

MurrENEWS – September 28, 2007
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
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MurrE-QUOTE

Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower.
– Albert Camus

ENERGY SAVER OF THE WEEK: JOEL KJAR, District Technical Support Department

Last Week's Energy Saver: COLLEEN NADAULD, Viewmont Elementary computer aid

RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN – and – October 4th is *Turn Off Violence Day*

The Red Ribbon Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention Campaign will be launched beginning in October. This national campaign emphasizes the importance of each school, family, and community throughout the country. This year's Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated October 8th – 12th in all of the Murray Schools with the theme "Create Your Future ... Safe & Drug Free!" The focus is to promote healthy choices so that our students stay safe and drug free. REMEMBER, PREVENTION IS NOT A ONE-DAY EVENT. For more information or community resources, contact the counselor at your school or Deb Ashton, Safe & Drug Free Schools' Coordinator, 264-7460 ext. 2521.

SUBFINDER-FUN

Robert McDaniel, District Director of Personnel & Student Services reminds:

All absences beginning Monday must go through subfinder. We hope you will find this new system to be of benefit for you. Please remember the following procedures on all absences:

1. Call subfinder
2. Contact your principal for all absences that are not pre-arranged.
3. Be sure that there are adequate lesson plans at school.
4. Make the best of your day off ill or at conference and don't forget to come back to school on the appropriate day.

MURRAY DISTRICT TERM ENDING DATES:

1st Term – October 19 (44 days)
2nd Term – January 10 (46 days)
3rd Term – March 20 (46 days)
4th Term – May 30 (44 days)

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE AT MHS

Friday, Oct., 5 is the date for a Community Blood Drive at MHS from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the small (auxiliary) gym. Donors need to be 17 years of age or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, in good physical health and must bring a picture I.D. For more information, contact Rebecca Moore at MHS, rmoore@murrayschools.org

MCMILLAN ELEMENTARY SILENT AUCTION

The 2nd annual McMillan Elementary Silent Auction will be held Mon., Oct. 1 beginning at 5:30 p.m.; bidding and dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. The theme for this year's auction is "A Night Under the Big Top." Participants will have the opportunity to bid some great baskets and prizes. All proceeds will be used to benefit McMillan Elementary students. Stacy Lowry, McMillan PTA Public Relations has additional contact information, 266-4733.

GRANT ELEMENTARY PTA ACTIVITIES

Report from Cherie Clawson, Grant PTA President:

- ~ Grant Elementary Moms & Muffins Reading Activity will be held Nov. 14.
- ~ "Meet the Masters" underway again this year with the first assembly Sept. 25 when students will learn about the artist, Homer. The rest of the "Meet the Masters" schedule is as follows: Nov. 12-Remington; Jan. 23-O'Keefe; Mar.7-Hokusai and Apr., 23-Matisse.

~ Grant Elementary has started a new tradition called Grant Gratitude. Twice a month a staff member will be shown appreciation. This month, Mr. Hansen and Mrs. Lechtenberg received school gratitude. Next month, thanks will be shown to Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Richardson.

~ The PTA expresses appreciation to Principal Klein and his efforts. The PTA is focusing all extra fundraising funds towards purchasing projectors to be mounted in each classroom which will allow teachers to show DVDs, web pages and overhead projections. Skilled parents are donating their time to install the projectors. The staff and students are thrilled about the project.

GOLD MEDAL NEWS FROM MCMILLAN

McMillan Elementary held their Gold Medal Schools kick-off assembly Sept. 19. Rob McDaniel, Director of Personnel/Student Services, was there in a Mighty Mite costume to cheer the students on as they walked the Gold Medal Mile. This year, McMillan students will walk a number of miles equivalent to the distance from SLC to Beijing, China, site of the 2008 Summer Olympics. Instead of walking in a straight path, they will make 14 stops along the way and learn about each city in which they stop. Once they reach Beijing, they will have walked more than 15,000 miles and they are so excited about the journey that they may even decide to make it a round trip!

HORIZON ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY FUN RUN/WALK

A great community turn out for a Horizon school Fun Run/Walk included at kick-off by the Mayor Snarr (and his Harley) and a fundraising dinner on Sept. 14. Here are the timed results:

TEACHERS:

Ms. Stevens, 4th grade – 18:26

Mrs. Nava, P.E. – 26:48

Miss Patterson, 2nd grade – 32:30

MEN:

Jeff Straley – 15:14

John Straley – 15:16

Dave Evans – 18:22

BOYS:

Walker Erickson, 5th grade – 17:32

Tanner Critchfield, 5th grade – 18:45

Ben Taylor, 3rd grade – 20:57

WOMEN:

Kris Watson – 21:59

Becky Taylor – 25:21

Laurie Degan – 26:14

GIRLS:

Jane Smiley, 5th grade – 22:15

Emily Nelson, 3rd grade – 22:19

Isabelle Straley, 3rd grade – 22:58

RIVERVIEW JH “TERRIFIC KIDS”

The Terrific Kids Program is sponsored by Riverview, the PTSA and Kiwanis Club. Students are chosen by their teachers for demonstrating some of the following outstanding qualities.

