

MurrENEWS – February 8, 2008
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MurrE-QUOTE

“There can be no doubt, none whatever, that education pays. Do not short-circuit your lives. If you do so, you will pay for it over and over and over again.”

– Gordon B. Hinckley (1910-2008), President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The official 2008-09 School Year Calendar is approved and available on the district website:

<http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/>

MEF PINNACLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the 2008 Pinnacle Award Recipients:

Debbie Baldrige – Volunteer

Theresea Daniel – 6th grade, Viewmont Elementary

Dale Johnson – 6th grade, Longview Elementary

Janie Moysh – Classified Employee

Mark Pope – Social Studies/German, Hillcrest JH

Colleen Smith – 6th grade, Grant Elementary

Lillian Tsosie-Jensen – Counselor, MHS

MURRAY BOARD OF ED MEMBER HONORED

Mrs. Laura Baker was recently named to the Utah High School Activities Association CIRCLE of FAME. This award honors outstanding contributors to Utah high school activities and the youth those activities serve. It is the most prestigious award bestowed by the Association and is limited to a select group with only two individuals inducted each year. Mrs. Baker will be honored at the 4A Boys State Basketball championship game at Weber State University on March 1st. She has been a member of the Murray Board of Education since 1983.

MURRAY DISTRICT REFLECTIONS COMPETITION WINNERS

This year's theme was "I Can Make a Difference by ..."

These district winners will now move on to state judging:

FILM/VIDEO

Austin Packard – Longview

Treyson Lyon – Viewmont

Zachary Gibbs – Murray HS

PHOTOGRAPHY

Rylan Shafer – Grant

Kaleb Benson – Longview

Parker Hill – McMillan

Sara Park – Hillcrest JH

VISUAL ARTS

Jett Jones – Grant

Alison Carter – McMillan

Breianna Rodriguez – Viewmont

Jeremy Schumann – Murray HS

LITERATURE

Sadie Decker – Grant
Julianne Solomon – Grant
Jenny Goldsberry – McMillan
THREE DIMENSIONAL ART
Tyler DeMann – Grant
Kristine Peterson – Grant
Kenzi Bouldon – Riverview JH
THEATER
Emma Black – Viewmont
Ammon Black – Riverview JH
MUSIC
Tyler DeMann – Grant
Kristine Peterson – Grant
Reagan Eisert – Hillcrest JH
Allyn Lyon – Murray HS
DANCE
Jaxynn Smith – Grant
Julia Evans – Horizon

DISTRICT MATURATION SCHEDULE

Presentations are for 4th – 6th grade girls and 5 & 6th grade boys:

Feb. 7 (Thurs), 1:30 & 2:30 PM – Horizon
Feb. 7 (Thurs), 9:30 & 10:30 AM – Liberty
Feb. 21 (Thurs), 1:15 & 2:15 PM – Grant
Feb. 21 (Thurs), 9:00 & 10:00 AM – Viewmont
Feb. 26 (Tues), 9:30 & 10:30 AM – Longview
Feb. 26 (Tues), 1:15 & 2:15 PM – McMillan
Feb. 29 (Fri), 1:30 & 2:30 PM – Parkside

MURRAY FBLA REGIONAL RESULTS

The following MHS students placed at the recent FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Region Competition and will compete at the state competition in March:

Entrepreneurship Team – 5th Place, Isaac Jorgensen, Strauss Western, Jackson Wood
Cyber Security – 3rd Place, Melina Neofitos
Introduction to Technology – 1st Place, Zach Gibbs
Introduction to Business – 1st Place, Zach Gibbs
Introduction to Communications – 2nd Place, Taryn Bryner ; 3rd Place, Zach Gibbs
Word Processing – 1st Place, Dallas Miller ; 2nd Place, Taryn Bryner

RIVERVIEW STUDENT WINS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB AWARD

Salt Lake Tribune article by Tabatha Deans, 01/31/2008

Teen is Youth of Year/Riverview student earns top grades, performs service, masters challenges

Riverview Junior High eighth-grader Marissa Burton, 14, has won the Youth of the Year award from the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Valley, a chapter of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA). The award, based on community service, character and overcoming personal obstacles, is the highest award given to club members.

