

**MurrENEWS – August 24, 2007**  
**Murray City School District, Murray, UT**  
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**MurrE-QUOTE:**

“What Is a Grownup?”

...Human maturity isn't predictable like the ripening of a piece of fruit. Growing up is a project one embarks on (or fails to embark on), the success of which can be observed at practically any age. A thoughtful person of 25 may be considered wise beyond his years. An 85-year-old may be narcissistic and immature. So, how do you know if you're a grownup?

- You know there are many things much more important than yourself.
- You're willing to say "I was wrong."
- You're attentive to the footprint you will have left on the world.
- You forgive the carelessness of the young, regret the thoughtlessness of your own youth.
- You finally realize you have no one to complain to.

Growing up is a choice. The journey begins with the simplest of steps: Identifying your values, then acting accordingly. This means jettisoning the excuses that have previously blocked your path ("I'm too tired," "I don't have the time," etc.). And then the tricky part: doing all this while retaining your sense of humor. Few accomplish these goals. (Total success would mean being something on the order of a saint.) But the important thing is to point yourself in the right direction and start marching. The alternative is to have a life that has a beginning, a middle, and then just ends.

- Steven Slon, Editor, AARP The Magazine

**FORMS ARE DUE – DUE – DUE AT THE DISTRICT – DISTRICT – DISTRICT**

Remember, all health, dental, flexible spending and Park Center forms are due TODAY/Friday, August 24 by 4:00 p.m. If you were a member at the Park Center last year, don't forget that everyone must re-enroll each year. We are getting close to the 100 employees interested in the Park Center which would give the Murray City School District 30% off of the regular Murray citizen resident rates.

**MURRAY ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**

A Band and Orchestra Parent Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 28, 7 PM at Hillcrest JH. Instrumental options for elementary students will include ORCHESTRA (violin, viola, cello, bass) for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades; and BAND (flute, clarinet, trumpet, other/as arranged w/instructor) for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades only. This program requires a \$145 registration fee, the purchase of a music book, an instrument to be supplied by participant, and transportation to and from class. All classes are dependent upon enrollment numbers. For more information or if you have questions, be sure to attend this meeting.

**HORIZON ELEMENTARY PTA RUN/WALK EVENT**

Horizon's first annual Fun Run/Walk to be held on Friday, September 14 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. The Walk will begin at the school (5180 South 700 West on Glendon Street in Murray), travel to the Jordan River Parkway, and then end back at the school. A pizza dinner will follow, along with some prize giveaways. The cost to enter the Walk event is \$5.00 per person or \$30.00 per family of eight if you register before Sept. 10. There will be an extra charge for the dinner. Register at the school, or call Jenny Straley for more information at 281-8129.

**LICENSED STAFF REMINDER**

Lane change applications for this school year are due by Monday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that they are turned in to Denise McDougal at the DO by the close of that business day (office hours M – F from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) For a master's degree lane change, you will need to

turn in an official transcript from your university that has the master degree posted. There is an application form that must be completed for other lane changes. If you have questions or need the application form, let Denise know, [dmcdougal@murrayschools.org](mailto:dmcdougal@murrayschools.org).

### **MURRAY HIGH IN THE MOVIES**

Two weeks before school started, MHS was the busy location of yet another fun Disney movie tentatively titled "Minute Men." Logistics involved having the MHS Spartan mascot replaced with a HUGE Ram in the Courtyard and re-labeling the school building Summerton High School. Highland High School in the SL District was also renamed SHS and served as another version of the same high school with scenes shot there, too. The movie was described by one of the crew members as having a time traveler plot and is due to be released in the fall of 2008.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR AT MHS**

If you are interested in setting up a table for the Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Health & Safety Fair to be held at MHS, contact Sheri VanBibber at 808-0830. You would need to provide your own table, chairs, tents, and other needs.

### **CHIP PROGRAM OPEN ENROLLEMENT**

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is open for enrollment. Parents of uninsured children can apply for the program to help cover medical costs at [www.health.utah.gov/chip](http://www.health.utah.gov/chip), or ask a school counselor for enrollment forms.

### **PROGRAM FOR KIDS CONTINUING AT SMITHS**

Smith's Food and Drug Stores is continuing its Earn and Learn program, which contributes financial support to schools and community organizations dedicated to serving children. The program generates additional dollars for schools when customers' use Smith's Fresh Values Card. Cards must be registered to designated Earn and Learn organizations and need to be re-registered at the beginning of each school year. Activate cards by contacting local schools or emailing your card number and name of school to [earnlearn@sfdc.com](mailto:earnlearn@sfdc.com). For more information, visit [www.smithsfoodanddrug.com](http://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com) and click on "fresh values>programs>Earn & Learn."

### **TEEN WRITING OPPORTUNITY**

Teen Impact magazine, which is distributed free to Salt Lake Valley high schools, encourages students to submit stories, story ideas or areas of concern to young people. The magazine addresses issues such as teen pregnancy, dating, fashion, environmental issues and commentary. Parents and teachers also can submit ideas at <http://teenimpact.org/>.

