

2026–2027 School Year

WELCOME TO RAIL RANCH ELEMENTARY

RED-TAILED HAWKS C.A.R.E



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August 2026

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About Rail Ranch

Welcome parents and families to Rail Ranch Elementary. We are so happy to have you. At Rail Ranch we are proud of the student-centered and family-oriented community that we have established. We strive to create an environment that not only focuses on student empowerment, but our family connections as well.

Contact Information



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7:30 AM - 3:15 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7:30 AM - 2:15 PM Wednesday



Administration



Principal
Lynn Nord



Asst. Principal
Nicholas Lawson

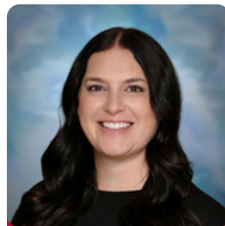
Office Staff



Secretary
Monica Villafranco



Attendance
Michelle Tompkins



Receptionist
Laura Giancola



Health Tech
Daysis Urias

Additional Staff



School Councilor
Nicole Vergara



Librarian
Jennifer Harris

Dear Rail Ranch Families,

As the proud principal of Rail Ranch, I am thrilled to welcome you back for another exciting year of learning and growth! Whether you are new to our school or returning, you ARE a Red-Tailed Hawk—and an important part of our vibrant community of learners.

At Rail Ranch, we are committed to creating a positive and inclusive environment where every student can thrive. Through our C.A.R.E. values, students, staff, and families work together to foster a strong sense of belonging and mutual respect. Our focus on academic excellence begins with the meaningful relationships we build—with each other and with you.

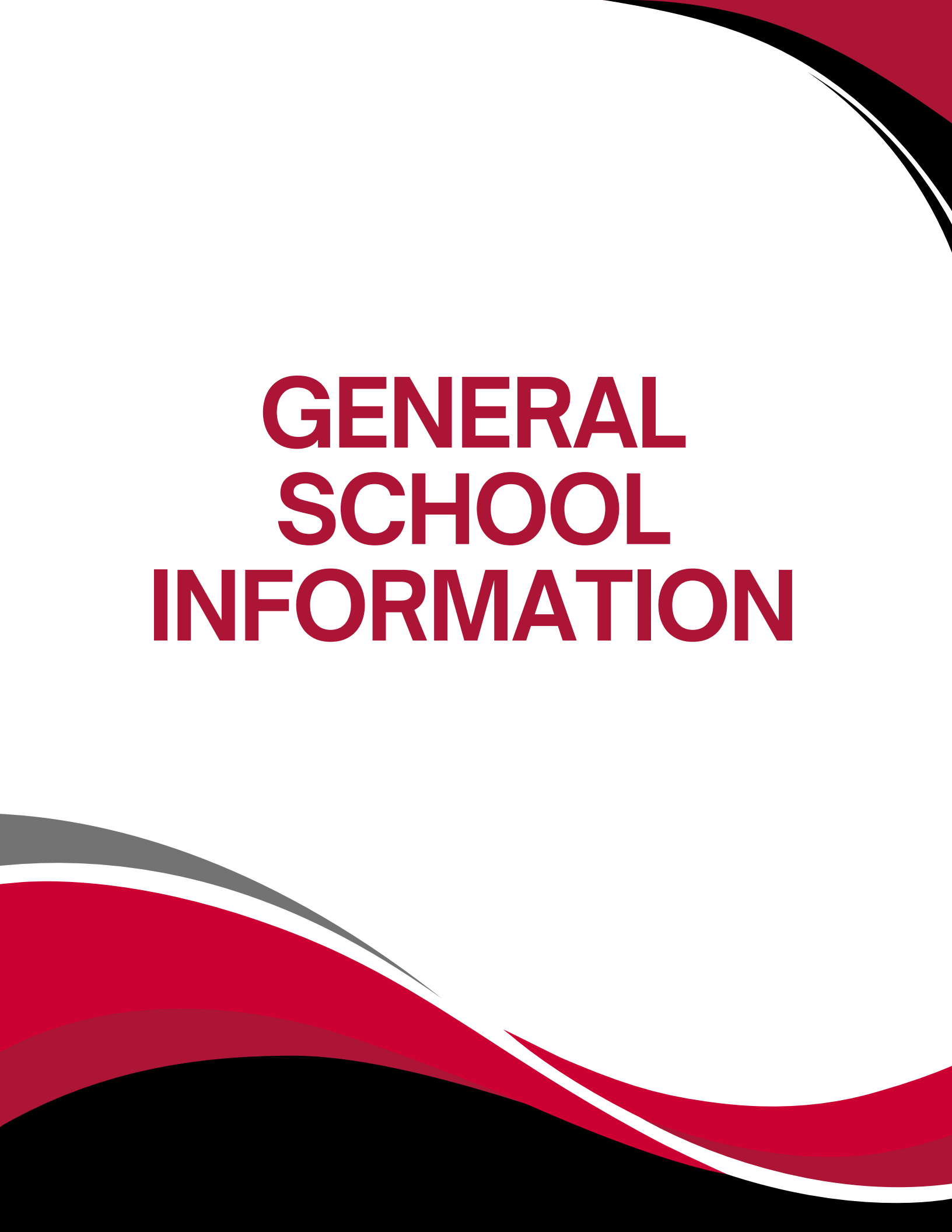
As we begin this new school year, I encourage you to be an active partner in your child's education. The connection between home and school is powerful, and your voice and involvement are deeply valued.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's safety, growth, and bright future. Together, let's make this a year to soar!

