

MurrENEWS – December 20, 2007
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
Educating Murray since 1906!

This is the final edition of the MurrENEWS for this year.
It will be back in January 2008 with more great news about the Murray City School District.

MurrE-QUOTE - Christmas

**...I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"**

– Clement Clarke Moore (1779 - 1863)

The poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" (also called "A Visit from St. Nicholas") redefined the image of Christmas and Santa Claus. Prior to its writing in 1822, St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, had never been associated with a sleigh or reindeers. The author, Clement Clarke Moore, was a reticent man who came from a prominent family. His father, Bishop of New York Benjamin Moore, was famous for officiating at the inauguration of George Washington. It is believed that a family friend sent a copy of the poem a New York newspaper, who published it on December 23, 1823 with the condition that the author was to remain anonymous. It was an immediate success, but it was not until 1844 that Clement Clarke Moore claimed ownership when it was included in a book of his poetry. This wonderful poem has gained popularity worldwide.

MURRAY HIGH COUNSELOR NAMED TO UTAH STATE BOARD OF ED COMMITTEE

Lillian Tsosie-Jensen was recently appointed to the Utah State Office of Education Coalition of Minorities Advisory Committee (CMAC). Her appointment period will be for two years. Lillian graduated from USU with a BFA in Art Composite and came to Murray in 1992 as an art teacher at MHS. In 1999, she moved to a school counselor position at MHS. It is an honor to have a Murray District professional invited to this prestigious position.

LONGVIEW HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT TO AID HONDURAS ORPHANAGE

Longview Elementary is doing an unusual service activity this year by requesting their school community to donate baby items for an orphanage in Honduras, Central America. The tree in the school hallway is brimming with diapers, pull-ones, baby formula, booties, receiving blankets, and other items needed by babies in an orphanage in Honduras. Items may be donated up to school closing time on Fri., Dec. 21. School counselor Ann Smith is coordinating this great effort.

MURRAY SCHOOLS ENERGY PROGRAM FEATURED ON TV

As aired on KSL Television Channel 5 News, December 14, 2007 at 10 PM:

Murray School District is going green. At the beginning of this year, administrators started a program to save energy and money. Carrie Hartman never leaves her classroom without pushing a few buttons. "I flip off the monitor and the printer," she said. Hartman made a daily shutdown energy check list that is now used in all the classrooms in the high school and the entire district. She's the energy education manager for Murray, a new job this year that means a lot to this biology teacher. (To view clip, see link - <http://www.ksl.com/index.php?nid=148&sid=2333830>)

MurrE-TECH TIP

Nothing bad can happen if you haven't hit the **Send** key.

– David Shipley & Will Schwalbe

MurrE-ENERGY SAVER REMINDER

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.

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

12/20 MHS Lady Spartan Basketball @Home vs Snow Canyon; Soph3:30PM, JV5:15PM, Var7PM

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

See continuation of calendar online at this link:

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

Licensed Openings:

None at this time

Classified Openings:

Custodian – Creekside School

Responsibilities: Help with the operation, upkeep and cleaning of Creekside School.
Keep building comfortable, safe and clear for all times that it is scheduled for use.

Job Specifications: Part-time hourly position; 15 hrs p/wk (specific working hours TBD)

Salary: Pay Grade 2; Rate \$8.35 to \$9.56, depending on experience and/or education

Closing Date: Until filled

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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