

MurrENEWS – April 04, 2008
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MurrE-QUOTE

“The tolerance and understanding necessary to heal must come from each and every one of us, arising out of our everyday conduct until decency reaches a flood tide.”

– Muhammad Ali

(From the Teaching Tolerance posters series displayed in the Murray School District Offices)

MHS STUDENT LETTER PUBLISHED

see link or read below – http://www.sltrib.com/Opinion/ci_8661876

Encouraging words

Salt Lake Tribune Public Forum Letter 03/22/2008

My name is Joshua Jensen. I am a senior at Murray High School. I have a learning disability. The first elementary school I attended told my mother that I would never get past a first-grade reading level, that I would not ever graduate from high school and not to think about me going to college. My mom always told me to never give up, and that I would graduate from high school and go to college.

We moved, and I entered Horizon Elementary in the fourth grade at a kindergarten level. My mother went and talked to the teachers and told them about my experience at the other school and how she felt that I was smart enough to graduate from high school and go to college. They told her that they felt the same way and that they would never put limits on a child.

When I was 11 I started to take opera and piano lessons and my reading and learning skills started to improve. I decided to sing Italian opera. I now sing on stage with a perfect Italian accent. I sing each year for the Italian Festival in Salt Lake City. I sang at the ZooLights! Festival for Christmas. I plan on making singing my career.

I graduate this year at an eighth-grade reading level. I have passed the math and reading parts of the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test and I am waiting to hear about the writing part. I will start college in the fall. I am thankful for my mother for always believing in me and for the teachers in the Murray School District who never gave up.

*Joshua Jensen
Murray*

GRANT ELEMENTARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS (From the April 2008 Bulldog Bulletin)

... Over \$1500 was raised through the school plastic bag recycling contest. A big thanks to everyone who brought in bags.

... Grant has launched a new school website under the direction of Mrs. Karen Brown. She has put a lot of work into it and has done a great job. Take a look:

http://www.murrayschools.org/GNT/Grant_Elementary/Welcome.html

... Parents are invited to join in the Annual Grant Fun Run, Friday, April 25. Check at the school to see what time your student's class is scheduled.

LONGVIEW ELEMENTARY NEWS:

... Students Excel in Writing Contest

Two 6th grade students from Longview Elementary were recognized in state competition in the “Letters About Literature” Writing Contest. Quinn Howe took 1st place in the division for 4-6th graders, and Rigo Cruz was awarded Honorable Mention. Quinn's letter will now go on to national competition. Both students will be recognized at a special awards ceremony at Whitmore Library on Saturday, May 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

... School Hosts Nobel Laureate

April 4th at 9:30 a.m., Longview 6th graders had the privilege of having Mario R. Capecchi, 2007 Nobel Laureate for Physiology/Medicine from the U of U speak to them concerning his work with microbiology and share his personal account of being a young child during the Holocaust. His mother was taken by the Gestapo to Dachau and he was left for over four years to live in the streets of Italy. It was an honor for the school to be visited by such a great man.

RIVERVIEW TERRIFIC KIDS FOR THIS MONTH

The "Terrific Kids Program" at Riverview Junior High is sponsored by the school, the PTSA and the Murray Kiwanis Club. Students are chosen by their teachers for demonstrating outstanding qualities as students. April honorees are:

- ... Marrison Cox – is a genuinely good and caring person
- ... Brayden Weir – is a great influence on others
- ... Jense Gray – is polite to everyone

MHS STUDENTS BRING HOME THE AWARDS!

... Media Division of Skills USA State Comp

Skills USA is a national club for students kids interested in a career in the vocational and trades fields. Eight of Ryan Moffet's students competed in New Broadcasting, job interview, extemporaneous speaking, and Television Video Production. Here are the results:

- ... News Broadcasting – Team of Madison Murphy, Zach Rogers, Adam Huefner and Simon Anderson, 1st Place which qualified this team for Nationals
- ... Job Interview - Anthony Magallanes, 3rd Place

... ProStart Competition

The ProStart State Culinary Competition was held in March at the Sheraton Hotel, sponsored by the Utah and National Restaurant Association. Students had one hour to make a gourmet meal from their own recipes on two 10 ft tables with only 2 propane burners and no running water or electricity. They practiced for over 2 months and were scored on everything from sanitation and communication/organization to plate presentation and final product. The team's menu theme was "A Symphony of Flavor" and most of the team is planning to attend culinary school after graduation. This is the first year that Murray has competed, and the great result is:

- ... Best New School – Murray Team of Zach Nolan (team captain), Shar Prestwich, Megan Campbell, Christain Chamberlain, Collin Johnson

... MHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Murray High came home with some nice honors from State FBLA Competition:

- ... Introduction to Business Communications – Taryn Bryner, 2nd Place
- ... Introduction to Technology Concepts – Zach Gibbs, 2nd Place
- ... Electronic Career Portfolio – Taryn Bryner, 4th Place
- ... Entrepreneurship Team – Isaac Jorgensen & Strauss Western, 9th Place

... MHS Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

State and national competition results with awards going to:

- ...Kathlean Rackley – 1st place winner from region and went on to place 1st and receive a gold medal also in the State FCCLA Competition. She competed in the area of Chapter Service Manual and reported on her stuffed animal drive. With the help of MHS students she collected 12 bags of stuffed animals which were donated to the Murray Police Station, Murray Fire Station and an animal shelter. She has been invited to present at the National FCCLA Contests in Orlando and is the first MHS FCCLA member to receive this honor.

- ... Kristy Jenco gave an Illustrated Talk on teenage suicide at region competition and received a silver medal.

AMERICAN IDOL WATCH: MHS STUDENT DAVID ARCHULETA

A crew from **Good Morning, America** visited MHS Tues., April 1 and taped footage which was aired Wed., April 2 during the morning show. Several Murray students were interviewed and shared positive stories about their friend, David. The taped piece was hard to find in a functioning link and not available on the ABC GMA site, so this link is from an unusual source (please forgive the technical challenge):

<http://www.idolstalker.com/the-real-david-archuleta-story-on-gma/>

Here is another nice local story from nationally respected columnist Lee Benson:

Deseret News: <http://deseretnews.com/article/0,1249,695267260,00.html>

Murray kids really high on David

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KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION SCHEDULE for the 2008- 09 Murray Schools school year

(April 2 – Viewmont)

April 15 (Tues), 9:30 AM – Longview

April 16 (Wed), 2-5 PM Open House – Horizon

April 17 (Thurs), 10 AM – Parkside

April 18 (Fri), 1:30 PM – Grant

April 22 (Tues), 10 AM – McMillan

April 24 (Thurs), 10 AM – Liberty

PRESCHOOL READING NIGHT FOR MURRAY DISTRICT KIDS

Murray City School District elementary schools will be holding pre-school reading nights for 3, 4 and 5 year olds, and their parents or guardians. Please share this information with neighbors and friends who have preschoolers. Registration forms are available at your school's office. Fun activities centered on the book, *If You Give a Pig a Pancake* by Laura Numeroff, will begin at 6:30 PM on the following dates:

April 17 – Viewmont Elementary

April 22 – Parkside Elementary

April 23 – Grant Elementary

April 24 – Longview, McMillan, and Horizon elementary schools

April 29 – Liberty Elementary

FRUITS & VEGGIES PROGRAM

Murray School District Nutrition Services has been provided additional grant monies to reinstate the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Snack program at Liberty Elementary and Riverview Junior High. These schools will begin offering a fruit or vegetable snack every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, beginning April 8th. Snacks will be served in the classroom to every student free of charge. This is an effective and creative way of introducing fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snack options.

MURRAY DISTRICT EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN WALK MS EVENT

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is holding its annual WALK MS this Sat., April 12 at the Gateway Shopping Center, 90 South 400 West, Salt Lake City. A district team has been formed to show support to friends dealing with this impactful disease. Participants will meet at the Gateway Shopping Center Grand Hall for 8-9:45 AM check-in; start time is 10 AM. The length of the walk is approximately 3 miles. To participate with the Murray Team or make a donation, contact Leslie Campbell at Liberty Elementary, 264-7424, email lcampbell@murrayschools.org. For more information, go to http://walkutu.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?fr_id=7914&pg=entry

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. Each applicant 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.

HEALTH CARE CAREER FAIR

Thursday, April 17, 2008; 7:50 AM – 2 PM; Granite Technical Institute, 2500 South State, SLC
Around 1,000 students from the Murray, Jordan, Granite, Salt Lake and Tooele School Districts will be attending a worthwhile career education event. During this time, students may attend two sessions of their choice, talk to colleges and discover several medical career options. Presenters will also be answering questions. The Fair is being presented in cooperation with several school districts, healthcare and career services providers. For more information, contact Glo Merrill, Murray City School District at 264-7400, gmerrill@murrayschools.org; or Julie Bagley, Granite Technical Institute at 646-5000.

SPECIAL NEEDS EVENTS & TRAINING:

... **Utah State University Alternative Teacher Preparation Program** – for teachers or candidates interested in learning about the ATP program and its requirements, and the hiring process in many Utah school districts. Presenters will be answering questions.

These workshops are being held at a variety of locations on April 10, April 15, April 16 April 24. Contact the USOE State's Personnel Development, or USU for more information.