Let's go, Red-Tailed Hawks!

Warmly,
Lynn Nord
Principal





GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION



Fun Facts

Our Mission is to ensure high levels of learning in a safe environment by building systems that educate and empower the whole child.

The school's motto is
Red Tailed Hawks C.A.R.E.

which stands for:

**Compassion
Achievement
Responsibility
Excellence**

Rail Ranch is named after the Floyd Rail family, one of the original settlers of Murrieta.

School Mascot is a
RED-TAILED HAWK

School colors are
RED and BLACK

The Rail Ranch School Song was written by Mark and Sue Ackley, who were both MVUSD teachers.



Arrival and Dismissal

Meet and Eat (Breakfast)

Breakfast and before school care are provided in our MPR from 7:00 to 8:00 every day, free of charge. Students in grades TK/K will be walked by a staff member to the kindergarten yard at 7:45. Breakfast service typically begins 30-45 minutes before school in the MPR/cafeteria.

This before-school breakfast program will be open to students only.

Arrival

Students may enter through the Breezeway Gate (by the office) in the morning between 7:45am and 8:00am where staff will be present to welcome them and provide supervision in our Amphitheater area. TK and Kinder students will be guided by staff to the kindergarten yard where they will have supervised play. Students that arrive after 8:05 am must enter through the office and will receive a tardy slip.

- AM preschool students will enter through the front office.
- PM Preschool, TK, and Kindergarten students will enter through the Kindergarten gate.

Family members are welcome to park their vehicle in a designated parking space and walk their student to the gate, but only students will be permitted beyond the gate beginning Wednesday, August 12th.

During arrival, both Loop 1 (Office Loop) and Loop 2 (Solar Panel Loop) may be used for student drop off. Please pull all the way forward when dropping off your student(s).

Dismissal

The Breezeway Gate and Loop 2 gate will open at 2:15pm for dismissal. TK, Kinder, 4th and 5th Graders will exit through the Breezeway, while 1st, 2nd and 3rd Graders will exit through the gate located in Loop 2.

- AM Preschool, AM TK and AM Kindergarten students will exit through the Kindergarten gate.

Families that would like to park, walk up and wait for their student(s), please do so in the grass located in loop 2.

The buses will also be using loop 2, so please pull over to the right as much as possible to make room for them.



Visitor Check-In

To ensure student safety, all adult visitors must have a pre-arranged appointment with a classroom teacher or school administrator in order to access campus during the school day, at arrival, or at dismissal.

Families are welcome to attend Friday Flag assemblies and other scheduled classroom or grade-level celebrations. These events will be communicated by teachers or the front office in advance and all campus visitors will be required to be screened through the Raptor Visitor Management System for all events unless otherwise noted.

Raptor Visitor Management System

Visitors must check in at the front office with a valid, state-issued ID and be screened through the Raptor visitor management system. Once cleared, Raptor will issue a temporary badge that includes the visitor's name, date, and purpose of visit. Raptor has served as our district's visitor management system since 2017 and remains an important layer of safety at all school sites.

Save Time with the Raptor Safe App!

The Raptor Safe Visitor system includes a free app that allows parents, guardians, and emergency contacts to complete check-in steps ahead of time. Once registered at home, you can use an "Express Lane" for faster campus entry—check-in takes about 10 seconds! Here's how to get started:

- Download the Raptor Safe app from your phone's app store. (Click graphic to go to App Store or Google Play)
- When registering, leave the district code field blank—no code is needed.
- After completing your profile, you'll receive a unique QR code to use for each visit.





Attendance

In order for your child to receive the very best education possible, they need to be in school every day. We realize, however, that students do get sick and will miss school.

Reporting an Absence

If your child must be absent or tardy for any reason, please call or email the attendance clerk before 10am on the morning of the absence.

