

MurrENEWS – April 18, 2008
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
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MurrE-QUOTE

“A balanced diet is a cookie in both hands.”

– Paula Deen, cookbook author and TV cooking show host

(This should help with getting through the end of the school year.)

CALENDAR CHANGE FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

Due to an error in the calculating of the number of school days, it has been necessary to make an adjustment in next year's school calendar. PLEASE NOTE that the 3 day Thanksgiving holiday has been changed to a 2 day break; days off are now November 27 and 28, 2008, Thursday and Friday. If you have the district calendar posted on your website or have distributed it other ways, please take appropriate steps to draw attention to this change.

The revised 2008-2009 School Year calendar is attached to this email in a PDF.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL LUNCH PAYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

During the school year elementary students are given the courtesy of charging meals when money is forgotten. As the year ends, all outstanding money must be collected. **AS OF MAY 1st** students will no longer be allowed to charge and must have money in their account for meals to be eaten. **If there is no money in your students account, there will be NO meal service.** Please be sure that your student has money in their account to avoid interruption in meal service. Thank you for your help in this matter.

MHS HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) COMPETITION RESULTS

1st Place Medical Reading Team: MaKenzie Whitecar, Lacy Allred, Mikkela Blanton.

Scholarship awards:

Ashton Swain – \$1500 scholarship to any school in the state

MaKenzie Whitecar – \$500 scholarship

MURRAY HIGH PARENT RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS VOLUNTEER AWARD

Stacy Hansen, a Murray High parent volunteer, has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award. The award, which recognizes American's of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Our schools have many wonderful volunteer parents and Murray High is pleased to have Stacey receive this special recognition.

MURRAY EMPLOYEES WALK TO FIGHT MS

A team of 11 from the Murray City School District walked three miles at the April 12th MS Walk Event in downtown SLC. Together with supporters from the district, they raised over \$1600 dollars for Multiple Sclerosis research. Walkers were mostly from Liberty Elementary and included Karen Peterson, Peggy Lundberg, Leslie Campbell, Kay Erwin, Mike Okumura, Jo Zimmer, Leann & Stephen Innes (husband); Denise McDougal (DO), D. (DO) & Doug Wright (husband). See the team on the district website homepage:

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

AMERICAN IDOL WATCH: MHS STUDENT DAVID ARCHULETA

Article with quotes from MHS students by Scott D. Pierce, Deseret News, 4/16/08

"Archuleta's Utah friends say humility is no act"

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,695270821,00.html>

SLC Fox 13 TV David Archuleta Tracker website area of My Fox Utah

<http://media.myfoxutah.com/archuletracker/index.html>

101.5 The Eagle Radio supports David with T-shirts & promotions

<http://www.1015theeagle.com/>

PARENT OF THE YEAR AWARD TO MURRAY FAMILY

Kristi and Dwight Searle, parents of 5 children in Murray Schools, received the Utah Council for Exceptional Children Parents of the Year 2008 Award. They were recognized at the 8th Annual Utah CEC Wellness & Education Fair held April 12th at Murray High. The Searle's were nominated by Kelli Kercher, district Special Education Transition Specialist.

CHIP ENROLLMENT & CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE INFO

Murray District At-Risk Program is pleased to announce that HB 326 passed in this year's legislation. This action means that CHIP, the Children's Health Insurance Program, is open for enrollment and that there will no longer be a closing date or enrollment period, as in the past. Also, watch the news for information on "Covering the Uninsured" Week, scheduled for April 27 to May 3. For information on CHIP or Medicaid, contact Wendy Bills at 264-7400.

POSTING: ASBESTOS INSPECTIONS

Results of school asbestos inspections by accredited inspectors are available for public viewing in each Murray school or at the District Maintenance Department, 5601 South 320 West, phone 801-264-7410. Asbestos re-inspections are done, as required by law, every three years with surveillance at six month intervals.