Congratulations to these students for achieving this honored recognition:

LANDON SMITH – is willing to help others, is bright, happy and eager

DANIELLE PETEK – always does her best, cares about others

ISSAC SYED – is always respectful, takes responsibility for getting the job done

MURRAY STUDENTS HONORED FOR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

Four students were recently honored in Utah for their volunteer efforts, and two of these youth were Murray High students and members of MYCC (Murray Youth Chamber of Commerce).

MHS sophomore, Chelsey Knight and 2007 MHS graduate Sara Guggisberg were selected by Kathy Hyde Smith, State Commission of Volunteerism, and Lt. Governor Gary Herbert for recognition. Congratulations to these outstanding young people for their outstanding efforts!

LYNN WESTBERG OF MHS FEATURED IN SL TRIBUNE ARTICLE

http://www.sltrib.com/ci_6948937?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com

MURRAY MAYOR DAN SNARR FEATURED IN ESQUIRE MAGAZINE

As reported in the Salt Lake Tribune: http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_6976978

CHIP – CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

CHIP is a state health insurance plan for children. Depending on income and family size, working Utah families who do not have other health insurance may qualify for CHIP. Children who may qualify for CHIP must meet income guidelines and be under age 19; not currently covered by health insurance; US citizens or legal residents. Enrollment is open until further notice. For more info, call 1-877-KIDS-NOW. CHIP Van tour schedule: <http://www.health.utah.gov/chip/index.htm>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Utah is holding a scholarship contest that will recognize three Utah high school seniors for their civil liberties activism. The first place award will be a \$1,000 scholarship. Two additional winners will receive \$500 each. Applications to the Student Activist Scholarship Program are due Nov. 1. To qualify, students must have demonstrated a strong commitment to civil liberties through some form of activism, be a high school senior who will be entering an accredited college or university as a full-time student during the next academic year, and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at the time of application. Applicants must write a 1,000-word essay describing why they became civil liberties activists. Eligible applicants will also be recommended to the national ACLU scholarship program. For an application or more information, visit www.acluutah.org.

DON'T FORGET FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

Get Fit Murray event, Fri, Sept. 28 from 6 – 9 PM at Brasstuns Family Bowling Center, 5530 S. Van Winkle Expressway (1500 East). Bring your entire family out for a fun night of bowling. The cost is only \$2.00 per person and bowlers will receive one game, including show rental, and one \$1.00 food ticket. Sign ups are at 5:45 PM for the first session; 7:15 PM for the second session. For more info, call Jenny Grosh at 264-7476.

MurrE-TECHTIP – From Murray Schools Helpdesk Glossary

Avaya: the brand of phones we use in the school district.

MurrE-WEBTIP & FIELD TRIP IDEA

The Gale Center of History and Culture was born nearly three years ago by long-time citizens of South Jordan wanting to create a place to learn about and experience the rich history of South Jordan. The Gale Center's educational programs are designed to spark imaginations and satisfy curiosity; field trips are offered free of charge. There are several indoor and outdoor hands-on exhibits, including a brand new interactive mining exhibit (not shown on the website). Gale Center of History and Culture, 10300 S. Beckstead Lane, South Jordan, UT 84095; Open Tues-Fri 10-6 & Sat 10-2; Tel. (801) 254-3048; <http://www.galecenter.org/index.asp#home>

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

9/28 – Get Fit Family Bowling Night, Brasstuns Family Bowling Center, 6 – 9 PM (2 sessions)

9/28 – Football: MHS @ Granger, 7 PM

10/1 –District SUBFINDER Begins this Monday for Teachers Needing Subs

10/2 – MHS Boys Soccer @ Highland; Varsity 3:30 PM; JV 5:15 PM

10/3 – Elementary PE Training, Creekside School, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM; pre-registration required

10/3 – MHS Boys & Girls X-Country vs Olympus @ Cottonwood Cplx 4302 S. 1300 E., 3:30 PM

10/3, 4– State HS Golf Tourney @ Soldier Hollow

10/4 – Turn Off Violence Day (part of the Red Ribbon Campaign)

10/4 – Murray Girl’s Volleyball @ Cyprus, Varsity 3:30 PM, JV 4:45 PM, Soph. 6 PM