ATTENDANCE CLERK
Michelle Tompkins
mtompkins@murrieta.k12.ca.us
(951) 696-1404 ext. 2492

Attendance emails and voicemails should include the following information:

- Student's full name
- Student's grade
- Name & relationship of the person calling in the report
- Date(s) of absence
- Reason for absence

If you are going to be out of town, please contact the teacher several days in advance.

Tardies

We respect the importance of quality instructional time. Teachers will start their classes on time and students should be at school, in their seat, and ready for instruction when the day begins. Interruptions due to tardiness take away from learning time and disrupt the class. Tardy students must report to the office as soon as they arrive at school.



Friday Morning Sing

Directly after arrival on Fridays

On Friday mornings we gather as a school community to listen to announcements from school administration, the PTA, students and staff. Classes often give presentations and performances. We always end Friday Morning Sing by singing our school song. Encourage your students to learn the lyrics below so that they can sing along!

Families are always welcome to stay for Friday Morning Sing!

WATCH OUT FOR

- Events and Presentations
 - First Responders Day
 - PTA Reflections
 - Class Presentations
- Special Performances
 - Classes singing and dancing
 - Cultural Performances
 - Rail Ranch Sings
- Awards
 - Support Person of the Year (SPOTY)
 - Teacher of the Year (TOTY)
 - Honorary Service Awards
 - C.A.R.E. Awards

These events and performances will be announced in the school newsletter and teacher communications.

RAIL RANCH SCHOOL SONG

Words and Music by Mark and Sue Ackley

Verse 1

Rail Ranch is a place for learning
Honesty, friendship and truth,
We are eager to be the best
In what we try to do.

Chorus

We are the Red-tailed Hawks.
Black and the red we wear
We are proud of Rail Ranch School.
We work and play with care.
We are the Red-tailed Hawks
We use the Golden Rule.
We're in search of excellence.
Our minds are our best tool.

Verse 2

Rail Ranch is a place for striving.
Making our world the best.
We stand firmly and join our hands.
Our strength will pass the test.

Chorus

We are the Red-tailed Hawks.
Black and the red we wear
We are proud of Rail Ranch School.
We work and play with care.
We are the Red-tailed Hawks
We use the Golden Rule.
We're in search of excellence.
It's here at Rail Ranch School.



Annual Events

There are many fun school events to look forward to throughout the year. Here are a few to watch out for.

Fall

Back to School Night
Back to School Picnic
Bike/Walk to School Day
Fall Festival
Canned Food Drive
Parent / Teacher Conferences
Book Fair

Winter & Spring

Caroling in the Breezeway
Open House
PTA Fun Run
Rail Ranch Sings
Book Fair
Grad Walk
Kinder and 5th Grade Promotion

It is important that you read the school newsletter, Aeries communications as well as the newsletters and emails from your child's teacher in order to receive specific dates and information about these events.



Aeries Portal



Aeries is the online student, parent and teacher portal used to manage student profiles, grades, communication and all other administrative items needed to ensure our students thrive throughout their academic life. The portal provides easy access and shares real-time information for parents, students and their school sites.

Parents/Guardians

Use your Portal account to monitor your child's attendance, grades, test scores, and assessments. This portal is also used for registration and/or re-enrollment document confirmation at the beginning of each school year and is how you will receive your child's teacher assignments.

Students

Sign into Aeries with your school provided email and password to access your class assignment, report cards, standardized tests scores, messages, and more.

Aeries Help

If you need help with Aeries, contact our family technology support email techhelp@murrieta.k12.ca.us . This email is only monitored from Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4:30pm.

For more information on Creating and Accessing the Aeries portal, visit the Aeries page on the district website:

<https://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/Domain/4265>



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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast and Lunch are available to all students at no cost.



Current menus are available on the nutrition services website:

<https://murrietaschoolnutrition.com>

Bus Service

School bus passes are available if needed. Fees are based on family income and date purchased by.



Visit the district's Transportation website for more information on bus rider eligibility and how to purchase a bus pass.

<https://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/Page/33118>

SEED

Student Enrichment Extended Day (SEED) Before/After School program is available on campus through Early Learning & Enrichment Services.



Visit the district's Family Services website for more information and to register and submit an interest application.

