

MurrENEWS – January 4, 2008
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
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MurrE-CAPITOL UPDATE

The Capitol Preservation Board invites the public back to the "People's House" to view the beautifully restored and renovated Utah State Capitol. An Open House will be held Saturday, Jan. 5, through Friday, Jan. 11, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Each day will focus upon a unique aspect of the restoration project, culminating with Capitol Discovery Day on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Here is a list of the Utah Capitol Open House special focuses for each day:

- Jan. 5 – Rotunda and niche sculptures.
- Jan. 6 – Visitor Services Center, Fourth Floor Exhibit
- Jan. 7 – Governor's Suite, State Reception Room, Territorial Governor's Exhibit
- Jan. 8 – Senate Chamber
- Jan. 9 – House Chamber
- Jan. 10 – Supreme Court Chamber
- Jan. 11 – Lions
- Jan. 12 – Restoration, Seismic Retrofit, Capitol Discovery Day

Utah Capitol Spotlight

The Utah State Capitol Building is a symbol of government, community and heritage. It is located on the top of State Street and over looks the Salt Lake Valley. Construction on this great building began on Dec. 26, 1912, with the cornerstone being laid in April 1914 and the dedication on Oct. 9, 1916. The cost of the project totaled \$2,739,538.00.

When Utah became a state on Jan. 4, 1896, there was no official Capitol building in Salt Lake City. The original Capitol of the state was in Fillmore. However, as Utah's population grew and was settling in Salt Lake City rather than in the middle of the state, the state Capitol was officially changed to Salt Lake City. Since only one wing of the Capitol building in Fillmore had been constructed, the Legislature decided to not spend any more money on a building that was not used or needed and the project to finish the Capitol in Fillmore was abandoned.

By 1911, the Legislature was able to issue bonds for a \$1,000,000 loan to build the Capitol building in Salt Lake City. The efforts were aided by unforeseen good fortune, a windfall from the death of Edward Herriman, president of Union Pacific Railroad. The Utah Attorney General, A.R. Barnes, found a state inheritance tax law, previously un-enforced, which permitted the state to gain \$798,546 in revenue from the Herriman estate.

For more information about Utah's Capitol Building, new renovation and tours, visit the State of Utah Capitol Preservation Board site at

<http://www.utahstatecapitol.utah.gov/history/history.html>

The Utah Senate site also has other interesting information on the Capitol renovation and schedules: <http://senatesite.com/blog/2007/12/new-year-new-capitol.html>

LANE CHANGE INFORMATION

Robert McDaniel, Director of Personnel and Student Services reminds:

As part of the negotiated agreement last year, lane change became a semi-annual event, instead of once each year. The deadline for the second half of the year is January 10th (next Thursday). The next lane change date will be September 10, 2008. You must have completed the degree or hours to submit. Guidelines and forms are available at the district office and on the district website by going to Human Resources>Current Personnel, or

www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/humanresources/lanechange.pdf

MHS JUNIORS RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Laura Mercer won the Martin Luther King statewide essay contest for the 11th grade level. This competition is sponsored by the State Office of Education. She will receive a cash award and also be honored during a January banquet at the University of Utah.

Brandon Brockbank, Susie Peterson and Emily Strobell are state semi-finalists in the "Win With Words" National Vocabulary Contest sponsored by Comcast and the Gameshow Network. They will compete in January against other state semi-finalists. The winner will then travel to national competition in Los Angeles in the spring.

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL MOTIVATORS?

If you have tried-and-true "coming back after the holidays" motivation activities or new ideas that you are trying this year, please jot them down in a reply to this email, which will go to D. Wright, District Public Relations Specialist. Our district has been invited to share advice on getting students back in school mode after a holiday break on KSL Television's Studio 5 website and show. Tips for parents trying to get their children back into the school routine or any other ideas along these lines will be greatly appreciated. Information is needed before 1/15/08.

MURRAY SCHOOLS CENTENNIAL HISTORY PUBLICATION STILL AVAILABLE

The newly published "Centennial History of the Murray City School District" is a 110 page publication comprised of dozens of pictures, maps, references and a colorful narrative history of the Murray City School District. The book is in a soft cover 8 ½ by 11-inch format; designed to fit on bookshelves for easy reference. Many of the photographs and stories in the book have never before been published. It is available for purchase at the Murray City School District Offices for \$15.00 per copy. Stop by and pick up a copy for anyone with ties to Murray.

