

**MurrENEWS – March 10, 2008**  
**Murray City School District, Murray, UT**  
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**MurrE-QUOTE**

“The dream begins, most of the time, with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you on to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth.”

– Dan Rather

**MURRAY HIGH STUDENT ATTENDS NOBEL PRIZE GALA**

Britney Erickson, senior at MHS, and her Biotechnology teacher, Steve Scheidell, attended a black-tie gala in February at the Grand America Hotel honoring Dr. Mario Capecchi. At the event, Dr. Capecchi, Distinguished Professor of Genetics at the University of Utah, was recognized for having received the 2007 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for work in gene targeting. The reason that Britney and her teacher were in attendance was because Dr. Capecchi insisted that 50 high school students and teachers from across the state be invited in order to encourage students to pursue careers in science. Britney and Mr. Scheidell met Dr. Capecchi along with other dignitaries, including Senator Orrin Hatch. During his remarks, Dr. Capecchi was very encouraging of high school students to “become our next generation of scientists.” More information on Dr. Capecchi: <http://learn.genetics.utah.edu/features/knockout>

**DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION SCHEDULE 2008 – 09 SCHOOL YEAR**

April 2 (Wed), 2:30 PM – Viewmont Elementary  
 April 15 (Tues), 9:30 AM – Longview Elementary  
 April 16 (Wed), 2 to 5 PM Open House, Horizon Elementary  
 April 17 (Thurs), 10 AM – Parkside Elementary  
 April 18 (Fri), 1:30 PM – Grant Elementary  
 April 22 (Tues), 10 AM – McMillan Elementary  
 April 24 (Thurs), 10 AM – Liberty Elementary

**DISTRICT GRADUATION & PROMOTION DATES**

Hillcrest Junior High Promotion Program – Hillcrest JH Auditorium, Thurs., May 29, 7 PM  
 Riverview Junior High Promotion Program – Murray High Auditorium, Thurs., May 29, 7 PM  
 Murray High Graduation –SLCC Lifetime Activities Center/Redwood Campus, Fri., May 30, 1 PM

**AMERICAN IDOL WATCH: STORIES ABOUT MHS STUDENT DAVID ARCHULETA**

Associated Press national story picked up by this weekend by the Deseret News & the Salt Lake Tribune:

<http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,695259906,00.html>

[http://www.sltrib.com//ci\\_8491259?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com](http://www.sltrib.com//ci_8491259?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com)

From the Sunday, 3/9/08 New York Post:

[http://www.nypost.com/seven/03092008/tv/kid\\_rock\\_100993.htm](http://www.nypost.com/seven/03092008/tv/kid_rock_100993.htm)

From MTV cable network, Tuesday, 3/4/08:

[http://www.mtv.com/news/articles/1582685/20080303/id\\_0.jhtml](http://www.mtv.com/news/articles/1582685/20080303/id_0.jhtml)

**Don't forget to VOTE FOR DAVID!!! VOTE FOR DAVID!!! VOTE FOR DAVID!!!**

**MURRAY DISTRICT GOLDEN APPLE NOMINEES**

Congratulations to this year's nominees for the Golden Apple Award Outstanding Educators

Awards from the Murray School District. One teacher and one administrator will be selected by the PTA Council to advance to State Competition. Here are the 2007-08 nominees:

Scott Bushnell – MHS Administrator

David Dunn – Hillcrest JH Administrator

Karen Emery – McMillan Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher

Ashley McSwain – MHS math teacher

Suzy Palmer – Longview Elementary kindergarten teacher

### **GRANT ELEMENTARY HAPPENINGS**

March 14 is "50's Day" at Grant in honor of the decade during which the school was built. Boys will wear a white t-shirts, jeans and slick back their hair; girls will wear poodle skirts and pony tails. Principal Klein is going to revive a tradition that former principal, started; that of riding his motorcycle into the gym during an assembly. Mr. Klein has a motorcycle and is busy putting together his costume. There will be bubble gum blowing contests, hula hoops and jump ropes going, along with root beer floats after lunch and 50's music and decorations.

Read the article about Grant Tool Day in the Salt Lake Tribune:

[http://www.sltrib.com//ci\\_8393290?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com](http://www.sltrib.com//ci_8393290?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com)

### **HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH CAREER SUMMER CAMPS**

Camps are free of charge and held at the Intermountain Medical Center from 8:30 – 4:00 p.m. on the following 3 dates (only ONE day may be chosen per participant): June 6, or June 13, or June 27. Students will experience hands-on activities, food and fun, and receive a free set of scrubs. The camps will provide students with an excellent opportunity to explore health care careers. Participants must be at least 16 years old to attend. Pick up an application form from Mrs. Joan Anderson in the Murray High School Career Center, Room 115; applications are due by April 7.

### **RETIREMENT DEADLINE REMINDER**

*From Robert McDaniel, Director of Personnel & Student Services, Murray City School District:*

To clarify a few things about staffing for next year, the sooner we know where and how many teachers we can hire, the better for our schools and students. Thank you for helping me to continue to hire the best teachers our district by letting me know your plans:

If you plan to retire – Please let us know by April 1<sup>st</sup>, or district policy imposes a fine. We will not tell anybody not involved in making your retirement a pleasant experience.

If you plan to resign – Please let me know ASAP as it is extremely difficult to find the best teachers in the summer. You may call me confidentially.

Transfers – If you want to be considered for a transfer next year, you may call me to discuss it confidentially.

### **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. Each applicant will need a transcript and two letters of recommendation. The deadline for is Wed., April 23. 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.

