

**MurrENEWS – November 30, 2007**  
**Murray City School District, Murray, UT**  
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**MurrE-QUOTE**

Today we have gathered and see that cycles of life continue. We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with each other and with all living things. So now, we bring our minds together as one as we give greetings and thanks to each other as People.

– Adapted from “The Mohawk” by John Stokes and David Kanawahienton Benedict  
*(from one of the new Teaching Tolerance posters displayed in the Murray School District Offices)*

**RIVERVIEW EMPLOYEES RECEIVE KUDOS FROM THE STATE**

Riverview Junior High employees were commended by Murray City School District administration for having received the only “perfect” score in the district on the annual property inspection conducted by the Utah State Division of Risk Management. As stated in a November 1, 2007 Risk Management letter, “the inspection found no deficiencies. Moreover, the Riverview staff was found to have successfully responded to every single deficiency from previous inspections and to have remedied them all.” This is truly an outstanding achievement clearly shows going the extra mile to provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. Congratulations Riverview!

**HOLIDAY RECEPTION SCHEDULE FOR MURRAY DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

Murray District administrators will serve a holiday luncheon to faculty and staff at the following locations and times:

12/6 (Thurs.) – Grant Elementary, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

12/6 (Thurs.) – Hillcrest JH, 2-3 PM

12/10 (Mon.) – Murray HS 10:55-11:25 AM

12/10 (Mon.) – Viewmont Elementary 3-4 PM

12/11 (Tues.) – Parkside Elementary 12-1 PM

12/12 (Wed.) – McMillan Elementary 11:34 AM-1 PM

12/14 (Fri.) – Horizon Elementary 12 noon-1 PM

12/17 (Mon.) – ECEC 11:40 AM-12:10 PM

12/18 (Tues.) – Liberty Elementary, 3:10-4 PM

12/18 (Tues.) – Riverview JH 12-1 PM

12/19 (Wed.) – Longview Elementary 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

12/19 (Wed.) – Bus & Maintenance 3-4 PM

**HORIZON ELEMENTARY BELL CHOIR & VOCAL CHOIR CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES**

**The Horizon Bell Choir** features around 80 students from grades 3-6 and performs on Suzuki Tone Chimes. They will be performing their Holiday Concert Thurs., Dec. 13th at 9: 30 a.m. at the school and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Horizon's Vocal Choir** is comprised of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who practice after school each Tuesday. They will be presenting a concert Mon., Dec. 17 at 9: 30 a.m. at the school and everyone is welcome. At 2:30 p.m. on the same day, they will go Caroling through Gardner Village (1100 W. 7800 S.) beginning at 2:30 p.m., beginning at the "Down To Earth" shop near the Gathering Place. Anyone is welcome to attend this event.

**MURRAY COMMUNITY EDUCATION DANCE PROGRAM**

The Murray Community Education Dance Classes will be presenting a darling Christmas Performance featuring approximately 375 of the 450 children enrolled in their great dance programs performing. The shows will be in the Murray High Auditorium on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 12:30 and 2 PM for the First Group; and then at 4 & 5:30 for the Second Group. The public is welcome and all shows are free of charge.

**MHS ATHLETES MAKE DESERET NEWS ACADEMIC ALL-STATE LIST**

Two Murray High School student athletes were recognized for outstanding academic

performance in the Deseret Morning News Academic All-State list:  
Class 4A Football – Alexander Fullmer  
Class 4A Girls Soccer – Kimberlee Anderson

#### **MHS STERLING SCHOLARS 2007-08**

More highly qualified students competed for MHS Sterling Scholar Awards than in the past several years. Winners were selected based on scholarships, performance in their chosen category, leadership and community service. These outstanding young people will go on to compete against other high school winners in regional and state competitions in Feb. and March:

Melissa Moeinvaziri – Social Science  
Diana Madrian – Visual Arts  
Penney Crosby – Speech and Drama  
Gina Borsani – English  
Bethany Pereboom – Music  
Alexander Fullmer – Mathematics  
Danielle Smith – Dance  
Kelli Amadori – Foreign Language  
Jessica Young – Science  
Strauss Western – Business/Marketing  
Andrew Martin – Trade Technology

#### **HILLCREST STUDENT ALSO WINS IN MACY'S CONTEST**

Along with Hillcrest JH student Aubriann Tyler; McMillan Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grader Dallas Anderson was also named a winner in the Macy's 2007 *Follow A Leader* contest. Anderson selected David Terry, a golf manager; to write about because in order to gain knowledge on what it takes to operate a golf course. The 25 students with winning essays were invited to a luncheon with their leader and executives of Macy's, the Tribune, Deseret Morning News and KSL. There they were awarded with a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond.