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 series. Limited scholarships are available; call Linda Smith 801-292-2816. Pre-registration required; call Marcia Bailey, 557-7429. For classes taught in Spanish, call Julie Moreno, 272- 1051 or 867-2375

LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF UTAH (LDAU) MEETING IN JANUARY

Topic: Understanding Assessments for Individuals with Learning Disabilities
Michael Herbert will speak on this topic at the LDAU Annual Meeting. The meeting will take place Tues., Jan. 15, 7 PM at the Division of Services for the Blind & Visual Impaired, Rooms 218-219, 250 N. 1950 W., Suite B, SLC. Michael is a professional at the Utah Personnel Development Center (UPDC). He also has classroom experience as a special educator in high school and middle school, served as a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Special Education at the U of U, was Project Director for the American Indian Master's Specialization Program and also for the award-winning course "Culture and School Success." His expertise includes assessment, transition, minority education issues and programming, learning disabilities and effective teaching techniques for students in inclusive settings. For more info, go to <http://www.ldautah.org/>, or contact Dr. Wendy Bills at the DO.

OPERA-TUNITIES

Puccini's *Tosca* is one of the world's favorite operas, set in Rome in 1800, it is filled with political intrigue, revolutionary fervor, corrupt police, suspense, romance, church bells and dramatic deaths. "Come see it, hear it, feel it" Thurs., Jan. 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Capitol Theatre at the final dress rehearsal. Student and teacher tickets are available; student ticket price is \$3. Pre-performance presentations are also available for classrooms. If you can't participate but have students who might enjoy attending these performances, please share with them this information so that they may purchase their own tickets. Contact Paula Fowler, Director of Education & Community Outreach Utah Symphony & Opera, at 869-9090. Order forms may be found at http://www.usoeducation.org/images/0708_operatunities_order_form_teachers.pdf

Dress Rehearsal Performance Schedule:

Thursday, January 17 – Giacomo Puccini's *Tosca*

Thursday, March 6 – Gioacchino Rossini's *Cinderella*

Thursday, May 8 – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Don Giovanni*

UTAH CULTURAL CELEBRATION CENTER PROGRAM

ARTrageous Tuesdays programs are around 90 minutes long and include a guided exhibit tour or live performance followed by a hands-on experience. Programs change each month and are offered Free of Charge to public and private school groups of about 30 students. Splitting into smaller groups and alternating between the exhibit tour and hands-on activity is an option to accommodate larger groups of 60 or more. School groups must bring an appropriate number of adults to chaperone. Programs run from 8:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. with reservations required. Contact Susan Klinker, program director, at 801-965-5101, email sklinker@wvc-ut.gov.

2008 Winter & Spring ARTrageous Tuesdays Schedule:

1/8 Islamic New Year – This activity is held in conjunction with the Islamic New year, recognized on January 10th. Maysa Kergaye, of the Islamic Speakers Bureau will present religious and cultural traditions associated with this holiday. Maysa will also answer any other questions the students may have about the Muslim religion and its traditions. Students will also be invited to tour a display of the work of Iraqi artist Kathem Alhamdani.

2/19 African Roots in America – In honor of the Martin Luther King holiday and African Heritage Month, an exhibit titled “Crowns: Portraits of Black Women in Church Hats” will be mounted. It explores the rich cultural tradition of African American women heading off to Sunday worship in a variety of hats. The exhibit tour will be complimented by a hands-on workshop presented by visiting artist “Zinse” on African drumming.

2/26 ARTrageous Dance with RDT – Repertory Dance Theater participates to offer a series of presentations and engaging movement workshops designed especially for school groups. Students will learn through a performance based lecture and be invited to explore elements of dance; space, time, shape, and energy.

3/25 Photo Documentary and the Sudan exhibit – Students will tour an educational photo documentary exhibit titled, “Sudan: The Land and the People” and be involved in a photo documentary workshop. They will then be sent home with a disposable digital camera and an assignment to capture portraits of their own lives. Digital images will be returned to the UCCC and a number will be selected for public presentation as part of a larger gallery exhibition. This is restricted to high school or advanced junior high students.

4/8 “Sudan: The Land and the People” – This program involves an intense exploration of cultural life in Sudan today, and includes three activity centers. Students will tour the photo documentary exhibit on Sudan in the gallery; then, a local Sudanese artist will lead students through an exhibit; finally, students will be invited into the dance studio to experience traditional music and dance presentations by members of the local Sudanese community.

5/20 Fiesta! – In conjunction with the UCCC’s annual Fiesta! Celebration, students are invited to attend a dramatic stage presentation of the dances of Mexico! This performance will involve several local professional dance troupes and is offered at 10:30 a.m. only.