... **Getting From Here to There: Navigating the School System** – for parents and caregivers of students with special needs; FREE workshop.

Wednesday, April 9; 7 – 9 PM

Salt Lake Branch of CHADD, Valley Mental Health Children's Outpatient Services Building
1141 East 3900 South, Suite A170 – RSVP to Christian at 998-8787

... **Annual Wasatch Front Agency Information Fair** – for people with disabilities & their families

Tuesday, April 22, 2008; 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Highland High School, 2166 S. 1700 East, Salt Lake City

An opportunity to learn which services are available to assist people with disabilities in planning for the future will be presented as various agency representatives answer questions about: Medicaid, employment, guardianship, transition, Social Security, assistive technology, advocacy, legal issues, independent living, home health care, family support and residential programs. For questions, call or email: Kelli Kercher 712-8452, kkercher@murrayschools.org

HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH CAREER SUMMER CAMPS

These 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 may be chosen per participant): June 6, or June 13, or June 27. Students will experience hands-on activities, food and fun, and a free set of scrubs. The camps 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.

UTAH STUDENTS INVITED TO BIO-INNOVATION SUMMIT

The 1st Annual Youth Summit on Bio-Innovation will bring together high school students, Researchers and Students from the University of Utah College of Engineering, along with Business Leaders from Utah's Bio-Industry. Participants will learn about Bio-Innovations in Bio-,

Chemical, Electrical, Civil, Computer, Mechanical, Materials Science Engineering, and Computer Science; along with an opportunity to explore the social and ethical implications in these fields. Students are invited to attend this event from June 18-20, 2008 and make a difference. Registration Deadline: May 15, 2008 – Cost: \$25/student (with scholarships available) Register on-line at: www.ece.utah.edu/~cfurse/Summit
Contact: Dr. Cynthia Furse, cfurse@ece.utah.edu; phone (801) 585-7234

“WHAT DRIVES YOU” SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Jiffy Lube “What Drives You?” scholarship application deadline is April 19, 2008. This program will award \$13,000 to eight Utah high-school students. There are two scholarship categories: students currently taking driver education classes; and teen drivers who are already licensed. Students are asked to submit a 500-word essay detailing what drives them now, as an opportunity to express their inner drive and ambitions. Scholarships are open to all students, currently enrolled in high school, regardless of test scores or grades. For more information, go to <http://www.yourturn2apply.com/utah.htm>

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

A special event focused on autism will be held at the Murray Barnes & Noble. Featured will be a reading of the book “Since We’re Friends: An Autism Picture Book” by Celeste Shally and David Harrington, followed by a children’s activity. All families are invited, Sat., April 12 at 11:00 a.m. ... and, during the April 26-May 4th B&N Educator Appreciation Week, teachers are invited to use their educator discount on personal purchases at the Murray Barnes & Noble. The store will host an Educator Coffee & Dessert Tasting Open House on Thursday, May 1st from 7-9 pm. During this time, educators may enjoy drinks and desserts from the store café, along with materials and suggestions of books. Educators are also encouraged to bring along required student summer reading lists so that the store can be sure to have copies of the books for students this summer.

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

4/4 State Jazz Festival at MHS – all day
4/8 & 4/10 Elementary Parent-Teacher SEP Conferences
4/9 Murray PTA Council Board Mtg & Council PTA Mtg, DO, 9:30 & 10 AM
4/9 Renaissance Handouts in the MHS Commons, 2 PM
4/9 Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM
4/10 Riverview JH Community Council Talent Show, 3 PM
4/10, 11 & 12 MHS play "Romeo & Juliet," Little Theatre, 7 PM
4/10, 11 & 12 Riverview JH play "Junior High School Musical," 7 PM
4/11 Elementary Teacher SEP Compensatory Day – No School/Elementary Schools
4/11 Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in school library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast/prizes
4/11 MHS Renaissance 4.0 & VIP luncheon, Spartan Cove
4/11 Skate with Grizz FREE Family Night, SL County Ice Center, 5201 S. Murray Pk Ln, 7-9 PM
4/15 Kindergarten Orientation, Longview Elem, 9:30 AM
4/16 Kindergarten Orientation, Horizon Elem, 2-5 PM
4/17 Kindergarten Orientation, Parkside Elem, 10 AM
4/17 Riverview JH PTSA Meeting, 12:15 PM
4/17 Murray District Pre-School Reading Night; Viewmont Elementary neighborhood, 6:30 PM
4/18 Kindergarten Orientation, Grant Elem, 1:30 PM
4/22 Kindergarten Orientation, McMillan Elem, 10 AM
4/22 Murray District Pre-School Reading Night; Parkside Elementary neighborhood, 6:30 PM
4/23 Deadline for Murray PTSA Scholarship application; MHS Counseling Office for more info
4/23 Murray PTA Installation/Appreciation Brunch, Parkside Elementary, 10-11:30 AM
4/23 Murray District Pre-School Reading Night; Grant Elementary neighborhood, 6:30 PM
4/24 MHS Renaissance Association VIP Breakfast, 6:30 AM
4/24 Kindergarten Orientation, Liberty Elem, 10 AM

