

**MurrENEWS – December 14, 2007**  
**Murray City School District, Murray, UT**  
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**MurrE-FACTS**

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to historical references depicting Santa's reindeer, every single one of them had to be a girl. This makes sense, because only women would be able to travel around the world in one night and not get lost!

**REMINDER: HOLIDAY RECEPTIONS CONTINUE FOR DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

Murray District administrators will be serving a light luncheon to faculty and staff at the following locations and times:

- 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
- 12/20 (Thurs) – District Office Staff Luncheon, 12 Noon

**HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES & EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT**

- 12/15 (Sat) – Murray Community Education Dance Christmas Shows, MHS Auditorium; 12:30, 2, 4 & 5:30 PM
- 12/17 (Mon) – Horizon Elementary Vocal Choir performance; 9:30 AM at school, 2:30 PM at Gardner Village
- 12/17 (Mon) – MHS Drama student play: "The First Christmas," 7 PM
- 12/18 (Tues) – MHS Choir Concert, MHS Auditorium, 8 PM (PLEASE NOTE: This is a time change from 7 PM).** Audience members invited to bring 2 cans of food the Utah Food Bank.
- 12/19 (Wed) – Renaissance MHS Faculty Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, 2 PM at school
- 12/19 (Wed) – Riverview JH Concerts: 7th grade Girls Choir & Rebel Men, 7 PM
- 12/19 (Wed) – MHS Drama student play: "The First Christmas," 7 PM
- 12/20 (Thurs) – Riverview JH Concerts: 8th grade Girls Choir & Concert Choir, 7 PM
- 12/21 & 12/22 (Fri & Sat) – Murray Ballet Centre presents annual "Ebenezer Scrooge Ballet" at MHS; 7 PM both nights, 2 PM Sat. matinee. Call 265-0707 for more information.

**EMPLOYEES – CHECK YOUR TAX WITHHOLDING**

This is a good time for all employees to check tax withholdings. If your filing status has changed during the year and you haven't already submitted a new W-4, you should consider doing that now. Examples of status change include marriage or divorce, change of name, gain or loss of a dependent or major change in family income. Anyone claiming exempt must file a new W-4 in order to maintain that status. W-4 forms are available at the Murray District Offices, 147 East 5065 South, or call the DO at 264-7400 and request to have one mailed.

**MURRAY GIRLS NAMED TO ALL-STATE VOLLEYBALL TEAMS**

Class 4A First Team: Jaymie Nava, MHS Senior  
Class 4A Second Team: Prasella Matemate, MHS Sophomore

**HORIZON ELEMENTARY AWARDED PE GRANT**

Horizon Elementary School was just awarded a \$5,000 "Let's Just Play" Giveaway Grant. The money will be put toward more PE/Recreation equipment and also help fund the school walking path. This is a grant from Nickelodeon and Liberty Elementary received one in 2006. To win the grant students wrote down 3 reasons why their schools needs more "play." Good work, huskies!

### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER OPPORTUNITIES IN SPECIAL ED**

If you are a parent, community member or substitute interesting in subbing for district Para-educators, contact Special Ed department administrative assistant Codi Romero at 264-7400 for more information. This is not a sub-finder placement hiring and will be paid on an hourly basis.

### **TWO MURRAY TEACHERS SELECTED FOR STUDY TRIPS**

Amber Rydalch, Murray High AP Euro/World Civ teacher, was selected to attend an 11-day seminar in Washington D.C. and Philadelphia, through the Larry Miller Foundations of Liberty program. As previously reported, Riverview JH social studies teacher Elizabeth Wagstaff was selected to attend the Utah and the West Seminar. Congratulations to these great teachers!

### **EMERGENCY TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR MURRAY RESIDENTS**

C.E.R.T. Class (Community Emergency Response Team) Sign Up

Class will run for 8 weeks, Wed. or Thurs. nights; 6:30-9:30 PM beginning Jan. 9, 2008

Classes at fire station behind Grecian Gardens, 4800 S. 40<sup>th</sup> E.

A backpack with emergency supplies will be provided; must be 15 yrs .old to participate  
Right now the class is FREE; call Sheri Van Bibber at 284-4260 for more info.

### **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

### **MurrE-ENERGY SAVER TIP**

District buildings will be shut down for a total of 11 days over the break. If any of you have small refrigerators in your classrooms or offices, don't forget to clean them out, defrost and unplug before the break. If you need them to keep things refrigerated during the holiday, then leave them plugged in; but if you are unplugging, be sure to leave the door open.

### **MCSD ENERGY SAVER OF THE WEEK:**

**Gayla Lamb, Longview 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher**

**PREVIOUS ENERGY SAVERS:** Alex Ng, RJH student; Brent Chase, district tech support; 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:**

12/14 Holiday Staff Reception, Horizon Elementary 12 noon-1 PM

12/14 Pre-season MHS Basketball @ home vs Riverton, 7 PM

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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

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 12/20 MHS Wrestling @ East, 6 PM  
 12/20 Riverview JH Concerts: 8th grade Girls Choir; Concert Choir 7 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

**See continuation of calendar online at this link:**

[http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/spotlight\\_upcomingdistrictevents.shtml](http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/spotlight_upcomingdistrictevents.shtml)

### **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 – Murray High School

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:**

Support Staff for After School Program – Parkside Elementary  
Responsibilities: Assist the program site coordinator for the before and after school program at Parkside Elementary  
Specifications: Part-time hourly position, 19 hrs p/week; Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and/or 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Salary: \$8.35 (entry) to \$9.56 (mid-level)  
Closing Date: Until filled

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