### **COMMUNITY CONCERT WITH MHS ORCHESTRA**

Friday March 14, the Sizzling Strings Family Ensemble Concert will presented at MHS at 7 PM. The Murray High orchestra will perform with this talented group and the entire community is invited. The Sizzling Strings group includes seven talented children, their parents and instruments. Oldies, fast fiddling, Broadway tunes, gospel and classical music selections will

provide a great musical evening. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 students or \$25 for an extended family pass. If you have questions, call 264-2614. This concert is provided by Utah Performing Arts Tour funding.

### **GET FIT EVENTS**

**Skate with Grizz**, Tuesday, March 11 – Skate with the Grizz at the Salt Lake County Ice Center, located at 5201 S. Murray Park Lane. This is a FREE Get Fit Family Event where everyone is invited to come join Grizzbee from the Utah Grizzlies with fun for the entire family from 7 - 9 PM  
**Riverview's Annual Leprechaun Leap**, Monday, March 17 – Come out for Riverview's annual mile run at the Riverview Junior High Mile Course. Everyone is welcome to participate. Top winners will get certificates and all participants will have a chance to win great fitness prizes!

### **MurrE-TECHTIP:** From John Nielson, District Technology Administrator

Regarding protocol for computer shutdown in the district – The system that we have been using to shut down computers has not been very effective and has resulted in some computers being left on. Please make sure that computers are shut down before you leave a room. If you are responsible for a lab, see that all computers in the lab are shut down and monitors turned off.

### **MurrE-WEBTIP – UEN WEBSITE GETS A FACELIFT**

If you haven't visited [my.uen.org](http://my.uen.org) and logged in for a while you may be surprised to see a new face. My UEN is your portal for many of the UEN features, including at home access to Pioneer Utah's Online Library. Through it you may access your C.A.C.T.U.S. relicensure information. Changes included a new look, feel and interface for creating your online classroom, along with the ability to manage documents, Internet Favorites, even student assignments and Parent messages. There is a new Online Calendar to help communicate with students and families; and past familiar features like Lesson Plans, Rubrics, and Curriculum Resources are still there. If you haven't registered on UEN yet visit <http://my.uen.org> and create an account.

Web address: <http://www.uen.org/educator/index.jsp>

Visit some fellow Murray Faculty websites at the web addresses below:

- Mitchell Jorgensen <http://my.uen.org/53474>
- Kathy Dale <http://my.uen.org/myuen/206851>
- Rebecca Ivory <http://my.uen.org/myuen/204134>
- Mark Durfey <http://my.uen.org/myuen/3921>

### **DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

**3/10 & 11** MHS Band Concert, Auditorium, 7 PM

**3/11** Skate with the Grizz, Salt Lake County Ice Center at 5201 S. Murray Park Lane, 7 - 9 PM

**3/12** Murray PTA Council Board Mtg & Council PTA Mtg, DO, 9:30 & 10 AM

**3/12** Murray Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM

**3/13** McMillan Elementary 2nd Grade Class Performance & refreshments for Grandparents, 7 PM

**3/17** Riverview's Annual Leprechaun Leap, school Mile Course, 3 PM

**3/19** McMillan Elementary Math Night, parents invited, 6:30-8 PM

**3/20** (Thurs) 3rd Term Ends (46 days)

**3/21** Professional Development/Teacher Work Day – No School/Students

**3/24 thru 3/28** Spring Break Vacation – NO SCHOOL

**See the entire calendar online:**

[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:

Horizon Elementary  
 Perspectives (half time contract)  
 Requires a Gifted & Talented endorsement or current enrollment in a program

Liberty Elementary  
 3rd Grade

McMillan Elementary  
 - Kindergarten (full time/two sessions)  
 - 5th Grade or 5th/6th Split (TBD)

Viewmont Elementary  
 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher

Hillcrest Junior High  
 - Biology/Integrated Science Teacher  
 - Math Teacher; requires Math 3 or 4 Endorsement

Riverview JHS  
 Special Education Teacher with Mild-Moderate Endorsement

## CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

Grounds Crew – Maintenance  
 Responsibilities: Perform a variety of lead worker and routine skilled and semi-skilled duties as needed for the upkeep and maintenance of the grounds for the district facilities.  
 Specifications: Full time hourly position; 40 hrs per week; Mon-Fri 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
 Salary: \$10.78 (entry) to \$12.34 (mid-level)

Assistant Cheer Advisor – MHS  
 Responsibilities: Assistant to Cheer Advisor; help advise squad and supervise cheer activities.  
 Salary: Yearly stipend

Assistant Drill Team Advisor – MHS  
 Responsibilities: Assistant to Drill Team Advisor; help advise squad and supervise drill team activities.  
 Salary: Yearly stipend

TA II - Indian Educator Mentor Advocate – MHS  
 Responsibilities: Serve as a teaching assistant helping to support Native American Indian high school students in a variety of situations to strengthen their academic achievement.  
 Specifications: part-time hourly position approximately 15 hrs per week  
 Salary: \$9.24 (entry) to \$10.58 (mid-level)

Hall Supervisor – Hillcrest Junior High  
 Responsibilities: Supervise hallways, loading and unloading of buses, assisting students with locker problems, checking for hall passes and escorting visitors to the office.  
 Specifications: 35 hrs per week; retirement benefits included  
 Rate: \$8.35 (entry) to \$9.56 (mid-level)

Daytime Substitute Custodians – Murray High School  
 Responsibilities: Help with the operation, upkeep and cleaning of the building.

Job Specifications: part-time on an as needed basis  
Salary: \$10.78 per hour

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