<https://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/Page/226>



Extended Learning Opportunities

Rail Ranch is home to a variety of after school activities and MVUSD Extended Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP) classes. Your student is bound to find something they are interested in trying. Here are some of the after school classes and activities commonly offered:

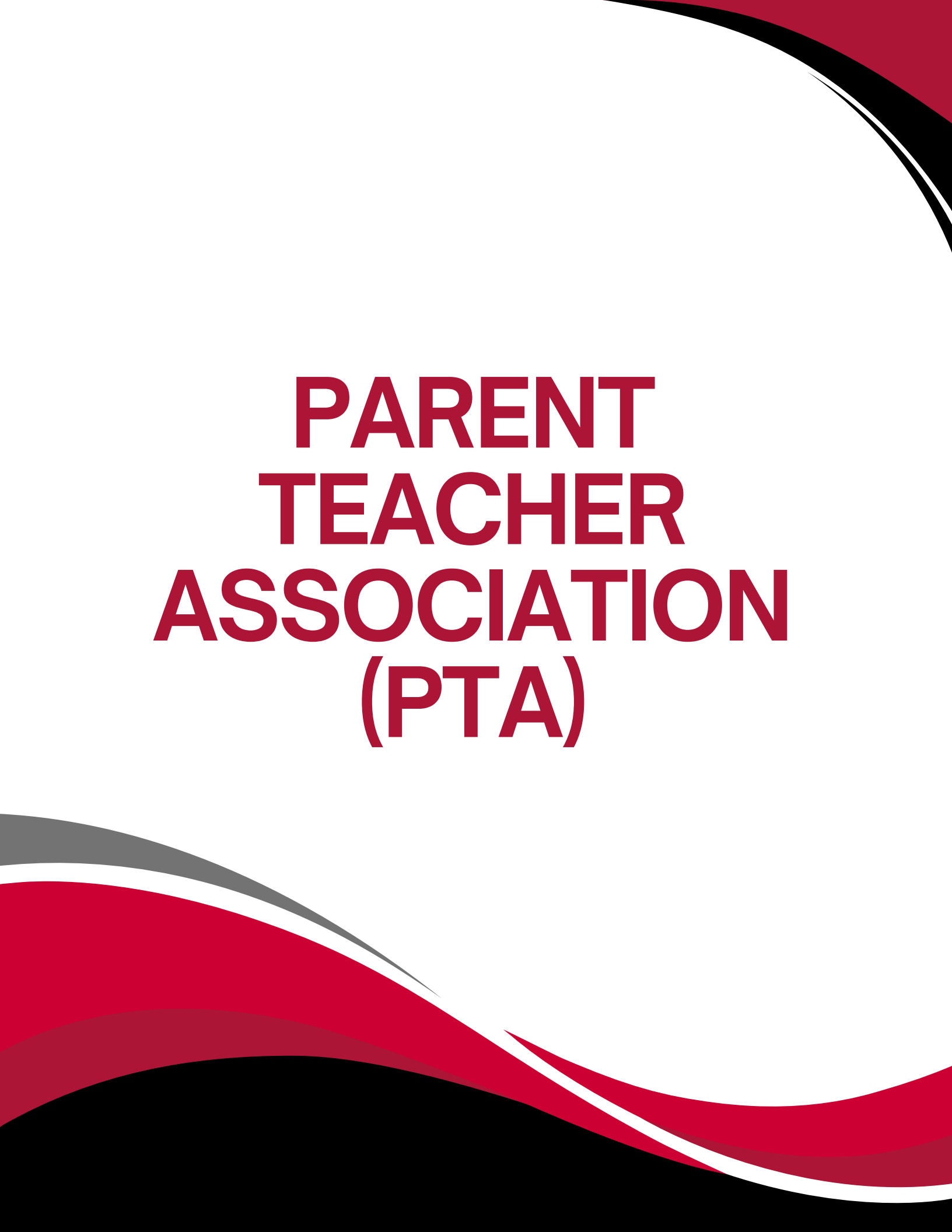
- Homework Help
- C.A.R.E. Crew/C.A.R.E. Cubs
- 5th Grade Band
- Robotics/Coding
- Art/Comics Creation
- Sports (soccer, basketball, flag football, track and field, etc.)
- Chess
- Rubik's Cube
- Dance Team
- Drama
- ASB



Family Engagement

We are proud to offer many ways for families to become more involved in the Rail Ranch community. Most of these groups hold regular meetings or sponsor events that allow you to get together with other Rail Ranch families and/or volunteer your time on campus.

- African American Parent Advisory Committee (AAPAC)
- Career Technical Education Advisory
- English Language Advisory Council (ELAC)
- Latino Parent Advisory Committee (LPAC)
- Military Family Support Committee
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Site Council (SSC)
- Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC)
- Superintendent Councils



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)



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PTA[®]
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Lynn Nord, Principal

Dani Pegnato, PTA President

Hello Rail Ranch Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for another great school year. Whether you're returning or new to the school, we're so glad you're here and part of our community.

My name is Dani Pegnato, and I'm honored to serve as your PTA President again this year. I'm the parent of two children, a ninth grader who attends Vista and a fifth grader here at Rail Ranch. Our family has been part of the Rail Ranch community since 2016, and we truly love this school!

