

**MurrENEWS – August 31, 2007**  
**Murray City School District, Murray, UT**  
***Educating Murray since 1906!***

**MurrE-QUOTE**

In a completely rational society, the best of us would be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something less, because passing civilization along from one generation to the next ought to be the highest honor and the highest responsibility anyone could have.

– Lee Iacocca

**ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM STILL HAS OPENINGS**

Students will still be accepted up to and at the Sept. 10 start date of the Elementary Band and Orchestra Program. Instrumental options for elementary students include orchestra/violin, viola, cello, and bass, for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades; and band/flute, clarinet, trumpet, and other, for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. This program requires a \$145 registration fee, purchase of a music book, an instrument supplied by participant, and transportation to and from class. For more information, contact Carolyn Schubach at the DO, 264-7400; [cschubach@murrayschools.org](mailto:cschubach@murrayschools.org).

**RIVERVIEW EARLY BIRD READERS BOOK CLU B**

Meeting info: 7:15-7:55 AM; Fri. mornings of Oct. 05, Dec. 14, Feb. 8, and Apr. 11  
Riverview students, staff, and community will again this year have the opportunity to meet with each other to share breakfast treats and a love of reading. All you need to do is choose a book from the displayed Early Bird Readers collection in the Riverview library, read it on your own time, and come back to the following meeting to share thoughts and ideas. We already have quite a few readers signed up, so don't miss this great opportunity to share a book with your teen or others in the Murray community!

**VIEWMONT WALKING TRACK**

Students at Viewmont Elementary are walking their way to fitness on a new paved walking path. The path, funded by the Viewmont PTA Council, was installed over the summer break. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> with Murray Mayor Dan Snarr as honored guest of the Viewmont students. Students will be walking on the path daily to help them reach the new level in the Utah State Elementary Physical Activity Standard of 150 minutes per week. Viewmont Elementary students will also use the path as their Gold Medal Mile course in their goal of attaining the Silver level of the Gold Medal School Program for this school year.

**TEACHER INFO ON JORDAN DISTRICT MEDIA USE**

The delivery person this year for the Jordan Media Center is Maria Prestwich; the procedure for using materials from this center is the same as in the past. Teachers may order videos on line through the Jordan District Media Center and Maria will pick them up and deliver to your schools. If you have questions, contact Carolyn Schubach at the DO.

Delivery and pick up schedule:

Monday AM: videos delivered to schools

Tuesday PM: Monday videos picked up at school office

Wednesday AM: videos delivered to schools

Friday PM: Wednesday videos picked up at school office

**SWAMP COOLERS OR SWAMP MONSTERS?**

A little clarification from Carrie Hartman, Energy Education Manager for the district, regarding swamp cooler questions: **If you have a swamp cooler in your classroom or office,**

**and DON'T HAVE A WINDOW to crack open, you may want to keep your door open to help provide that circulation.** Swamp coolers require circulating air, so either a window or a door must be open when the swamp cooler is running. (D. Wright, Public Relations Specialist for the district, adds: If you have a swamp monster in your classroom or office – you're on your own.)

### **THIS YEAR'S PTA REFLECTIONS THEME & PTA NEWS**

The National PTA Reflections contest theme for the 2007-08 school year – "I can make a difference by . . ." - is open to students through their local PTA, and includes six art categories: literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance, film/video and Theater 3D. PTA push emphasizes health, safety.

The Utah PTA has designated September as Green Ribbon Month, encouraging teachers and school officials to spotlight health and safety with students. It is also bus-safety month and National Hispanic Heritage Month. PTA groups will be organizing activities and/or discussions on these issues for students. Utah State PTA website: <http://www.utahpta.org/>

### **MURRAY YOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Two Murray youth organizations have combined and will now be known as the "MYCC," Murray Youth Chamber/Council; the divisions within the organization are the Murray Youth Chamber of Commerce and the Murray Youth City Council. The first meeting is scheduled at the Murray City Council Chambers (5025 South State), Thurs. night, Sept. 13, 6-7 p.m. Parking is available in the back parking lot across from Ken Price Ball Park; balloons will mark the location. Now is the time to get involved because enrollment will be limited in the future. Parents are welcome to attend. If you have questions, call Sheri Van Bibber, Career Development Specialist, Boys & Girls Clubs of South Valley; 801-284-4260 (office), 801-808-0830 (cell) .

### **MURRAY CITY POLICE AND FIRE HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR**

Saturday, Sept. 08, 10 AM – 2 PM at Murray High School  
This is a FREE event, featuring K-9 and burning building demonstrations, fingerprint kits, immunizations, blood drive, bounce toys, magic show, helicopters, car seat checkpoint, police and fire department displays. A fundraising breakfast will be sponsored by the Exchange Clubs of Murray from 9 – 11 AM; prices are \$4 for adults, kids for \$3 with proceeds to benefit the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Fund. For more information, visit [www.murray.utah.gov](http://www.murray.utah.gov).