4/24 Murray District Pre-School Reading Night; Longview, McMillan & Horizon areas, 6:30 PM
4/24 Get Fit Family Swim Night & Ducky Derby, \$1 per person, Murray Park Leisure Pool, 7-9 PM
4/24 & 25 MHS Dance Concert "Dance Now, Think Later," 7 PM
4/25 "Curious George" costume character visit to Murray Library Story Time, FREE, 10:15 AM
4/25 Murray City's annual "Arbor Day in the Park" celebration
4/26 MHS Junior Prom, Utah State Capitol, 9 PM
4/29 Murray District Pre-School Reading Night; Liberty Elementary neighborhood, 6:30 PM
4/30 Scoliosis Screening (date tentative), 7th & 8th grade Riverview JH PE classes
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:

Elementary TBD – Reading Coordinator (.5 FTE)
Hillcrest Junior High – Math Teacher (Math 3 or 4 endorsement required)
Hillcrest Junior High – Instrumental Music Teacher (intra-district through 4/8/08)
Hillcrest Junior High – Boys Physical Education Teacher (intra-district through 4/8/08)
Riverview Junior High – School Counselor (intra-district through 4/9/08)
Murray High School – Media Specialist (Library Media K-12 endorsement required)
Murray High School – Biological Science Teacher (intra-district through 4/8/08)
Murray High School – Biology/Chemistry Teacher (intra-district through 4/8/08)
Murray High School I- Math (Math 4 endorsement required) **One year contract only**

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

TA II In-School Suspension (ISS) – Riverview Junior High School
Responsibilities: Serve as a teaching assistant in the In School Suspension (ISS) program; participate in the development and maintenance of systems for classroom management; prepare various reports and student lists to apprise administrators and teachers of student status and progress; monitor student behavior to evaluate progress and capabilities; oversee students placed on in-school suspension or before or after school detention; monitor student activity; make various assignments as needed to maintain student participation in academic learning; monitor or track students who have repeated tardiness or unexcused absences; maintain records of students participating in alternative classroom or detention programs; enforce behavior regulations. Also work as an education aide supervising the students in the hallway after lunch.
Specifications: Part-time, 32.5 hours per week (retirement benefits)
Salary: \$9.24 (entry) to \$10.58 (mid-level) based on experience and/or education
Closing Date: Until filled

Library Aide II @ Grant Elementary for 2008-2009 school year
Responsibilities: Perform a variety of routine administrative duties related to implementing and delivering library services and programs; develop and promote library utilization; provide guidance to students and teachers regarding areas of specialized interests; instruct students in use of library and technical aspects of library equipment; orient students to library functions, services and programs; respond to student requests; perform regular upkeep on library equipment and machines; perform complete circulation support duties; participate in various class programs (including Power Hour assistance); perform related duties as assigned; coordinate with teachers to support them in teaching state core concepts; become specialized in UEN resources for both teachers and students; maintain library such that the material is current annually; support teachers in guiding students to reading material that is appropriate to their skill level.

Specifications: Part-time hourly position, 30 hours per week; retirement benefits available.
This is a one year position.
Job Classification/Pay Grade: Library Aide II, Pay Grade 6
Salary Range: 2008-2009 Classified Salary Schedule (to be determined)
Closing Date: 4/18/08

Paint Crew/Paint Prep Workers – Maintenance Department.
Responsibilities: Seasonal summer work as a painter at the district school facilities under the maintenance department.
Specifications: Seasonal full time and part time hourly positions, up to 40 hours per week.
Positions will run from 6/2/08 through 8/18/08.
Salary: \$10 per hour
Closing Date: Until Filled

Seasonal Grounds Crew – Maintenance
Responsibilities: Perform a variety of lead worker, 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 AM to 3 PM, April – October
Salary: \$10.78 (entry) to \$12.34 (mid-level) based on experience and/or education
Closing Date: Until filled

TA II Indian Educator Mentor Advocate – Murray High School
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)

TA III Woodshop & Autoshop – Murray High School
Responsibilities: Assist teacher working with students in woodshop and autoshop classes.
Specifications: Part time hourly position, 19 hours per week
Classification/Pay Grade: Teaching Assistant III / Pay Grade 7
Salary: \$10.78 to \$12.34, based on experience and/or education
Closing Date: Until filled

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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