I'm lucky to work with an incredible group of PTA officers and board members who bring dedication, creativity, and heart to everything they do. Together, we're committed to making this a fun, inclusive, and enriching year for our entire school community.

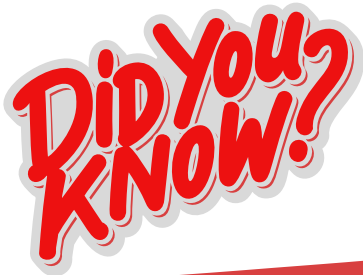
If you're not familiar with the PTA, we're a group of parents, caregivers, teachers, and staff working together to support our school through events, volunteering, and fundraising. We help fund field trips, assemblies, school improvements, and educational programs, and we organize fun events that bring our school community together.

Getting involved doesn't require a huge time commitment. Every little bit helps. Whether you want to lead a committee, help at an event, or just stay in the loop, there's a place for you. We'd love to have you join the PTA and bring your voice, ideas, and energy.

Thank you for being part of our school community. Together, we can make this school year the best one yet!

Warm regards,

Dani Pegnato
Rail Ranch PTA President, 2026-2027
PTA_RRES@Murrieta.k12.ca.us



RAIL RANCH ELEMENTARY PTA DOES THAT?!

PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN

- Literacy Programs
- Speakers and Assemblies
- Reflections Art Program
- Field Trips
- Red Ribbon Week
- Book Fair

BUILDS COMMUNITY

- Supports our Military (Valentines for Vets, Veterans Breakfast)
- Dollars for Scholars
- Honorary Service Awards

BRINGS FAMILIES TOGETHER

- Fall Festival
- Fun Family Events (Game Night, Starry Night, Movie Night, Family Dances and More)

SUPPORTS AND IMPROVES

- Equipment Donations
- School Improvement Projects
- Health and Safety Supplies
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Room Parents
- Memory Hand Tiles
- Provides Volunteers

How Can you get involved?

By joining the PTA, participating in school fundraisers and volunteering your time you can help make all of this possible!



**Scan here
to join
the PTA!**

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



**Scan here if
you are willing
to help out at
PTA events!**

Rail Ranch PTA Needs You!

PTA MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Rail Ranch PTA hosts exciting events and helps our school pay for field trips, assemblies and school improvements.

Your annual dues help to fund these important programs!

ONLY \$11
TO BECOME
A MEMBER!

HELP YOUR STUDENT'S
CLASS EARN A PARTY!

SCAN THE QR
CODE TO
REGISTER!

Don't forget to put your students' name and teacher in the notes!



By signing up you are not obligated to attend meetings or volunteer at events

2026 - 2027 Highlights



AUGUST

- First Day of School - 8/10
- Back to School Night - 8/13 - 5-6pm
- Welcome Back Breakfast* and PTA General Association Meeting - 8/14 - After FMS
- Membership Drive Begins* - 8/14
- Reflections Submissions Begin* - 8/28



SEPTEMBER

- No School (Labor Day) - 9/7
- Fall Book Fair* - 9/14 - 9/18
- Back to School Family Picnic* - 9/16 - 5-7pm
- Membership Drive Ends* - 9/25



OCTOBER

- No School - 10/2 - 10/5
- Walk, Bike and Roll to School Day* - 10/7
- Parent/Teacher Conferences - 10/13 - 10/16
- Reflections Submissions End* - 10/12
- Fall Festival* - 10/23
- Red Ribbon Week - 10/26 - 10/30



NOVEMBER

- No School (Professional Development) - 11/2
- Reflections Party* - 11/4 - 5:30 - 6:30pm
- Veteran's Brunch* - 11/6 - After FMS
- No School (Veteran's Day) - 11/11
- No School (Thanksgiving Break) - 11/23 - 11/27



DECEMBER

- Caroling in the Breezeway - 12/14 - 12/18
- In-school Holiday Event* - 12/16
- No School (Winter Break) - 12/21 - 1/8



JANUARY

- No School (Winter Break) - 12/21 - 1/8
- No School (Professional Development) - 1/11
- General Association Meeting (Virtual)* - 1/12 - 7pm
- No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) - 1/18
- Fun Run Kick Off* - TBA



FEBRUARY

- Fun Run* - TBA
- Honorary Service Award Nominations* - 2/8 - 2/26
- VIP Family Dance* - 2/11 - 5 - 7pm
- No School (President's Day) - 2/12 - 2/15