### **ESSAY CONTEST OPEN TO UTAH STUDENTS**

The Salt Lake Tribune, 08/25/2007

Four local businesses, Macy's, *The Salt Lake Tribune*, KSL TV5 and the *Deseret Morning News*, have teamed up for the first annual "Follow A Leader" essay contest and mentor program. The program is designed to encourage children to develop their writing and communication skills, and to think and learn about career options. Students in grades 4-12 are asked to submit essays explaining why they would like to meet and spend a day with one of 25 community leaders. Entry forms will be available from Sept. 1 to 30 at any Salt Lake City area Macy's, or from an ad in the Sept. 9 edition of *The Tribune*. Forms will also be sent to school principals.

Twenty-five winners will be chosen to spend a day with their leader, attend an awards luncheon and receive a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond. The awards luncheon will take place on Nov. 9. Essays must be turned in by Sept. 30 to a Macy's store or mailed with a postmark of the same date to: Macy's Follow A Leader Contest, Att: Denise Hinton, Macy's Regional Office, 12100 SE 82nd Ave., Portland, OR 97086-7555. Winners will be notified by mail around Oct. 20.

### **PUPPET SHOW PROGRAM**

The Assistance League of Salt Lake City is again offering to bring the "Kids on the Block" puppet show to area schools for the upcoming year. This is a free program under the direction of volunteers of the League. The entire program is on bullies and bullying and includes an introduction and three short skits. Each teacher will receive a grade appropriate book on bullies and a worksheet for further classroom discussion. Each school will receive a laminated 18 by 24-inch poster. The program lasts about 30 minutes and grades targeted are 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. It is performed on Monday's, and groups of no more than 100 at a time are preferred; performances may be repeated as many times as necessary. Scheduling is now underway; call Program Chairman Betty Thomas at 277-4761 for more information or to schedule a performance,

### **ALBERTSON'S COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

Albertsons Community Partners program allows shoppers to make donations to the school or nonprofit youth organization of their choice each time they use their Preferred Savings Card. The program is school/organization-specific. For more information, contact your local school or nonprofit organization, or call 877-932-7948, or visit [www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com).

### **LEARNING COMPETITION OPEN TO STUDENTS/TEACHER TEAMS**

The Oracle Education Foundation has announced the opening of ThinkQuest International 2008, a project learning competition. ThinkQuest is open to students between the ages of 9 and 19 and their teacher-coaches worldwide. Students are encouraged to team with peers in other regions to develop websites on educational topics. As they create their sites, the participants develop important 21st century skills such as teamwork, critical thinking, self-direction, problem solving, and technology skills. Additionally, the students become published web-authors in the popular ThinkQuest Library, sharing their work with 30 million web learners each year. For more information, go to <http://www.thinkquest.org/>

### **REPORT FROM THE UTAH STATE OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

#### **Utah High School Seniors Still Doing Well on AP, SAT Exams**

The good news is that the small percentage of Utah high school seniors who take the SAT college entrance exam continue to outpace their peers nationally. The better news is that with among the highest participation rates in the country, Utah high school seniors outperform their peers on Advance Placement (AP) tests, which are used to qualify for college credit based on high school classes.

Utah high school seniors – from both public and private schools – scored an average of 1,658 (558 in reading, 556 in math and 544 in writing) on the SAT compared to the national average of 1,511 (502 in reading, 515 in math and 494 in writing), according to results released today by the College Board. Utah scores were down nine points from 2006. Nationally scores were down seven points. Public school students account for 56 percent of SAT test takers in Utah. Utah public schools average test score on the SAT was 1,737 (585 each on reading and math and 567 on writing). Only 6 percent of Utah high school seniors, altogether, take the SAT college entrance exam. Most Utah high school students take the ACT college entrance exam.

In 2007, 14,990 Utah students – public and private schools combined – took a total of 24,183 AP exams with 65.9 percent of students earning a passing grade of 3, 4 or 5. Nationally the pass rate was 59.3 percent for public and private schools combined. Utah public school students account for 94 percent of AP test takers in the state. The pass rate for Utah public school students remained steady at 65.9 percent. Nationally the public school pass rate dropped to 57.2 percent.