10/4, 5 – Girls HS Tennis State Tournament @ Liberty Park

10/5 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes
 10/5 – Football: MHS Homecoming vs. West, 7 PM
 10/5, 6 – Girls Utah Volleyball Classic @ Highland HS
 10/5, 6 – Girls JV Volleyball Tourney @ Cottonwood HS
 10/8 to 10/12 – **Red Ribbon Week:** “Create Your Future ... Safe & Drug Free!”
 10/9 – Murray Girl’s Volleyball home vs East, Varsity 3:30 PM, JV 4:45 PM, Soph. 6 PM
 10/9 – Boys HS Soccer Region Play-Offs
 10/9 – MHS Choir Concert, 7 PM
 10/10 – Murray Council PTA Meeting, DO, 10 AM; Board Mtg. 9:30 AM
 10/10 – Boys & Girls X-Country Region Play-Offs @ Cottonwood Cplx 4302 S. 1300 E., 1 PM
 10/10 – Riverview JH Band/Orchestra Concert, 7 to 8 PM
 10/10 – Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM
 10/11 – Murray Girl’s Volleyball home vs Cottonwood, Varsity 3:30 PM, JV 4:45 PM, Soph. 6 PM
 10/11 – 10/10 – Riverview JH Band Concert, 7 to 8 PM
 10/12 – Football: MHS @ Olympus, 7 PM
 10/16 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Alta, Kearns, Skyline; 3:30 PM
 10/16 – Murray Girl’s Volleyball home vs Highland, Varsity 3:30 PM, JV 4:45 PM, Soph. 6 PM
 10/16, 17 – MHS Band Concert, 7 PM nightly
 10/17 – Boys & Girls X-Country State Championship @ Sugarhouse Park
 10/18 – Murray Girl’s Volleyball @ Olympus, Varsity 3:30 PM, JV 4:45 PM, Soph. 6 PM
 10/18 – Riverview JH Choir Concert, 6:30 to 9 PM
 10/18 – Football: MHS @ home vs. Highland, 7 PM
 10/18 & 10/20 – Boys HS Soccer State Tournament
 10/19 – (Friday) FIRST TERM ENDS (44 days)
 10/19 & 10/20 – Girls Sophomore Volleyball Tourney @ West HS
 10/22 – Professional Development Teacher Work Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
 10/23 – Murray Girl’s Volleyball @ Granger, Varsity 3:30 PM, JV 4:45 PM, Soph. 6 PM
 10/25 – Murray Girl’s Volleyball @ West, Varsity 3:30 PM, JV 4:45 PM, Soph. 6 PM
 10/29 & 10/30 – UEA BREAK (Note: Monday and Tuesday this year)
 11/2 & 11/3 – Girl’s State Volleyball Tournament
 11/6 – Swim Team Region Relay Meet @ Murray; 3:30 PM
 11/7 & 11/8 – Elementary Parent-Teacher SEP Conferences
 11/8, 9, 10, 12 – “Cinderella” musical production, MHS, 7 PM; Students \$4, Adults \$5, At door \$6
 11/9 – Elementary Teacher SEP Compensatory Day – NO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY
 11/13 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Olympus; 3:30 PM
 11/14 – Murray Council PTA Meeting, DO, 10 AM; Board Mtg. 9:30 AM
 11/14 – Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM
 11/14 – Grant Elementary Moms & Muffins Reading Activity; contact the school for more info.
 11/17 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Cedar City; 8:30 AM
 11/20 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Brighton, Hunter, Lone Peak; 6 PM
 11/21 to 11/23 – THANKSGIVING BREAK
 11/27 – Swim Meet: MHS vs East, Judge, Orem @ Steiner; 3:30 PM
 11/29 – MHS Choir Concert, 7 PM
 12/4 – Swim Meet: MHS vs Highland @ Fairmont; 3:30 PM
 12/5 – Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM
 12/11 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Granger; 3:30 PM
 12/14 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes
 12/18 – Swim Meet: MHS vs West @ Steiner; 3:30 PM
 12/24/07 to 1/01/08 – WINTER BREAK
 1/2/08 – School Resumes
 1/3 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Cottonwood; 3:30 PM
 1/8 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Cyprus; 2:30 PM
 1/10 – (Wednesday) 2nd TERM ENDS (46 days)

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

LICENSED OPENINGS:

Special Education Teacher – Riverview JH

Specifications: Special Education (K-12) License with Mild-Moderate Endorsement

Application Process: Submit licensed application to Wendy Bills, Supervisor, At-Risk Programs

Salary: 2007-08 Teacher Salary Schedule

Closing date: Until filled

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

Outreach Mentor – Murray High School; Coordinates with school administrators, counselors, and social workers to determine who could benefit from additional support to the student's parent (s) to promote academic success at school.

Job Specifications: Experience in an educational system, knowledge of strength-based assessments, familiar with community resources and ability to effectively functions as a team member by coordinating support to students and families.

Hours: Up to 10 hours per week

Salary: Teaching Assistant III / Pay Grade 7; \$10.78 to \$12.34

Closing Date: Until filled

Custodian Supervisor/Murray High School Head Custodian – Work under the general supervision of Support Services Director and the direct supervision of the MHS principal. Provide close to general supervision to all district custodial staff.

Requirements: HS Graduate and eight years of responsible experience as custodial supervisor or an equivalent combination of education and experience and ability to perform managerial and systems engineer duties.

Job Specifications: Full time, 12 month contract

Salary: \$17.15 to \$19.60 per hour

Closing date: 10/5/07

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

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; some Sats.

Salary: \$8.50 per hour

Closing Date: Until filled

Teaching Assistant 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 hours per week

Job Classification: Teaching Assistant II

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

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

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