



THE MUSTANG TIMES

MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hello Mustang Families,

We're counting down the days until we kick off the 2021 – 2022 school year on July 26th. This summer break has been shorter than the ones in the past, but we're recharged and ready to make this year the best one yet.

We have a lot of fun ideas that we'll be putting into action this year and are on a mission to take McCartney Ranch to even greater heights. One of our main areas of focus is empowering the voices of students. Each student has a unique and valuable perspective that we want to highlight and use to help them reach their highest potential. This is why we've decided to make our school mantra, [We put the US in MUSTANGS](#). The [US](#) includes everyone on campus and in the community, but most importantly it includes each and every student.

We will be announcing some events, initiatives, and afterschool clubs in the near future, so please keep an eye out for those. Additionally, we are excited to welcome all new members of the Mustang family! See you July 26th!



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BACK TO SCHOOL BANDWAGON

Back to School Bandwagon (Meet the Teacher Day) will be held on July 23rd from 2 - 4 pm. In efforts to still keep large crowds reduced, we are asking parents to arrive during the designated time if at all possible:

2:00 - 2:45 pm - Families with the last name A-M

2:45 - 3:30 pm - Families with last name N-Z

This will be open-house style, where families can come and go. For those families who cannot attend in person, teachers will host a Zoom session at 3:30 pm. The session will start at 3:30 with a short presentation and introduction from the teacher. This virtual presentation is NOT open house style, so please make sure you are there by 3:30! Teachers will be recording their virtual sessions in case you are unable to attend.

All teachers will be sending an introductory email to their students and students' families Tuesday, July 20th. Please make sure our front office has your most current email for this reason. Class wish lists will be coming out during Bandwagon Day or the first week of school.

AUGUST THEME – RELATIONSHIPS

- Friendship Skills
- Healthy Relationships
- Effective Communication
- Working with Others
- Compromising
- Dealing with Conflicts
- Making Up For Mistakes

NEW STAFF



New Teachers:

- **Tyler Brusco - TOA**
- **Janice Greb - 2nd Grade.**
- **Nadeen Garthaus - Kindergarten**
- **Candice Bojoroquez - Autism Program**
- **Cheri Nagel - Autism Teacher**
- **Dianna Avalos - EL/High Achievement Support Teacher**
- **Jacob Zavala - Music**
- **Tolanda Somerville-Philpotts - Speech**

New Support Staff:

- **Sandra Fairbanks - Counselor**
- **Roxy Jimenez - Admin. Assistant**
- **Salma Taher - Office Specialist**
- **Annika Rodgers - EL ESP**
- **Stella Rodriguez - Noon Assistant**
- **Amy Kunkle - Day Assistant**
- **Jamie Fox - Autism ESP**



OFFICE UPDATES

We are going to continue limiting guests on campus. We will not be opening our campus in the morning for guests.

If there are special circumstances where someone needs to be on campus, they will need office approval, a photo ID, and to sign in through the front office. Masks are optional for everyone on campus.

*Kindergarten parents can drop their children off at their classroom on the **first day of school** only*

OTHER INFORMATION

- Students who are parent pick-ups, we would appreciate it if a nameplate, as we did this last year, of the student(s) and grade level(s) being picked up. Please place your nameplate in the window to help dismissal run more smoothly.
- Lunches will be free for all students.
- Please bring a water bottle each day. It's important to stay hydrated!
- We have information coming soon about some new SEL/PBIS incentives, events, awards, agendas, etc. There's fun things coming your way!
- Our Student Handbook will be on our school website. Please visit www.cgesd.org and click on McCartney Ranch school. You will find our handbook there.
- We have an amazing PTO at McCartney Ranch. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please let us know!

MUSTANG CODE:

C – CAREFUL

O – OPEN-HEARTED

D – DEDICATED

E – EVERYONE

COUNTS

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Information on afterschool clubs will be coming out very shortly. Our clubs will include some fun activities craft making, sports, pop culture, etc.