#### **RIVERVIEW'S ELIZABETH WAGSTAFF SELECTED FOR STUDY TRIP**

Riverview JH social studies teacher Elizabeth Wagstaff was Liz was selected to attend the Utah and the West Seminar to take place July 28-August 1, 2008. The seminar will trace the history and heritage of the development of Utah and its setting in the American Southwest with visits to Southern Utah, Arizona and Colorado. Participants will travel to historically relevant sites in Southern Utah as well as to Navajo Country, the Grand Canyon and Mesa Verde and will receive instruction provided by eminent professors of history of the American West. A teacher mentor will facilitate discussions about the classroom applications of the content. This seminar will be an all expense paid historical immersion experience provided by Larry and Gail Miller.

#### **USHAA COACH OF THE YEAR – LISA PARKER AT MHS**

Lisa Parker, Murray High coach has been selected as the Utah High School Activities Association Distinguished Service Award 4A Coach of the Year. She received this award from the UHSAA for her many outstanding congratulations to high school athletics and for the many lives she has touched through high school athletics.

#### **BOOK DRIVE STILL UNDERWAY IN VIEWMONT KINDERGARTEN CLASS**

Over 800 books have been collected during Mrs. Lightfoot's kindergarten class book drive for fellow kindergarten students in the Louisiana Recovery School District (covering parts of New Orleans hardest hit by the hurricane). At this time, there have been enough books collected for 3 kindergarten classes in need of a classroom library. Viewmont kindergartners are asking for donations of new or gently used picture books appropriate for 5 and 6-year-old children. The book drive ends on Dec. 5th to be able to send the books in time for Christmas. A sponsor to donate the cost of shipping the books is also needed. For more information, contact Mrs. Lightfoot at 264-7438; email [jlightfoot@murrayschools.org](mailto:jlightfoot@murrayschools.org).

#### **PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCAL BOOK DRIVE RECIPIENT**

A Holiday Book Drive is currently underway for Parkside Elementary School students at the Murray Barnes & Noble (5249 S. State). Each year B&N sponsors an in-store holiday book drive for specific schools and then donates the books to the schools. To participate, stop by the store, pick up a tag from the book tree, choose an age appropriate book, purchase it, and then give it to the bookseller to be included in the book drive. The book drive will be going on through December 31, 2007 when books will be delivered to the schools. The goal is for every child in the school to receive a book. For more information call Karina Kerr at Barnes & Noble, 261-4040.

#### **ADHD FAMILY TRAINING AVAILABLE THROUGH DISTRICT**

Dates and Times – A winter class series will be held on 7 consecutive Tues., beginning Jan. 15, 2008 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The first class will start 15 minutes early.

Location – Viewmont Elementary School, Media Center, 745 W. 5720 S. (Anderson Ave.) Murray  
Cost – \$60 per couple (\$50 for CHADD members) for the entire series to cover materials. Limited scholarships are available for financial need; call Linda Smith 801-292-2816.

To register – Pre-registration is required; call Marcia Bailey, 557-7429. Make checks to CHADD of Utah. For classes taught in Spanish, call Julie Moreno, 272- 1051 or 867-2375

#### **GENEROSITY TO MURRAY FAMILIES FROM RC WILLEY**

The Murray R.C Willey store has been collecting food from employees and customers for needy or struggling families in the Murray School District. Six families in the Liberty Elementary area were suggested by school administration and will be delivered the donated items. Thanks to R.C. Willey for their proactive community awareness.