### **MurrE-TECHTIP**

#### ***How do I get help?***

Check the [HELPDESK](http://www.mury.k12.ut.us/do/Support/index.htm) support page at <http://www.mury.k12.ut.us/do/Support/index.htm>. This page was designed just for self-help. Many problems occur repeatedly. The helpdesk pages are your most likely solutions to problems that have occurred in the past. Please use it and spread the news to others.

### **MurrE-WEBTIP (and field trip info)**

Kids can learn different cultures and explore the lives of youngsters in 11 different countries at the Discovery Gateway's traveling exhibit "Children Just Like Me." Participants can hear languages spoken on six continents, learn about farm animals in Poland or traditional dances of several cultures. For information, call 801-456-KIDS (5437), or visit [www.discoverygateway.org](http://www.discoverygateway.org).

**DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

Aug. 28 – Elementary School Student Band and Orchestra Parent Meeting, Hillcrest JH, 7 PM  
Aug. 29 – First Day of School for Kindergarten  
Aug. 29 – Back to School Night, Longview Elementary, 7:00 pm; 6<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation, 6:15 pm  
Sept. 03 – Labor Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL  
Sept. 05 – "Pathways to Your Future" MHS student & parent orientation, 7:00 pm, auditorium  
Sept. 08 – Health & Safety Fair at MHS  
Sept. 14 – Horizon Elem. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fun Run/Walk, 6:30-8:30 pm; call Jenny Straley, 281-8129.  
Sept. 18, 19 – High School Parent-Teacher SEOP Conferences, MHS Commons  
Sept. 19, 20 – Junior High Parent-Teacher SEOP Conferences  
Sept 21 – Secondary Teacher SEOP Compensatory Day – NO SCHOOL SECONDARY  
Oct. 12 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes  
Oct. 22 – Professional Development Teacher Work Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
Oct. 29, 30 – UEA BREAK (or whatever it's called now-a-days)  
Nov. 07, 08 – Elementary Parent-Teacher SEP Conferences  
Nov. 09 – Elementary Teacher SEP Compensatory Day – NO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY  
Nov. 21-23 – THANKSGIVING BREAK  
Dec. 14 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes  
Dec. 24, 2007 through Jan. 01, 2008 – WINTER BREAK  
Jan. 02 – School Resumes  
Feb. 08 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes  
Apr. 11 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

For more information, contact Denise McDougal at the Murray School District offices, 264-7487;  
[dmcdougal@murrayschools.org](mailto:dmcdougal@murrayschools.org)

**NO LICENSED OPENINGS at this time****CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:**

School Nurse – Secondary & Early Childhood Center

Responsibilities: Develop and implement health programs and assist with disease prevention in secondary schools and the early childhood education center district wide.

Requirements: Must have RN license; experience working in a school or youth setting preferred

Salary Range: \$18.99 to \$21.73, dependent upon education and experience

School Nurse – Itinerant within the District

Responsibilities: Position provides oversight and direct nursing care to students with health concerns who are enrolled in special education.

Specifications: Part-time hourly position approximately 8-12 hours per week

Salary: \$18.99 (entry) to \$21.73 (mid-level)

Closing Date: Until filled

Hall Monitor – Hillcrest JH

Responsibilities: Supervise hallways all day, as well as lunch periods; 35 hours per week

Salary Range: Pay Grade 2 - \$8.35 (entry) to \$9.56 (mid-level)

Closing Date: Until filled

Teaching Assistant III – Math Tutor @ Hillcrest Junior High

Responsibilities: Assist teacher for math courses

Job Specifications: 15 hours per week

Salary Range: \$10.78 to \$12.34, dependent upon education and/or experience

Teaching Assistant III – MHS

Responsibilities: Assist teacher working with students in Woodshop and Autoshop classes

Job Specifications: 19 hours per week

Salary Range: \$10.78 to \$12.34, dependent upon education and/or experience

Closing Date: Until Filled

Technology Specialists – District Office

Responsibilities: Perform basic technical duties related to computer workstations

Job Specifications: two positions available; one full-time 12-month contract position, and one part-time 20 hrs per week position

Salary Range: \$10.25 to \$11.73

Closing Date: Until Filled

**CUSTODIAN OPENINGS (these positions are Classified Personnel):**

Custodian - Hillcrest Junior High

Job Specifications: Hourly position/25 hours per week (retirement benefits available)

Salary Range: \$8.35 to \$9.56 per hour

Closing Date: Until filled

Custodian - Murray High School

Job Specifications: 12 month contract position based on 244 days (insurance and retirement benefits available)

Salary Range: \$10.78 to \$12.34

Closing Date: September 4, 2007

Daytime Substitute Custodians - Murray High School

Responsibilities: Help with the operation, upkeep and cleaning of the assigned school building

Job Specifications: part-time on an as needed basis

Salary: \$10.78 per hour

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