See link for full story:

http://www.sltrib.com/ci_8130575?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com

TERRIFIC KIDS NAMED AT RIVERVIEW JUNIOR HIGH

The Terrific Kids Program is sponsored by Riverview JH, PTSA and Kiwanis Club. Students are chosen by their teachers for demonstrating outstanding qualities. Congratulations to these February honorees:

Dillon Earl – friendly, loves to help others, tries his best, has perfect attendance

Sam Spracklen – energetic, self motivated, has a great sense of humor, is polite

Justin Adams – organized, has a great sense of humor, follows directions well

MHS PRODUCTION – “THE MIRACLE WORKER”

Dates: Thurs, Fri, Sat & Mon, Feb 21, 22, 23 & 25 at 7 PM

Tickets: Students \$4, Adults, \$5, All \$6 at the door

Don't miss this inspirational story of teacher Annie Sullivan and her famous student Helen Keller, who was born both blind and deaf. Support MHS and attend!

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB PROJECT

The MHS Environment Club will be selling reusable canvas shopping bags as a fundraising effort.

Price: \$8 each.

Available: Starting February 12th

Where: Parent-Teacher Conferences at MHS, HJHS, and RJHS

Message on the Bag: “Keep it Clean, Murray Go Green”

Or contact Carrie Hartman at 264-7460 ext. 5335; chartman@murrayschools.org

TOOL DAY AT GRANT ELEMENTARY

On Feb. 22, from 2-3 PM, about 20 parents will bring “tools of their trades” and share career information with the students at Grant. Students will be scheduled to visit 4 parent presentations for 15 minutes each. This will be a great way for students to have a hands-on opportunity to experience a variety of professions.

MULTI-CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AT MCMILLAN ELEMENTARY

The founder of Africans Refugee Artists Club (ARAC) presented an assembly for McMillan students at the end of January. ARAC is an organization that works to help young African Refugee Artists further their skills as artists and storytellers. Students at McMillan Elementary will be participating in this effort by donating art supplies. Supplies that are in needed include: tubes of acrylic and oil paints, small painting brushes, sketch books, watercolor, prism color and logograph pencils, and plastic erasers. Call the school for more info on donations, 264-7430; for more information on ARAC, see www.africanrefugeeartistsclub.org

DISTRICT MEDIA CENTER RECEIVES SUPPLIES

Come and get 'em; these items are just in:

- Self-adhesive magnet sheets
- Static cling vinyl
- Mask straps

NEW ONLINE TEACHER RESOURCES

Pioneer, Utah's online library has added a new database. Soundzabound are royalty free audio downloads that may be added to your multimedia presentations such as PowerPoint, Podcasts, or videos. For more info, contact Mitchell Jorgensen, Foundations of Technology Teacher at Riverview JH. These audio files are available at <http://pioneer.uen.org/k12/index.jsp>

TRAINING FOR WORKING WITH TRAUMATIZED STUDENTS

A workshop will be held Feb. 29 from 9 AM to 12 PM at Murray High School with the focus "Professional Training: Strategies for Supporting Traumatized Students." For more information, contact Deb Ashton, Safe Schools Coordinator, at MHS, 264-7460

MURRAY ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST

Murray City sponsors an Arbor Day Poster Contest each year and will be distributing supplies and instructions to elementary and Murray Pre-school teachers by February 11. Collection will be March 20. Grade winners will be invited to Murray City's annual Arbor Day in the Park celebration on April 25th for a free lunch and recognition. Selected fourth grade classes will also be invited to the Park that day for a variety of environmental education workshops.

