

MurrENEWS – February 22, 2008
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
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MurrE-QUOTE

“The public cannot be too curious concerning the characters of public men.”
– Samuel Adams, American Revolutionary patriot

TWO! “100% KIDS” GRANTS FOR MURRAY

Deseret News article: <http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,695254234,00.html>
Horizon Elementary School Reading Coordinator Trudy Burton and Riverview Junior High Choral Instructor Rebecca Ivory were both awarded grants from the 100% For Kids Utah Credit Union Foundation. Ms. Burton was awarded a \$4,200 check to purchase books for the school's Literacy Library; Ms. Ivory was awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,200 to purchase innovative equipment for use with the school's choral program. The application process through this foundation is very user friendly, so be sure to take a look.
The Murray City School District sends out a BIG THANKS to Utah's credit unions!
To apply for 100% Kids educational grants, go to <http://www.100percentforkids.org/>

MURRAY'S AMERICAN IDOL UPDATE

David Archuleta, a Murray High junior, advanced to the next level of judging last night on American Idol. David has helped out at the Murray Park Amphitheatre on the technical staff in the past and is well liked by his peers. He is being cheered on by the entire Murray community. See some great pictures of David on the American Idol website <http://www.americanidol.com/>
American Idol is seen locally on Fox TV/Channel 13, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.
****Don't forget to vote for your favorite American Idol (hint: David Archuleta)!***

MURRAY STUDENTS NAMED AMONG STERLING SCHOLAR FINALISTS

The 195 finalists for the Deseret Morning News-KSL 5 TV Sterling Scholar competition were recently named and will compete in the final competition March 5 at Alta High School. The following MHS seniors will proceed to the final competition (areas of accomplishment listed):
English – Gina Borsani
Social Science – Melissa Moeinvaziri
Science – Jessica Young

“THE MIRACLE WORKER” ... CURRENTLY PLAYING AT MHS

Dates: Fri, Sat & Mon, Feb 22, 23 & 25 at 7 PM
Tickets: Students \$4, Adults, \$5, All \$6 at the door
The inspirational story of teacher Annie Sullivan and her famous student Helen Keller.
BE SURE to support MHS and attend!

CATHY HANSEN RECOGNIZED IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

This past fall, Cathy Hansen, Riverview JH counselor, was nominated for American School Counselor of the Year. As a result of that nomination, she was named as one of the semi-finalists from candidates throughout the United States. Congratulations Cathy, and thanks for representing the Murray City School District so well!

MURRAY RESULTS IN 2008 4A STATE GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Spartans lost in a heart-breaking defeat by the 1st ranked team in the state last Wednesday. With a score of Timpview 42, Murray 40, the Thunderbirds survived a real threat from the courageous Spartans, who were the No. 3 seed from Region 6. Ame White led Murray with 13 points and three assists. We are proud of our Lady Spartans for working hard and looking great on the court this year!

Murray boys begin competition in the 2008 4A Boys Basketball Championships, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 9:30 AM at Weber State University; they will be playing Springville High School.

PTA DAY AT THE UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

Important education and child advocacy issues were reviewed by state PTA leadership during PTA Day at the Legislature. Utah PTA Legislative Priorities for the 57th session of the Utah State Legislature are:

- 1 – Parental Involvement
- 2 – Class Size Reduction
- 3 – Closing the Achievement Gap
- 4 – Vehicular Safety
- 5 – Local Control

Attending the February 20th event from the Murray City School District:

Janet Peaden – Murray PTA Council President
Tawna Woolley – Murray PTA Council President-Elect
Mary Ann Kirk – Murray PTA Council Legislative VP
Debbie Baldrige – Murray PTA Regional Director
Superintendent Richard Tranter
D. Wright – district public relations
Valerie Hampton- Riverview JH PTA Co-President
Susan Julian- Riverview JH PTA Co-President
Janet Purser- Riverview JH PTA Legislative VP
Petra Winegar- Longview Elementary PTA Legislative VP

DISTRICT ENERGY SAVER: Gloria Herrera, Hillcrest JH Counseling Office

Previous Energy Savers: Joan Anderson, Rob Couraud, Laura DeShazo, Debbie Hymas, Laurie Martinez, Gayla Lamb, Alex Ng, Brent Chase, Mitch McMillan, Julie McMillan, Trent Asay, James Lobato, Marcia Meher, Ginger Brakke, Darlene Evans, Kristi Hankins, Randi Homsobath, Debbie Otteson, Joel Kjar, Colleen Nadauld

TOWN MEETINGS

There is a town meeting coming up this weekend in Murray where you will have the opportunity to meet with local legislators. Attending will be Representative Tim Cosgrove and Senator Pat Jones. With the State Legislature in session, this is an opportunity to share your thoughts on issues: Sat., Feb. 23 at Longview Elementary, 6240 South 550 East from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

HUNTSMAN AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Send in nominations for the 16th annual Huntsman Awards for Excellence in Education. The 2008 awards will go to six teachers, three administrators and a volunteer. Each winner will receive a \$10,000 check and a crystal obelisk. The nomination deadline is Wed., April 2, 2008 at 5 p.m. Nomination forms are available at www.huntsman.com/haee.

