap unless you have a placard.
- Drive the speed limit.
- Be courteous!

HEALTH OFFICE

Parents, due to the cell phone use policy, please remind your student(s) to go to the health office to call home when they are feeling sick.

STUDENT CELL PHONES

Phones must not be used during the school day including (class) time, break, and lunch.

Phones must be turned off and put away while on campus.

If a student is using their phone, staff will have the student power off their phone, put it back in their backpack, and assign an appropriate consequence.

Save the Date - CAASPP Testing

TEST PREP

- Make sure your student arrives at school on time and attends the full day each day.
- Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and has a nutritious breakfast before testing.
- Encourage your student to try a practice test.



Week 1

(April 15-19)- ELA

Week 3

(April 29-May 3rd)- Math

Week 4

(May 6-10)- Make Ups

PRACTICE TEST LINK



School UPDATES

DMMS PTSA PRESENTS

SLIME

THE PRINCIPAL FUNDRAISER!

RAISE MONEY AND SLIME MR. PATANE
IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL!


WANT TO GET A CHANCE TO SLIME YOUR PRINCIPAL?
DROP YOUR CASH DONATIONS IN YOUR LANGUAGE ARTS CLASS!
DONATIONS ACCEPTED FROM FEBRUARY 28TH - MARCH 22ND

1 CLASS
FROM EACH
GRADE WHO
RAISED THE
MOST WILL
WIN!

WINNING
CLASSES
TEACHER WILL
DRAW 3 NAMES
TO SLIME THE
PRINCIPAL!

SLIME DAY
3/27/24


**DO GOOD
WITH CHIPOTLE**



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
DOROTHY MCELHINNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL:
INCLUSIVE COLTS CLUB
33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND | 4-8PM
35938 WINCHESTER RD, WINCHESTER, CA, 92596

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE J9YGC8D
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

 **CHIPOTLE**

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Rita's
Ice-Created Happiness



**RITA'S ICE
EVERY OTHER
MONDAY IN THE
QUAD @ BOTH
LUNCHES!**

\$5 EACH!



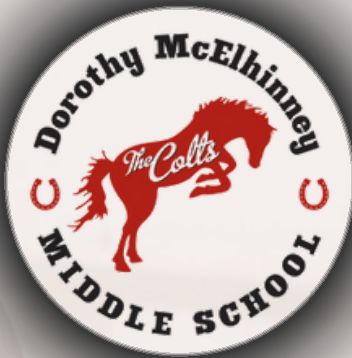
Instagram



@mcelhinneymiddleschool



MTSS REWARDS



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C

Be Our Kind of Colt!

Leading the Way Everyday

Be *O*n Task

- Follow instructions of all adults on campus
- Have all technology turned off and in your backpack
- Come prepared with all materials and dressed in school appropriate clothing
- Actively participate in class and stay on task
- Gum and food-free zone

Be *K*ind

- Treat others with acceptance and kindness
- Speak kindly and politely
- Use appropriate voice volume and tone
- Take care of all school facilities and materials
- Properly dispose of your trash

Be *C*areful

- Walk at all times
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- All sports equipment (including basketballs), put away in backpacks or carried in hands
- Use the crosswalk
- Only enter/exit cars from curb
- Walk your bikes





Virtual Parent Workshop Series

A Step Ahead

Learn strategies for addressing behavior in a purposeful, proactive manner

Workshops are offered free of charge and are open to any MVUSD parent. Please register so we can plan accordingly. If you are unable to attend at the times indicated but would like access to the video recordings, please indicate such on the registration form. Participants should plan to attend all workshops in order for maximum benefit.



Making Connections

MARCH 13

9:30-10:30am elementary
11:00am-12pm middle-high

Examining Behavior

MARCH 20

9:30-10:30am elementary
11:00am-12pm middle-high

Reinforcing Behavior

MARCH 27

9:30-10:30am elementary
11:00am-12pm middle-high

Determining Reasons

APRIL 10

9:30-10:30am elementary
11:00am-12pm middle-high

Teaching Skills

APRIL 17

9:30-10:30am elementary
11:00am-12pm middle-high

FOR QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE, PLEASE EMAIL TLOCKHART@MURRIETA.K12.CA.US

Full Service After School Sports Program

**Grade 6 OPPORTUNITY
FREE, IN PERSON**

Dorothy McElhinney Middle School



MURRIETA VALLEY
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Murrieta Valley Unified School District will be offering free after-school enrichment activities for students with the help of Elevo for the 2023-2024 school year. Elevo's Elevate program is aligned with the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) requirements.

What are the dates of the sessions?

Sessions take place from: **November 29–May 31**

Start/End Times

Monday: **3:00pm–6:00pm**

Tuesday: **3:00pm–6:00pm**

Wednesday: **1:30pm–6:00pm**

Thursday: **3:00pm–6:00pm**

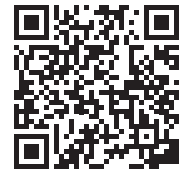
Friday: **3:00pm–6:00pm**

Note: Elevo and School staff will help facilitate snack. Any known food allergies must be communicated to the Site Coordinator by or before the first attended session.



ELEVO
EXPANDED LEARNING

**Interested?
Scan or click on the
QR code below.**



What's included?

Free snacks will be included, alongside the offerings below:



**Rotating Academic
Support**



Enrichment Activities



Sports



**SEL Infused Games
& Activities**

Counselor's Corner

Hello, Colt Families!

Some of you have inquired about the application process for some of our year-long electives. Please see the information below.

Unified PE Application

Mrs. Johnston cjohnston@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Unified Electives Application

Mrs. DesRoberts-Youngdale tdesroberts-youngdale@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Peer Mentor Application

Mrs. Huth rhuth@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Mrs. Nelson canelson@murrieta.k12.ca.us

DMMS Band Information

Mr. Merrin smerrin@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Theater Arts and Tech Theater Information

Miss Barnett dbarnett@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Yearbook Application

Mrs. Harbour wharbour@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Zero Period Robotics

Mr. Youngdale kyoungdale@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Dancefinity Application

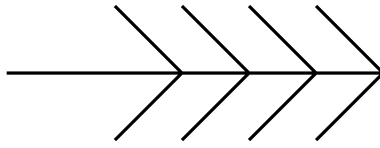
Mrs. Jones cajones@murrieta.k12.ca.us

ASB/Senate Application

Mrs. Files sfiles@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Advanced Choir Information

Ms. Ridgeway dridgeway@murrieta.k12.ca.us



Cheer Application

Ms. Galindo ngalindo@murrieta.k12.ca.us



If you have further questions about electives, please reach out to your child's counselor. Please note that the electives above are the electives that have a selection/application process. Electives that do not require an application can be requested through the Aeries portal beginning April 11th.