

# The BC Corral

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## #weareBRONCOS

*We started the second semester with a New Attitude!*

Stacey Elliott, Administration

New Years Eve brought many things this year, but the most joyous was the end of 2020. Like years before, 2020 was ushered in with excitement of what will be. What new experiences will I have? We just did not realize it would be a year of utter chaos. The pandemic not only brought much heartache and sadness to families across the world, but it brought forth the many questions and unknowns. One of them being, what would school look like? Would kids be able to go back? Can we successfully teach our children without being in school? Mustang, along with all school districts, was facing the obstacle of

making sure our children and staff were safe. As August approached, stress levels were rising. We were sailing into uncharted waters and no one knew how rough they would be, but here we are! It is

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the beginning of 2021, and MPS is starting the third quarter providing both in-person instruction and distance learning to our children. Through all the craziness, Bronco Club has done its best to

keep up. This has been a learning year not only for us, but for all administrators, teachers, students, and parents. Being Broncos, we have done what we do, adapted and persevered through all the close contacts and quarantines. Therefore, we say, "GOOD RIDDANCE" to 2020. Our goal is keeping a positive attitude for 2021. Bronco Club is looking to the future, and we see greatness in our classes, halls, playgrounds, people, streets and our community. As always Broncos put their best foot forward and never give up. #beamazing #mustangstrong #weareBRONCOS ■

# Safety and Health is Still Our Priority.

Kirk Wilson, Communications Director

The District shares weekly updates in line with their commitment to transparent communication and within the boundaries of privacy law ( FER-PA / HIPAA ).

Mustang Public Schools' COVID data, which includes reporting from Friday, April 9 through Thursday, April 15, reflected a slight decrease in COVID incidents (quarantines/isolations) throughout the District with new incidents decreasing to 48, from 82 last week, which made the total Active Incidents drop from 101 to 90. The total active cases in today's report was 9, as compared to 7 last week, but the total active quarantines decreased from 94 last week to 81 today. The District shares weekly updates in line with their commitment to transparent communication and within the boundaries of privacy law (FER-PA/HIPAA).

"This Spring has really represented a change in thinking for us," Superintendent Charles Bradley said. "We have gone from looking at data and situations from the perspective of 'when will we close [a school or the District]' to 'what does it take to keep us in-person for the remainder of the year.' We are focused on prevention measures, such as vaccinations, face coverings worn with fidelity, hand hygiene, and physical distancing. We know this works as evidenced by our 94% reduction in flu this year compared to 2020-21 (which was cut short in mid-flu season due to the statewide cessation of schools in response to the COVID-19 pandemic). We will continue to work to provide the best educational experience for our students, despite this pandemic, and ask that all do their part to help curb the spread of COVID-19." ■

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Ms. Haverly (music teacher) strumming through the day with Macy Lloyd (Left) and Henley Godman (Right) at Mustang Elementary.

Stacey Elliott, MCE Admin Assistant

At Bronco Club our goal is to not only make sure our children are safe, but we want to enhance their lives as well. Kids are like sponges. They are eager and inquisitive to learn new things. Tanya Bernhardt, BC coordinator, is always trying to find new and interesting activities for the kids to do.

She has enlisted one of the music teachers (Erica Haverly) at Mustang Elementary. Ms. Haverly works at Bronco Club a couple days a week and does centers with instruments. Not

only is she caring for kids, but she is sharing her love of music with them. Just the other day they were working with bongos and drums and as you can see in the above picture the kids are playing ukuleles.

When you hear the word ukulele, we automatically think of sandy beaches and tropical forests of the Islands of Hawaii. What we might not realize is that introducing our children to music in any form helps them in other areas. Being musical may not necessarily improve an IQ, but it will provide discipline, appreciation, and respect which

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gives them pride in their work. It provides an outlet where kids can express themselves and be creative. Also, let's be honest, playing a ukulele is just plain fun. This is the goal during Bronco Club. Children are introduced to areas that will enrich their learning experience. We want them to learn while having fun. With a focus on, learning

## ...ENGAGING...



# When in Doubt, Stay Home.

MPS Health/Safety Plan

Student Symptoms Impacting Consideration for Exclusion from School:

Recognize the following COVID-19 related symptoms:

- A fever of 100.4° F or greater, or
- New loss of taste or smell, or
- Cough, or
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or
- Chills, or
- Repeated shaking with chills, or
- Muscle pain, or
- Headache, or
- Sore throat

Please remember to report all exposures/close-contacts, quarantines, isolations and/or positive cases to [COVID19@mustangps.org](mailto:COVID19@mustangps.org). ■



Thanks to Kelly Sikkema for sharing their work on Unsplash.

# The Real MVPs.....



Malinda Elliott, Trails Elementary

I am the Bronco Club coordinator for Trails Elementary and have been since the beginning in Fall of 2016. I currently teach Kindergarten for Trails and have taught in Mustang for 30 years.

*My students are always surprising me with their insights and observations. They have taught me hands down that little people are the coolest.*

Mustang is my hometown. We came here in 1983 and I graduated from Mustang High School in 1986. I love my community because I was not only raised here, but I have raised my own children here and also get to see my students when we

are out and about.

I have four children, seven grandchildren, and 4 grandpuppies. What I love is that we all live in Mustang and are very close. A few of my grandkids actually attend Bronco Club.