MARCH

- Game Night and PTA General Association Meeting* - 3/4 - 5 - 7pm
- Honorary Service Awards* - 3/12 - at FMS
- Spring Book Fair* - 3/15 - 3/19
- Open House - 3/18
- No School (Spring Break) - 3/22 - 3/26



APRIL

- S.T.E.M. Night* - 4/15 - 5 - 7pm
- Career Fair - 4/23



MAY

- Staff Appreciation Week - 5/3 - 5/7
- PTA General Association Meeting (Virtual) - 5/4 - 7pm
- No School (Memorial Day) - 5/31



JUNE

- Kindergarten Promotion - 6/1
- High School Senior Walk - 6/1
- Rail Ranch Sings - 6/2
- 5th Grade Promotion - 6/3
- Last Day of School - 6/4

* PTA Programs and Fundraisers (Subject to Change)

Keep up to date on PTA news and events by following us on social media and reading the weekly school newsletter!



Rail Ranch Elementary PTA



@railranchpta



GRADE LEVEL INFORMATION

Welcome to **Preschool**



A welcome note...

Our Preschool Team



Mrs. Hearn, Mrs. Molina

What Your Child Should Bring to School

- Reusable water bottle
- 2 sets of extra clothes
- A big smile
- The desire to learn!

School Year Goals

- To make each day the best it can be
- Make new friends
- Make positive growth

What to Expect This Year

We are so excited for this year at Rail Ranch. Welcome to preschool. One of our goals is to set up your student for future success in their classrooms. We will be learning through play and making sure everyday is a great memory.



Welcome to Transitional Kindergarten

We are thrilled to have you and your little one join us on this exciting journey of learning and growth.

Together, we will create a nurturing environment where your child can explore, discover, and develop a love for learning all through play!

Our TK Team



Mrs. Dade, Mrs. Giron, Mrs. Suitor, & Mrs. Parsley

What Your Child Should Bring to School

- **Flip-top water bottle**
 - Please label with name
- **Change of clothes**
 - shirt, pants, underwear, socks
- **Backpack (no wheels please)**

School Year Goals

- Writing name
- Identifying most of the letter names & sounds
- Express emotions & respond appropriately
- Begin to resolve peer conflicts with & without an adult
- Persevere when something is difficult
- Recognize & count numbers to 10
- Fine motor & gross motor skills

What to Expect This Year

We provide activities and lessons geared to developing the physical, social, and academic skills needed to become independent and self-confident learners.

Indoor Play

- Beading
- Painting with a variety of tools
- Cutting & tearing
- Tracing
- Squishing, cutting, and rolling playdoh
- Building
- Arts & crafts
- Kinetic sand
- Musical play: scarves, sticks, egg shakers, drums, castanets

Outdoor Play

- Dirt, mud, sand, and water play
- Running, jumping, balancing, galloping, etc.
- Building
- Push/pull heavy objects
- Swinging
- Scooters, trikes, roller racers
- Climbing
- Games
- Bouncing, throwing, catching, kicking, and rolling balls, bean bags, or other objects



Welcome to Kindergarten

Kinder Team

Welcome to Rail Ranch Kindergarten! We are so excited you are here! We can't wait to meet all of you and make this year a fun and memorable experience.



Terra Borges, Elaine Kim, Iris Martin

What Your Child Should Bring to School

- Full-Size Backpack
- Headphones (no earbuds)
- Water Bottle
- Healthy Snack

School Year Goals

- Independent Learner
- Achieve CA State Standards
- Social Emotional Growth

What to Expect This Year

- Fall/Spring Field Trips
- Kindergarten Fall Festival
- Kindergarten Performances
- Hands on learning activities
- Monthly Family Projects
- Family involvement for special events
- Kindergarten End of Year Celebration



Welcome to 1st Grade

1st Grade Team

Welcome to the wonderful world of First Grade!

First Grade is an exciting time when students transition into attending school for a full day. In First Grade, children learn foundational skills in reading, writing, and math, including basic reading comprehension, sentence formation, along with addition and subtraction. Healthy social skills and work habits are developed. The First Grade Team is excited to embark upon, and partner with you on this thrilling learning journey!



Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Sattari, Mrs. Hoffmann

What Your Child Should Bring to School

- Headphones
- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Snack
- Crayola crayons 24 count
- Crayola Markers 10 count

Please see your teacher for the most up-to-date list

School Year Goals

Master California State Standards

Work towards independence

What to Expect This Year

Reading: Foundational Skills, integrating knowledge and ideas through literature.

Math: Add & Subtract within 20, Understand place value, Measure lengths indirectly, Represent & Interpret data.

Writing: Know text types and purposes, produce independent writing (Opinion, Narrative, and Informative.)

Science: Physical, Earth & Life Science.

Social Studies: Rules, State and National Symbols, Community, Past, Present, and Future.