TRANSITION STUDENT MEETING

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation is sponsoring Rehab Night, Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 6-8 PM at the Vocational Rehabilitation Office, 926 W Baxter Dr., South Jordan. This meeting is designed to provide parents information needed to assist their students with applying for VR Services and also to answer questions about the Transition process and general disability resources. If you know of anyone that might benefit from VR services (including those as young as 16 and those in college-level courses), pass on this invitation or call 446-2560.

PTSA SCHOLARSHIPS

Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded this year by the Murray High School PTSA. Each applicant or one parent must be a member of the PTSA in Murray City School District. Applications are available in the high school counseling office. Applicants will need a transcript and two letters of recommendation. The deadline for consideration is Wed., April 23; after which the scholarship committee will contact each applicant to set up an interview. Recipients will be notified in writing prior to their announcement at the MHS Scholarship Awards Night. For more information contact Ms. Tsosie-Jensen in the MHS counseling office.

MORE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Applications are now available to high school seniors for Lowe's Scholarships. The deadline to apply is March 15. Applications are online at www.lowes.com/scholarship

STUDENTS ESSAY CONTEST (from the 1/29/08 Deseret News)

Mayors and council members from Utah's cities and towns are inviting schoolchildren to write their views about the communities where they live. The "Why I Like My Community" essay contest, sponsored by the Utah League of Cities and Towns, is open to Utah fourth- and seventh-graders. First-place winners from each of the two grade levels will receive \$100, and their schools will receive \$1,000. Second-place winners will receive \$75, with \$750 going to their schools, and third-place winners will receive \$50, with \$500 for their schools. For more information, contact the league office at 800-852-8528. Contest deadline is March 1.

GET FIT, DON'T SIT EVENTS

For more information on any Get Fit activities, contact Jenny at 264-7476.

See the latest Get Fit, Don't Sit Murray Newsletter online by going to:

http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/districtoffice/getfit_january2008newsletter.pdf

Family Sock Hop – Feb. 9 (Sat) at Riverview Junior High, 7:30-9:30 PM

FREE admission; lots of fun contests and music from many different decades.

MurrE-WEBTIP & NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

In honor of National School Counseling Week this past week (Feb. 4 – 8), it's not too late to recognize the good things that are happening in our schools as a result of efforts by the great school counselors in Murray. The *Just for Youth* website is recommended by the Utah School Counselor Association and helps to provide students with answers to questions: <http://justforyouth.utah.gov/>

MurrE-TECHTIP:

School administrators and teachers; please keep your websites and web pages up-to-date. We have been getting quite a few calls at the district asking for updated information online.

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

2/4 thru 2/8 NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

2/8 MHS Lady Spartan Basketball @ East; JV 3:30 PM, Varsity 5:15 PM, Soph 7 PM

2/9 MHS MORP Dance, Commons Area, 7- 10 PM

2/9 Get Fit Don't Sit Family Sock Hop, Riverview JH, FREE admission, 7:30-9:30 PM

2/11 MHS Registration Prep/MHS counselors will visit junior high JH English 9 classes

2/12 & 2/13 MHS Registration Prep/counselors will visit 10th & 11th grade English classes

2/12 & 2/13 JH Parent-Teacher SEOP Conferences

2/12 MHS Lady Spartan Basketball @ Granger; JV 3:30 PM, Varsity 5:15 PM, Soph 7 PM

2/13 & 2/14 MHS Parent-Teacher SEOP Conferences

2/13 Murray PTA Council Board Mtg & Council PTA Mtg, DO, 9:30 & 10 AM

2/13 Murray Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM

2/14 MHS Lady Spartan Basketball @ Cyprus; JV 3:30 PM, Varsity 5:15 PM, Soph 7 PM

2/15 Secondary Teacher SEOP Compensatory Day – No School/Secondary

2/18 Washington & Lincoln Day– NO SCHOOL

2/19 Professional Development/Teacher Work Day – No School/Students

2/19 thru 23 Girls HS Basketball State Playoffs; TBA

2/20 PTA Day at the Utah State Legislature, 10 AM-6:30 PM

2/20 MHS Registration Fair & Orientation for incoming students & parents, 6-8:30 PM