#### **YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS**

The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Leadership Award nominating committee is seeking nominations for the 2008 Youth Leadership Awards program. The awards honor students in grades 7 – 12 demonstrating dedication to social action, positive change and building bridges among cultures and communities. Winners will be honored with a plaque and monetary award at the University of Utah on Jan. 21, Martin Luther King Day. The nomination deadline is Dec. 3; nomination forms are available at [www.diversity.utah.edu/vp/yla-2008-form.pdf](http://www.diversity.utah.edu/vp/yla-2008-form.pdf).

#### **PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARDS AVAILABLE THROUGH UNITED WAY PARTNERSHIP**

To make prescription drugs affordable for individuals and families, United Way of Salt Lake has joined the FamilyWize Partnership Program to reduce the cost of medicine for children, families and individuals with no prescription drug coverage. The FamilyWize Partnership has donated over 1.2 million FamilyWize prescription discount cards to United Ways throughout the country to distribute within their communities. Most pharmacies in the United States accept these prescription drug discount cards. There are no usage limits, age requirements or registration forms; however these cards cannot be used with any other prescription card. By using the discount cards at participating pharmacies, eligible recipients will receive discounted prescription prices that would otherwise not be available to them; cards are printed in English and Spanish. A list of participating pharmacies can be found at [www.familywize.com](http://www.familywize.com). Additional information about the program is available at [www.uw.org](http://www.uw.org), or contact Karen Wright at [karen@uw.org](mailto:karen@uw.org) or 736-7753.

#### **GET FIT MURRAY EVENTS**

**Family Swim Night and Ducky Derby** (Murray Park Center Leisure Pool)

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7 – 9 PM; Swim session from 7-9 PM; Ducky Derby at 8:50 PM

Admission is \$1 per person and you will receive a Murray Spartan wristband and a rubber duck for drawings of fitness prizes. Swim sessions will accommodate a maximum of 250 people, so be there on time!

#### **MurrE-WEB & TECHTIP: Ten Super Sits for Teachers**

Go to this UEN (Utah Education Network) page to find links to some great lesson plans, video clips and courses for recertification, plus specific resources for art and music, health, language arts, math, science, social studies and technology. Site areas that you'll find include:

- eMedia – free video downloads from UEN, KUED, PBS and more Multimedia Resources; pictures, sounds, music, video and example presentations
- my.uen – build and update your classroom site with this powerful but easy-to-use tool
- National Library of Virtual Manipulatives – National Science Foundation winner from USU
- Online Lesson Plans – tied to Utah Core Curriculum, UEN's most popular resource
- PBS Teachers – wide ranging teacher resources from the nation's most trusted institution
- Pioneer Library – credible online research from thousands of sources
- Professional Development – free online, broadcast and in-person workshops
- Student Interactives – K-2, 3-6 and 7-12 activities including brainteasers and games
- Thinkfinity – standards-based resources for art, language, math, science and more

### **MCSD WEEKLY ENERGY SAVERS:**

Alex Ng, RJH student

Brent Chase, District Technical Support Department

PREVIOUS OUTSTANDING ENERGY SAVERS: Mitch McMillan, McMillan head custodian; Julie McMillan, MHS librarian; Trent Asay, RJH head custodian; James Lobato, RJH night custodian; Marcia Meher, Liberty night custodian; Ginger Brakke, Grant 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher; Darlene Evans, DO; Kristi Hankins, DO; Randi Homsobath, DO; Debbie Otteson, DO; Joel Kjar, district tech support; Colleen Nadauld, Viewmont computer aid