Utah public high schools with the greatest SAT participation:

Skyline High School, Granite District, 107  
West High School, Salt Lake District, 91  
Park City High School, Park City District, 63  
Brighton High School, Jordan District, 55

Viewmont High School, Davis District, 46

The most popular AP exams in Utah in 2007:

U.S. History, 3,797 tests

English Literature & Composition, 3,357 tests

Calculus, 2,369 tests

English Language & Composition, 1,979 tests

Psychology, 1,611 tests

Utah public high schools with the highest AP participation:

Davis High School, Davis District, 737 students

Alta High School, Jordan District, 662 students

Lone Peak High School, Alpine District, 487 students

Park City High School, Park City District, 441 students

Skyline High School, Granite District, 413 students

Utah public high schools with the highest AP passing rates:

Davis High School, Davis District, 83.5 percent

Wayne High School, Wayne District 83.3 percent

Logan High School, Logan District, 82.2 percent

Timpview High School, Provo District, 81.8 percent

West High School, Salt Lake District, 80 percent

### **MurrE-TECHTIP**

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

**If you get an error message, read it.** We are all guilty of this! Many times the answer is right in the message. "You are out of paper" is a common example. Many times we click right through the message and don't read it. If you get a message and it doesn't make sense (yes, there are many of these types) write down the error. If there is an error number associated to it, write it down, print or capture the error message so you can show someone else or email the message to your school specialist.

### **MurrE-WEBTIP:** <http://www.usoe.org/>

State of Utah Office of Education – On this state site, you'll find links to: School Report Cards (Includes New 2006 U-PASS and NCLB Data), Educator Online License Renewal, Voucher Case Chronology, USOE Calendar, Assessment & Accountability, Career & Technical, Charter Schools, Curriculum & Instruction, Educator Quality Services, Human Resources/Jobs, Information, No Child Left Behind, Office of Rehabilitation, Programs, Schools for Deaf & Blind, Special Education, State Board, Title 1 and much more.

### **DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

Aug. 31 – Football: MHS @ Taylorsville, 7 PM

Sept. 03 – Labor Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL

Sept. 05 – "Pathways to Your Future" MHS student & parent orientation, 7 PM, auditorium

Sept. 07 – Football: MHS @ Cottonwood, 7:00 PM

Sept. 08 – Health & Safety Fair at MHS

Sept. 10 – Elementary Band and Orchestra Program begins at assigned schools

Sept. 12 – Murray Council PTA Meeting, DO, 10 AM; Board Mtg. 9:30 AM

Sept. 12 – Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM

Sept. 14 – Horizon Elem. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fun Run/Walk, 6:30-8:30 PM; call Jenny Straley, 281-8129.

Sept. 14 – Football: MHS @ East, 7 PM

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  
Sept. 21 – Football: MHS @ home vs. Cyprus, 7 PM  
Sept. 26 – Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM  
Sept. 28 – Football: MHS @ Granger, 7 PM  
Oct. 05 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes  
Oct. 05 – Football: MHS Homecoming vs. West, 7 PM  
Oct. 10 – Murray Council PTA Meeting, DO, 10 AM; Board Mtg. 9:30 AM  
Oct. 10 – Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM  
Oct. 12 – Football: MHS @ Olympus, 7 PM  
Oct. 18 – Football: MHS @ home vs. Highland, 7 PM  
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. 14 – Murray Council PTA Meeting, DO, 10 AM; Board Mtg. 9:30 AM  
Nov. 14 – Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM  
Nov. 21-23 – THANKSGIVING BREAK  
Dec. 05 – Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM  
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

#### **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)

#### **CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:**

Night Supervisor for Murray Community Education

Responsibilities: Open classrooms for night-time community education classes, reset desks and pick up rooms, empty garbage and lock the doors; clean dance studio, monitor halls, provide assistance to teachers and students as needed.

Specifications: Part-time hourly position; 5:30-9:30 p.m. two to three nights per week and some Saturdays.

Salary: \$8.50 per hour

Closing Date: Until filled

Part-time Office Secretary – Viewmont Elementary

Specifications: 15 hrs/wk; Mon-Fri from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Job Classification: Secretary I

Salary Range: \$10.78 (entry) to \$12.34 (mid-level)

Closing Date: Until filled

TA II – Indian Education Mentor Advocate – Murray High School

Responsibilities: Serve as teaching assistant helping to support Native American Indian high school students in a variety of situations to strengthen their academic achievement.

Specifications: 15 hrs/wk

Job Classification: Teaching Assistant II

Salary Range: \$9.24 (entry) to \$10.58 (mid-level)

Closing Date: Until filled

Technology Administrator – District Office

Responsibilities: Plans, organizes, and directs the daily operations of the technology department; develops policies and procedures, establishes goals and standards for the Murray School District.

Specifications: 12 month contract position with full benefits (i.e., insurance, retirement)

Salary Range: \$61,500 to \$75,000 based on experience and education

Closing Date: 9/14/07 or until position is filled (whichever is later)

School Nurse – Early Childhood Center & Secondary

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

Closing Date: Until filled

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

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

Closing Date: Until filled

Teaching Assistant III – Murray High School

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

**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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