MURRAY GET FIT EVENTS:

... Thurs., April 24, Family Swim Night & Ducky Derby; don't miss this fun night of swimming and duck racing. Admission to swim is \$1 per person with 3 and under free. Donate another \$1 for a duck to race in the lazy river and you may win fabulous fitness prizes. There is a 250 person maximum, so be there on time. Murray Park Center Leisure Pool, 7-9 PM

... Sat., May 10, Family Fun Family Walk/Run; bring the entire family for a fun time at Murray High. The first 100 participants to sign in will receive a free T-shirt. All participants are entered to win fitness prizes at the conclusion of the hour. MHS Track, 9:30 AM sign-in, 10-11 AM walk

MurrE-WEBTIP – AOL At School <http://www.aolatschool.com/message>

From Internet Surfing Tips for Students: Online Message

... When you're typing a message, get right to the point because some people have many messages to read

... Don't type in UPPERCASE – it means you are shouting.

... Always check your spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

... Think twice before using sarcasm. Without hearing your voice or seeing our face, it's almost impossible to know whether a message is meant to be sarcastic.

... Stay calm if you get a rude message. Wait a while before answering, and then do so in a polite manner.

TECH-TIP – UNPLUG!

The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) and the Check Your Health program want Utah children and families to turn off their electronic toys and experience all the fun activities Utah has to offer during “Unplug ’n Play” week April 21-27. Data from a 2007 UDOH survey show that, among Utah children aged 5-17, 30 percent of boys and 32 percent of girls watched two or more hours of TV on a typical weekday. Thirty-two percent of boys and 11 percent of girls played video games two or more hours per day on weekends. Also on weekends, the number of hours spent watching TV and playing video games increased for both boys and girls. Last year, 15 Utah schools participated in an “Unplug ’n Play” competition sponsored by the UDOH and Check Your Health. They hope more schools will take the challenge this year. Elementary, middle, and junior high schools can compete for cash prizes. The first five schools that register will receive “Unplug ’n Play” wristbands for every student in their school. Information and registration forms for schools, families and individuals who want to sign up can be found at www.checkyourhealth.org For more information contact Lynda Blades (801) 538-6229 or lblades@utah.gov; online <http://health.utah.gov/uthealthnews/2008/20080416-UnplugPlay.htm>

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

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

Contact Denise McDougal (dmcDougal@murrayschools.org) at the Murray School District offices, 264-7487; or see the district website HR pages for more detailed job descriptions.

LICENSED OPENINGS:

Elementary TBD – Reading Coordinator (.5 FTE)

Longview Elementary
- 1st Grade
- 5th Grade

Parkside Elementary
- Kindergarten

Riverview Junior High

- Business Education Teacher (Business Education endorsement required)

Murray High School

- Biological Science Teacher
- Math – Math 4 endorsement required
- History Teacher – classes include social studies, credit recovery and extra-curricular assignment as SBO advisor (intra-district through 4/24/08)
- English Teacher with possible extra-curricular assignment (TBD) (intra-district through 4/24/08)
- School Success Teacher with possible extra-curricular assignment (TBD); requires secondary Utah Educator license in any subject (intra-district through 4/24/08)

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; and other duties as assigned, including 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

Kitchen Lead – Riverview Junior High for the 2008-2009 School Year

Responsibilities: Planning, organizing and managing the day-to-day operations for breakfast and lunch meal service; duties as assigned.

Minimum Requirements: HS graduate/equivalent and two years experience; Serve Safe certification required within 60 days of employment.

Job Specifications: Part-time hourly position; approximately 6.5 hrs per day

Job Classification: Kitchen Lead

Pay Grade/Salary Range: Pay Grade 9 - 2008-09 Classified Salary Schedule (TBD)

Closing Date: 4/28/08

Application Process: Contact Jodi Vlam, Child Nutrition Program Supervisor @ 264-7440

TA III Interpreter for Hearing Impaired Student – Longview Elementary for 2008-09 School Year

Responsibilities: Serve as an interpreter for hearing impaired elementary student at Longview Elementary during the school day.

Minimum Requirements: HS graduate/equivalent; ASL interpreting skills

Job Specifications: Part-time hourly position; 35 hrs p/week (retirement benefits available)

Job Classification: Teaching Assistant III

Pay Grade/Salary Range: Pay Grade 7 of 2008-09 Classified Salary Schedule (TBD)

Closing Date: Until filled

TA III Music Instructor – Liberty Elementary

Responsibilities: Serve as an elementary music instructor at Liberty Elementary

Minimum Requirements: HS graduate/equivalent; be able to teach beginning music classes

Job Specifications: Part-time hourly position; 17 hrs p/week

Job Classification: Teaching Assistant III

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

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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