### **DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

12/4 – Swim Meet: MHS vs Highland @ Fairmont; 3:30 PM  
 12/5 – Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM  
 12/5 – *Get Fit* Family Swim Night & Ducky Derby, Murray Park Center Leisure Pool, 7-9 PM  
 12/5 – MHS Girls Basketball, @ home vs Bountiful, 5 PM  
 12/6 – Holiday Staff Reception, Grant Elementary, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM  
 12/6 – Holiday Staff Reception, Hillcrest JH, 2-3 PM  
 12/6 – MHS Wrestling @ Cyprus, 6 PM  
 12/6 & 7 – MHS Dance Concert, MHS Auditorium, 7 PM  
 12/7 – PTA Reflections Projects Submission Deadline, contact your school PTA for more info  
 12/7 – MHS Debate Meet @ Woods Cross, 2:30 PM  
 12/7 – Pre-season MHS Basketball @ home vs. Mt. View, 7 PM  
 12/7 & 8 – MHS Wrestling @ Olympus  
 12/10 – Holiday Staff Reception, Murray HS 10:55-11:25 AM  
 12/10 – Holiday Staff Reception, Viewmont Elementary 3-4 PM  
 12/11 – Holiday Staff Reception, Parkside Elementary 12-1 PM  
 12/11 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Granger; 3:00 PM  
 12/11 – MHS Wrestling @ Hunter, 6 PM  
 12/12 – Holiday Staff Reception, McMillan Elementary 11:34 AM-1 PM  
 12/12 – MHS Band Concert, MHS Auditorium, 7 PM  
 12/13 – Horizon Elementary Bell Choir performance, 9:30 AM at school  
 12/13 – MHS Girls Basketball @ Mt. View, 5 PM  
 12/13 – MHS Wrestling @ home vs Highland, 6 PM  
 12/14 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes  
 12/14 – Holiday Staff Reception, Horizon Elementary 12 noon-1 PM  
 12/14 – Pre-season MHS Basketball @ home vs Riverton, 7 PM  
 12/15 – Murray Community Ed Dance Christmas Shows; MHS Auditorium, 12:30, 2, 4 & 5:30 PM  
 12/17 – Horizon Elem. Vocal Choir performance, 9:30 AM at school; 2:30 PM at Gardner Village  
 12/17 – Holiday Staff Reception, ECEC 11:40 AM-12:10 PM  
 12/18 – Holiday Staff Reception, Riverview JH 12-1 PM  
 12.18 – Holiday Staff Reception, Liberty Elementary, 3:10-4 PM  
 12/18 – Swim Meet: MHS vs West @ Steiner; 3:30 PM  
 12/18 – MHS Wrestling @ Alta, 6 PM  
 12/18 – Pre-season MHS Basketball @ home vs Juan Diego, 7 PM  
 12/18 – MHS Choir Concert, MHS Auditorium, 7 PM