What I like most about being a teacher is the "aahhaa" moment and when a student loves school. I had a former student approach me in public and tell me they loved school and then thanked me. It literally gave me a lump in my throat to hear that.

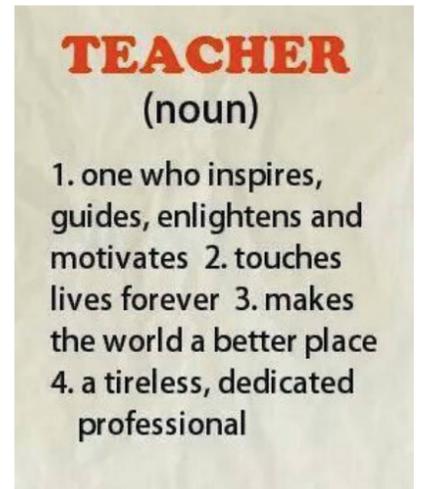
The hardest part of being a teacher for me is sending them to the next teacher. During my time with them, we cultivate a relationship. I love when they come back to tell me what they are doing. Their success is my success.

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I really do not have a specific hobby. My family is very important so I would say my kids and grandkids take up my time. When they play a sport or are involved in an activity, I love to support them. Also,

I do love the outdoors. Anything that involves being outside I am up for trying.

This year is my fifth year to do Bronco Club. I am proud to be a part of this program. The service we provide our parents is invaluable. I know, as a parent myself, it is a comfort to know and have faith in the people taking care of your babies. If an autobiography was written today about my life, I would have to say the title would be "Blessed Beyond Belief". ■



## Staff Highlights



Kendall Walker, Creek Elementary

This is my second year at Mustang Creek and in Mustang School District as a paraprofessional. Initially, I was set to start at Bronco Club after Spring Break 2020, but we all know what happened there. So, this is the first school year I have worked for BC. This is also my first job in education and I love it so much.

Mustang feels like a huge family. No matter what location you work at, people still treat others like family. My favorite part

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of my job is helping students. When you watch a student who is struggling at the beginning, and get to see them change and grow into themselves is wonderful. The hardest part is not being able to help them in all the ways I wish I could. I have 4 kids-an

8th grade daughter at Central Middle (Gwen), and 3 boys at Creek. Cullen in 3rd, Townsend in 1st and Lincoln in kindergarten. I love OU, and pretty much ANYTHING leopard. We are involved at our church. If I had an autobiography it would probably be called something along the lines of Blessed and Stressed. ■



### Department Contact Information

Bronco Club is a division of Mustang Community Education. We are happy to welcome the addition of two new staffers. Jean-Marie and Julie both bring experience and excitement to our programs. Welcome to the club.

From left to right:

- Kris Green - MCE/Bronco Club Director
- Jean-Marie Otto - BC Operations Clerk
- Stacey Elliott - MCE Administrative Assistant
- Julie Chastain - BC District Coordinator

Contact us at: 405-376-7838



Mustang Community Education Team

# SUMMER CAMP 2021:



Photo by Ylanite Koppens from Pexels

We will be offering our ever-popular summer camps this year. We offer weekly camps, so parents can pick and choose which weeks they want their child to attend. Accounts will be charged tuition at the time the contract is approved. At approval a confirmation will be sent to the email on file.

**Discount:** There is a \$20 sibling discount, after first child, for children living in same household.

**Refunds:** A refund, minus a \$50 program fee, will be made up to one week (7 days) prior to the start of camp. No refunds thereafter.

**Location:** Riverwood Elementary.

CAMP DATES	LOCATION	TUITION	ENROLLMENT DEADLINE
May 24-28, 2021	Riverwood Elementary	\$180	May 10
June 1-4, 2021	↑	\$150	May 17
June 7-11, 2021		\$180	May 24
June 14-18, 2021		\$180	June 1
June 21-25, 2021		\$180	June 7
June 28-July 2, 2021		\$180	June 14
July 6-9, 2021		\$150	June 21
July 12-16, 2021		\$180	June 28
July 19-23, 2021	↓	\$180	July 6
July 26-30, 2021		\$180	July 12

**Enroll @ <https://mustangps.ce.eleyo.com/child-care/1/bronco-club>**

## Friendly Reminders

Tuition & Payment Information, **Handbook, Pg 6**



Tuition is due on Tuesday of each week for the current week. Parents have until that night at 11:59 p.m. to pay for their week of tuition before incurring a \$15 late payment fee. Implementing Eleyo allows parents to manage their account online, including enrollment, updating account information, and making payments.

### Important:

A late payment fee if accrued will appear on the following week's invoice.

Any remaining balance, whether tuition or fees, will acquire a late fee every Wednesday - until a zero balance remains. ■

Withdrawals & Changes - **Handbook, Pg 6**

Bronco Club must be given seven (7) days notice to change a schedule or withdraw from the program. Notice allows for billing adjustments to be made and additional fees to be avoided. **Parents are responsible for tuition during the seven (7) day notice.** If notice is not given, parents will be charged a minimum of one week's tuition.

Withdrawals and Change Requests are managed online at <https://mustangps.ce.eleyo.com>.

A \$5.00 change request fee will be incurred for each attendance change requested. ■