6/3 Chinese Art from the Cultural Revolution & Chinese Brush Painting – Tour an exciting exhibit of original artworks related to the Cultural Revolution in China. This tour intertwines politics and history with the beautiful work of Chinese artists. Following the tour, students will join artist Bill Lee as he demonstrates and teaches basic techniques of Chinese brush painting.

7/15 ARTrageous Sculpture – Students are invited to tour the recent works of Utah sculptors in the annual Face of Utah Sculpture exhibit. The tour will include a demonstration by one of the participating artists.

MurrE-TECHTIP – MAINTENANCE WORK REQUESTS

Information from John Nielson, Murray District Technology Administrator:

You may now submit Maintenance work requests in the same way as Technology work requests which is through the following link:

<http://www.myschoolbuilding.com/myschoolbuilding/msbdefault.asp?acctnum=225406220>

You will need to check the tabs at the top to make sure that you are submitting a Maintenance work request and not a Technology work request or Travel request. After filling out the request form, the password is murray (all lower case letters). These requests will first go to your building

custodian for work, then to the principal for approval, and then to maintenance for attention.

MurrE-WEBTIP – DISTRICT WEBSITE MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY WORK REQUESTS

You may also place your Maintenance and Technology work request by going through the Murray City School District website ><http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/>>District Office tab>towards the bottom of the page under Staff Services.

December 20th DISTRICT ENERGY SAVERS:

Joan Anderson, MHS counselor

Rob Couraud, MHS CTE coordinator

Laura DeShazo, MHS business teacher

Debbie Hymas, MHS Career Center coordinator

Laurie Martinez, Liberty computer lab TA

PREVIOUS ENERGY SAVERS: Gayla Lamb, Longview 2nd grade teacher; 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 4th 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:

1/4 MHS Lady Spartan Basketball @ West; JV 3:30 PM, Varsity 5:15 PM, Soph 7 PM

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1/8 Swim Meet: MHS Home vs Cyprus; 2:30 PM

1/8 MHS Lady Spartan Basketball @ Highland; JV 3:30 PM, Varsity 5:15 PM, Soph 7 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 Lady Spartan Basketball @ Home vs East; JV 3:30 PM, Varsity 5:15 PM, Soph 7 PM

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 Lady Spartan Basketball @ Home vs Granger; JV 3:30PM, Varsity 5:15PM, Soph 7PM

1/15 MHS Basketball @ Granger, 7 PM

1/17 MHS Wrestling @ Home vs West, 6 PM

1/18 MHS Lady Spartan Basketball @ Home vs Cyprus; JV 3:30 PM, Varsity 5:15PM, Soph 7PM

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 Lady Spartan Basketball @ Cottonwood; JV 3:30 PM, Varsity 5:15 PM, Soph 7 PM

1/22 MHS Wrestling @ Home vs Mt View, 6 PM

1/22 MHS Basketball @ Cottonwood, 7 PM

1/23 Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM

1/24 Reflections Awards Night, Hillcrest JH

1/24 MHS Wrestling @ Home vs Cottonwood, 6 PM

1/25 MHS Lady Spartan Basketball @ Olympus; JV 3:30 PM, Varsity 5:15 PM, Soph 7 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 Lady Spartan Basketball @Home vs Cottonwood;JV3:30PM,Varsity5:15PM,Soph 7PM
1/31 MHS Wrestling @ Home vs Granger, 6 PM

See a continuation of the calendar online at this district website 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:

No openings at this time.

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

Custodian – Murray High School, full-time contract position

Responsibilities: Full time Custodian position responsible for upkeep and cleaning of the assigned school building and grounds. Keep the building comfortable, safe and clear for all times.

Custodial duties include cleaning walls, windows, furniture, floors (carpet & tile), and cleaning restrooms; stripping and waxing tile floors, refurbishing gym floors periodically. Other custodial duties as assigned by school administrator and/or head custodian.

Minimum Requirements: Must be able to handle cleaning machinery such as buffers, floor scrubbers, high speed buffers, etc., and the ability to lift 30 lbs.

Job Specifications: Full time, twelve month contract position (244 days); 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.;

Health insurance and retirement benefits included.

Pay Grade/Classification: Pay Grade 7 / \$10.78 (entry level) to \$12.34 (mid-level)

Closing Date: January 15, 2008

Custodian - Parkside Elementary (part-time hourly position)

Responsibilities: Assist with the upkeep and cleaning of assigned school building and grounds.

Specifications: Part-time hourly position; 3.5 hrs p/day

Pay Grade/Classification: Pay Grade 2 / \$8.35 (entry) to \$9.56 (mid-level)

Closing Date: Until filled

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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