12/19 – Holiday Staff Reception, Longview Elementary 11:30 AM-12:45 PM  
 12/19 – Renaissance MHS Faculty Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, 2 PM at school  
 12/19 – Holiday Staff Reception, Bus & Maintenance 3-4 PM  
 12/20 – MHS Wrestling @ East, 6 PM  
 12/21 – Pre-season MHS Basketball @ home vs. Riverton, 7 PM  
 12/24/07 to 1/01/08 – WINTER BREAK  
 1/1 – New Year's Day  
 1/2/08 – School Resumes  
 1/2 MHS Basketball @ home vs Olympus, 7 PM  
 1/3 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Cottonwood; 3:30 PM  
 1/4 – MHS Basketball @ West, 7 PM  
 1/8 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Cyprus; 2:30 PM  
 1/8 – MHS Guitar Recital, MHS, 7 PM  
 1/8 – MHS Basketball @ Highland, 7 PM  
 1/9 – Murray Council PTA Meeting, DO, 10 AM; Board Mtg. 9:30 AM  
 1/9 – MHS Financial Aid Information Night, 7 PM  
 1/10 – (Wednesday) 2nd TERM ENDS (46 days)  
 1/10 – MHS Wrestling @ Olympus, 6 PM  
 1/10 thru 12 – Melodrama, MHS Little Theatre, 7 PM  
 1/11 – Pinnacle Awards Nomination Deadline, for more info check with school administrators  
 1/11 – Professional Development/Teacher Work Day – No School for Students  
 1/11 – MHS Basketball @ home vs East, 7 PM  
 1/11 & 12 – MHS Wrestling @ Box Elder  
 1/15 – Swim Team Region JV Meet @ Murray; 2:30 PM  
 1/15 – MHS Basketball @ Granger, 7 PM  
 1/17 – MHS Wrestling @ home vs West, 6 PM  
 1/18 – MHS Basketball @ home vs Cyprus, 7 PM  
 1/18 & 19 – Rocky Mountain Wrestling Rumble @ UVSC  
 1/18 thru 2/1 – Murray Schools Multi-cultural Awareness Week  
 1/19 – MHS Senior Ball @ Rice Eccles, 8 to 11 PM  
 1/21 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL  
 1/21 – 2008 Utah Legislative Session begins  
 1/21 – MHS Choir Concert, MHS Auditorium, 7 PM  
 1/22 – Swim Team Region Championships @ Murray; 9:30 AM  
 1/22 – MHS Wrestling @ home vs Mt View, 6 PM  
 1/22 – MHS Basketball @ Cottonwood, 7 PM  
 1/24 – Reflections Awards Night, Hillcrest JH  
 1/24 – MHS Wrestling @ home vs Cottonwood, 6 PM  
 1/25 – MHS Basketball @ Olympus, 7 PM  
 1/25 – MHS Debate @ Taylorsville, 3 PM  
 1/26 – MHS Debate @ Taylorsville, 7 AM  
 1/29 – MHS Girls Basketball @ home vs Cottonwood, 5 PM  
 1/31 – MHS Wrestling @ home vs Granger, 6 PM  
 2/1 & 2/2 – Swim Team 4A State Championships @BYU; times TBA  
 2/5 – Western States Presidential Primary  
 2/8 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes  
 2/12 & 2/13 – JH Parent-Teacher SEOP Conferences  
 2/13 & 2/14 – MHS Parent-Teacher SEOP Conferences  
 2/15 – Secondary Teacher SEOP Compensatory Day – No School Secondary Schools  
 2/18 – Washington & Lincoln Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL  
 2/19 – Professional Development/Teacher Work Day – No School for Students  
 2/20 – PTA Day at the Utah State Legislature  
 3/6 – MEF 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pinnacle Awards Banquet, MHS  
 3/20 – (Thursday) 3<sup>rd</sup> TERM ENDS (46 days)  
 3/21 – Professional Development/Teacher Work Day – No School for Students  
 3/24 thru 3/28 – Spring Break Vacation – NO SCHOOL

4/8 & 4/10 Elementary Parent-Teacher SEP Conferences  
4/11 – Elementary Teacher SEP Compensatory Day – No School Elementary Schools  
4/11 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes  
5/26 – Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL  
5/30 – (Friday) 4<sup>th</sup> TERM ENDS (44 days)

**5/30/08 – Last Day of School for the 2007-08 school term**

9/1/08 – Labor Day  
10/13/08 – Columbus Day  
11/11/08 – Veterans Day  
11/17/08 – Thanksgiving Day

#### **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)

#### **Licensed Openings:**

Special Education Teacher – Secondary school to be determined  
Minimum Requirements: Current Utah Special Education (K-12) Educator License with mild-moderate endorsement  
Salary Range: 2007-08 Teacher Salary Schedule  
Closing Date: Until filled

#### **Classified Openings:**

Head Girl's Team Golf Coach – MHS  
Responsibilities: 2007-08 Spring Season Murray High School Head Golf Coach  
Job Specifications: part-time  
Salary Range: Yearly Stipend  
Closing Date: Until filled

Teaching Assistant III for Reading – Viewmont Elementary  
Responsibilities: Serve as a classroom reading aide helping the classroom teacher as needed  
Job Specifications: Part-time; 10 hours per week  
Salary Range: Teaching Assistant III, \$10.78 (entry) to \$12.34 (mid-level)  
Closing Date: Until filled

Hall Supervisor – Hillcrest Junior High  
Responsibilities: Supervise the hallways all day long as well as during lunch periods; loading and unloading of buses, assisting students with locker problems, checking students for hall passes and escorting visitors to the office  
Specifications: 35 hrs per week; retirement benefits included  
Rate: \$8.35 (entry) to \$9.56 (mid-level)  
Closing Date: Until filled

Teaching Assistant II; ISS (In School Suspension) – Longview Elementary  
Job Specifications: 14.5 hours per week  
Salary Range: Teaching Assistant II, \$9.24 (entry) to \$10.58 (mid-level)  
Closing Date: Until filled

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