PIONEER UTAH'S ONLINE LIBRARY OFFER

Trial Feature – There still time left! Pioneer is offering a Trial of a new feature during the month of February. "Journey Back In Time" provides original and authentic material spanning more than 500 years. The resources give people online access to many areas: social studies, culture, history, political science, English, literature, art, poetry, and more. Users will step back in time and travel on a journey of discovery! Give it a try! <http://pioneer.uen.org>

Contact Mitchell Jorgensen mjorgensen@murrayschools.org if you have other questions about UEN or Pioneer Utah's Online Library <http://pioneer.uen.org>

UTAH STUDENT AP RANKINGS

From 2/13/08 Deseret News story: <http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,695252816,00.html>
Utah earns high ranking for AP scores – Utah ranked ninth in the nation for percentage of students passing AP examinations in 2007, with nearly one out of every five public high school seniors in the state passing at least one AP exam, according to data released today by the College Board. The 4th Annual AP Report to the Nation noted 14,096 Utah students took a total of 22,609 AP exams in 2007 and that 14,891 of those tests came in with a score of 3, 4 or 5, good enough to earn college credit. That gave the state's public school students an overall pass rate of 65.9 percent, compared to the national pass rate of 57.2 percent.

2008 AMERICAN STARS OF TEACHING NOMINATION DEADLINE

The U.S. Department of Education is now accepting nominations for the 2008 American Stars of Teaching. This national contest recognizes outstanding educators from all grade levels and disciplines. Nominations must be submitted before March 31. Colleagues and community members are invited to nominate at <http://www.ed.gov/teachers/how/tools/initiative/index.html>

MurrE-WEBTIP: www.spellingbee.com

The 2008 Scripps National Spelling Bee Competition will be held on May 29 and 30. In general, the program is open to elementary and middle school students. The *Louisville Courier-Journal* started the event with nine contestants in 1925. In 1941 Scripps assumed sponsorship of the program. Of the 83 champions, 43 have been girls and 40 have been boys. On this interesting site, you can find a complete listing of champions and their winning words.

Scripps National Spelling Bee Winning Words

1928: albumen
1938: sanitarium
1948: psychiatry
1958: syllepsis
1968: abalone
1978: deification
1988: elegiacal
1998: chiaroscurist

MurrE-TECHTIP: From John Nielson, District Technology Administrator

The following information is comes from Utah Education Network –

"Please take the opportunity to remind your users about phishing style attacks. The most recent attempts seem to be directly targeted to Mountain America Credit Union member. Most are directly targeted based on an email list of one of MACU's partners, so it's more directed than usual. We will be working to blackhole these fraud sites as they pop up."

Phishing is the process by which you will receive an e-mail or access web sites where others will attempt to get your confidential information. These sites may display themselves as banks, retirement groups, etc. NEVER give out passwords, account information, social security numbers

over e-mail, phone, or any other means unless you are certain of the person requesting the information. If you have any questions, please contact the requesting institution for verification or let me know and we can follow-up on the request.

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

2/22 MHS Registration/counselors will collection completed forms in English 10 & 11 classes
2/22 "Tool Day" at Grant Elementary, 2-3 PM
2/22, 23 & 25 "The Miracle Worker," MHS, 7 PM
2/25 MHS Registration/counselors will collect completed forms from both junior highs
2/26 - 3/1 2008 4A Boys Basketball Championships at Weber State University
2/26 4A Boys Basketball Championships, MHS VS Springville, Weber State University, 9:30 AM
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
2/29 Maturation Program, Parkside Elem, 1:30 & 2:30 PM

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:

Media Specialist – Murray High School for the 2008-2009 school year
Minimum Requirements: Current Utah Teaching License with Media Specialist Endorsement
Salary Range: 2008-2009 Teacher Salary Schedule (to be determined)
Closing Date: Intra-District Opening through February 22, 2008; then open until filled
Application Process – Submit letter of interest to:
Robert McDaniel
Murray School District Office
Personnel Department
147 East 5065 South, Murray, UT 84107

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

Assistant Cheer Advisor – Murray High School
Specifications: Work as an assistant to the Cheer Advisor helping advise the cheer squad and supervise cheer activities.
Salary: Yearly stipend
Closing Date: Until filled

Assistant Drill Team Advisor – Murray High School
Specifications: Work as an assistant to the Drill Team Advisor helping advise the drill team squad and supervise drill team activities.
Salary: Yearly stipend
Closing Date: Until filled

Grounds Crew/Maintenance Worker
Responsibilities: Responsibilities include a variety of lead worker and routine skilled and semi-skilled duties as needed for the upkeep and maintenance of the district facilities grounds.
Specifications: Full time hourly position; 40 hrs p/week, Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Salary: \$10.78 (entry) to \$12.34 (mid-level) based on experience and/or education
Closing Date: Until filled

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 / 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

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

The Murray School District MurrENEWS electronic newsletter is a Murray School District publication designed to share news and information. Please forward this email to anyone you think may be interested. To submit an item for MurrENEWS or to have parents, community members or other names added to the mailing list, contact D. Wright, Public Relations Specialist at the Murray City School District Offices, 801-264-7400, or email dwright@murrayschools.org.