2/21 Maturation Program, Viewmont Elem, 9:00 & 10:00 AM; Grant Elem, 1:15 & 2:15 PM

2/21 & 2/22 MHS Registration/counselors will collect completed forms in English 10 & 11 classes

2/21, 22, 23 & 25 "The Miracle Worker," MHS, 7 PM

2/22 "Tool Day" at Grant Elementary, 2-3 PM

2/25 MHS Registration/counselors will collect completed forms from both junior highs

2/26 Maturation Program, Longview Elem, 9:30 & 10:30 AM; McMillan Elem, 1:15 & 2:15 PM

2/27 Riverview JH Band Concert, 7-8:00 PM

2/29 Training for Supporting Traumatized Students, MHS Small Theater, 9 AM-12 PM (contact Deb Ashton at MHS)

2/29 Maturation Program, Parkside Elementary, 1:30 & 2:30 PM

See the entire calendar online:

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:

Active & Healthy Schools Program Coordinator – Get Fit, Don't Sit Murray Program
(Carol M. White Physical Education Grant)

Responsibilities: Plan and implement all activities related to the Active & Healthy School Program.

Minimum Requirements: HS graduate with one year specialized training in PE, Recreation or Health and Nutrition preferred; one year experience in supervisory/leadership experience adults.
Specifications: Highly developed human relations and communications skills, including ability to work cooperatively as a team member with faculty, parents on behalf of students.
Hours: 19 hrs per week from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Salary: \$10.78 to \$12.34 p/hr depending on education and/or experience
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

Hall Supervisor – Hillcrest Junior High

Responsibilities: Supervise the hallways all day long, as well as lunch periods. Duties include continual supervision of halls and school grounds, loading and unloading of buses, assisting students with locker problems, checking students for hall passes, escorting visitors to the office.
Specifications: 35 hrs p/wk (retirement benefits available)
Salary: \$8.35 (entry) to \$9.56 (mid-level), based on education and/or experience
Closing Date: Until filled

TA II - Indian Education Mentor Advocate – Murray High School

Responsibilities: Serve as a teaching assistant helping Native American Indian high school students in a variety of situations to strengthen their academic achievement. Monitor student attendance and academic progress; assist with homework tasks; consult and inform students about academic enhancement opportunities in small group and individual settings; serve as liaison with parents; work with community and academic resources to garner educational support.
Specifications: Part-time hourly position, approximately 15 hrs per week
Job Classification: Teaching Assistant II
Salary Range: \$9.24 (entry level) to \$10.58 (mid-level) based on experience and education
Closing Date: Until filled

TA III / Para-educator Special Ed Department – Viewmont Elementary

Responsibilities: Serve as teaching assistant/para-educator for special ed students
Specifications: 17 hrs per week
Salary: \$10.78 (entry) to \$12.34 (mid-level)
Closing Date: Until filled

TA III / Para-educator Special Ed Department – Schools TBD

Responsibilities: Serve as a teaching assistant/para-educator for special ed students.
Specifications: Part time hourly positions at school locations to be determined
Salary Range: \$10.78 to \$12.34
Closing Date: Until filled

TA III / Para-educator Speech Language Pathologist – Schools TBD

Responsibilities: Serve as an assistant/para-educator with speech language pathology staff
Specifications: Part-time hourly position for 6 hours per week; moving to 12 hours per week beginning in March
Salary Range: \$10.78 to \$12.34
Closing Date: Until filled

TA III / Wood Shop & Auto Shop – Murray High School

Responsibilities: Assist teacher working with students in woodshop and autoshop classes.
Specifications: Part-time hourly position; 19 hours per week
Salary Range: \$10.78 to \$12.34

Closing Date: Until filled

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