VAPA: Weekly experiences involving the arts



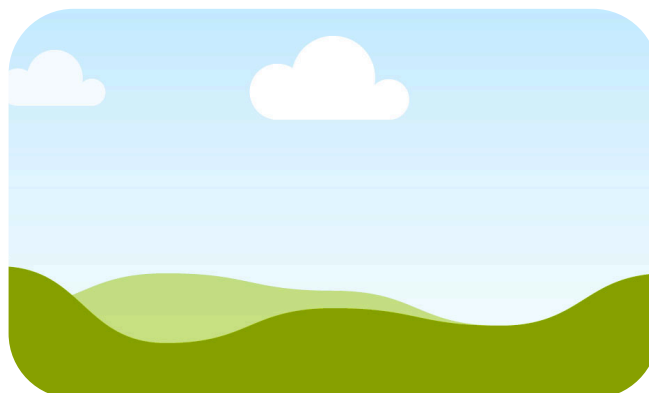
Welcome to 2nd Grade

Welcome to 2nd grade!

This will be an exciting year of learning, growth, exploration, community building, and C.A.R.E.!

We can't wait to meet you!

2nd Grade Team



Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Masters, Mrs. Fagan

What Your Child Should Bring to School

We greatly appreciate donations for our classrooms throughout the school year. (i.e.: headphones, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, markers, 1" white 3 ring binder, spiral notebook, wide-ruled line paper, Xerox paper, highlighters, dry-erase markers, glue sticks, and black fine point Sharpie markers.) ***Please see your teacher for the most up-to-date list***

School Year Goals

Second grade is an incredible time of both social and academic growth and responsibility for your child. We are confident that with a close parent-teacher partnership, your child will receive a motivating and high-quality education.

ELA : identifying who, what, where, when, main ideas and key details in literature and informational text.
Writing: complete sentences beginning with capitals and ending with correct punctuation. Students are expected to write 1-2 paragraphs by the end of Second Grade.
Math: addition and subtraction of 2 and 3-digit numbers, time, money, problem-solving, geometry, and data analysis.

What to Expect This Year

- Think, Pair, Share and apply positive Growth Mindset strategies daily.
- Engage in meaningful and fun learning activities and respectful class discussions.
- Develop new academic skills that maximizes learning and strengthens positive self-esteem.
- Build independence and take responsibility for daily learning.

Together, we can make our classroom learning a successful experience!



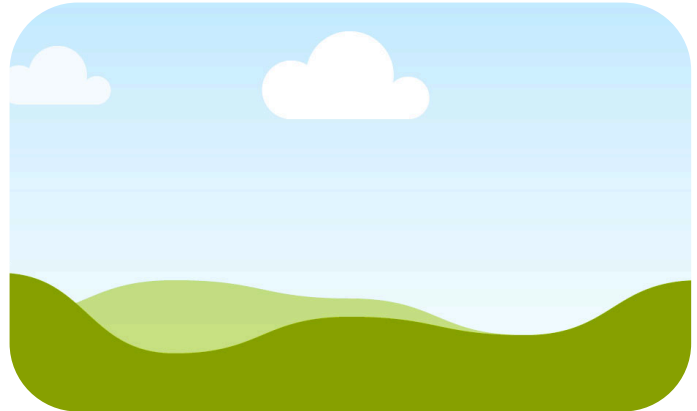
Welcome to 3rd Grade

We are thrilled to have you join us this year. As your child embarks on this exciting journey of learning and discovery, we look forward to working together to create a supportive and enriching environment.

In third grade, your child will explore new subjects, make lasting friendships, and develop essential skills that will set the foundation for their future. Our dedicated team of teachers are here to guide and inspire every step of the way.

We encourage you to stay involved and connected. Your participation is key to making this a wonderful year for everyone. We can't wait to see all the amazing things our students will achieve!

3rd Grade Team



Ms. Ricci, Mrs. Abry, Mrs. Kvederis

What Your Child Should Bring to School

Headphones, pencil pouch/box, pencils, erasers, crayons, colored pencils, markers, spiral notebook, dry erase markers, glue stick, highlighter, and water bottle. ***Please see your teacher for the most up-to-date list***

School Year Goals

ELA: Identify main idea, write a summary, and reading comprehension

Writing: Write a multiple paragraph essay

Math: 0-12 times tables, fractions, problem-solving strategies, and geometry

What to Expect This Year

- **Social Development:** Encouragement of independence, collaboration and communication skills through group activities. Focus on building a positive classroom community where respect and kindness are prioritized.
- **Homework and Independent Learning:** Regular homework assignments that reinforce classroom learning and promote responsibility.
- **Parent Involvement:** Invitations to volunteer in the classroom, for field trips or participate in school events. Regular updates on classroom activities and progress through newsletters or online platforms.
- **Communication:** Open lines of communication between teachers and parents for any questions or concerns. Scheduled parent-teacher conferences in October.



Welcome to 4th Grade

Welcome to 4th grade!

This will be an exciting year
of learning, growth,
exploration, community
building, and C.A.R.E.!

We can't wait to meet you

4th Grade Team



Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Raeburn, Mr. Wisdom, Mrs. Basin

What Your Child Should Bring to School

Beginning of the year supplies:

(please check with your teacher for class-specific items)

headphones, pencil box, pencils, colored
pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks,
highlighters, dry-erase markers, glue sticks

**Students will take their homework folder and
water bottle to and from school each day**

School Year Goals

Compassion/Responsibility: Social-emotional development in the areas of: growth mindset, goal-setting, emotion management, empathy, kindness, problem-solving, collaboration,

accountability and independence

Achievement: Achieve/growth towards achieving CA state standards in all subjects

Excellence: Grow as a student and an individual, make progress towards goals, earn at least 50 AR points, persevere and put forth your best effort

What to Expect This Year

This year is going to be filled with a lot of exciting, new opportunities for your 4th grader to grow as an individual and as a part of our learning community. In addition to learning new information and skills in various content areas, we will focus on developing our critical thinking skills, organizational strategies, as well as many other tools that will support your 4th grader as they continue to grow both inside and outside of our classrooms.

- The core novels we will read this year are Fish in a Tree and The City of Ember
- Field trips to a California mission and local high school for an orchestra performance
- Unit wrap-up activities, including creating California dough maps and Gold Rush day



Welcome to 5th Grade

Welcome to 5th Grade. We are so happy to have you. 5th Grade is filled with many fun activities, but also a lot of learning. Our motto is “Work hard, play hard.” This year we will learn many things from corn to government and everything in between. We will also build and strengthen your reading and math skills. The 5th graders are the leaders on campus and we will work together to make sure you are prepared for middle school.

5th Grade Team



Mr. Wisdom, Ms. McKenzie, Mrs. Rucker, Mrs. Richardson

What Your Child Should Bring to School

- A jacket/sweater because the classrooms do get cold.
- Water bottle with a screw on top.
- Personal Hygiene bag for backpack (wipes, deodorant, comb/brush).
- A small snack for recess, if possible.
- Optional: Headphones

School Year Goals

- Read, annotate, write central ideas, summarize, identify key details.
- Use various operations for decimals, fractions, geometry, volume, coordinate planes, and more.

What to Expect This Year

- Growth in your responsibilities, accountability, and independence.
- Communication: Weekly newsletter and parent square
- Field trips and on-campus activities
- Presentations and wax museum.
- Projects and research papers.
- PE: Mile run, games, and fitness test.
- 5th Grade Science camp and end of year promotion, dance, and activities.



Welcome to

Title 1 Intervention

Intervention Team

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Title 1 Intervention
Program!



Ms. Kuhn, Mrs. Money, Mrs. Roush

What is Title 1

Title 1 is Federal funding that is provided to qualifying local educational agencies and schools to assist with closing achievement gaps for children to ensure that ALL children meet challenging state academic standards.

Our Programs

- HMH Read 180 3-5
- Accelerated Reading 1-5
- 95% Group Phonics K-5
- Do The Math
- i-Ready Reading K-5
- i-Ready Math K-5
- Decodable Readers

Who Receives Intervention Support?

Students are eligible to receive intervention support based on their need and availability of space. Support is designed to help students improve achievement at all academic levels.

Students are selected based on multiple measures of assessments used from state approved curriculum and researched based programs. Students receive support based their level of need.



Welcome to **Special Education**

Welcome to Rail Ranch!

Our Special Education department is here to support you and your family. We support grades TK-5. We look forward to meeting with you.

Resource Specialists, TK-5

Alex White: grades 1-2

Hilary Norman: grades 3-4

Lisett Guajardo: grades TK,5

Tory Wadlington: grade 5

Essentials Teachers

Jenee Villalobos

Foundations Preschool

Mary Hensley

Essentials Grades K-2

Joanna Canepari

Essentials Grades 3-4

Tory Wadlington

Essentials Grade 5

Related Service Providers

Kaylynn Esguerra

Occupational Therapy

Ruby Flowers

Speech Therapist TK and preschool

Patricia James

Speech Therapist k-5

Christie Lopez

Speech Therapist k-5

Jennifer Savage

School Psychologist



**Please join us for Unified Games.
Held every spring at MMHS!
See Mr. Wadlington for more information.**

