

MurrENEWS – April 25, 2008
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
Educating Murray since 1906!

MurrE-QUOTE

“Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense.”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

MHS GRADUATION NIGHT – “It’s Great to Graduate in ‘08”

The more than 420 graduating MHS seniors from the class of 2008 are encouraged to celebrate their high school graduation in an enjoyable and safe manner. The MHS PTSA is offering a fun graduation celebration after graduation on May 30th at the Murray Park Center. Activities will begin at 10:30 p.m.; the cost is \$20 per student. Ticket may be purchased May 19 – May 30 at the school; no tickets will be sold at the door. No one will be admitted after midnight and the party will end at 5:00 a.m. Activities at the celebration include diving for dollars, karaoke, ping pong, guitar hero, casino night, large blow ups, magic show, food and more, including prizes. The Murray community can support this celebration by giving cash donations, gift certificates and merchandise that can be used as prize incentives. All donations are tax deductible. For more information or to make a donation for the graduation event, call Linda Jensen at 265-0238

PARENT MEETING FOR THE MURRAY COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Murray High School, 7:00 p.m.

Parents of Murray Community Education Preschool Center children are invited to attend a meeting to discuss issues impacting continuation of services at the preschool. The Murray City School District administration has been working to find a solution and is happy to report that the Preschool will continue next year. Please plan to attend the meeting if you have concerns or questions on this issue. The District is providing this forum in an effort to provide clear and accurate information to our patrons.

... OTHER ECEC & COMMUNITY ED INFORMATION:

The following programs meet at the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC), 73 West 6100 South. For more info or to register, call Joan at 264-7414, or Debi at 264-7404. Register soon!

Summer Kindergarten Readiness:

This is a great way to help prepare children for that big transition into kindergarten. The class is literacy-based with handwriting activities, basic math concepts and social skills also being addressed. Children will participate in both large and small group activities as well as having the opportunity to interact with their new friends in a more formal classroom atmosphere. 2008 Schedule: Monday through Thursday, June 23 through July 17, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.; tuition \$170.

Summer Bridge to First Grade:

This class provides a positive transition to first grade and will help your child retain the skills learned in kindergarten. Academics are the focus of this class with a good dose of summer fun to top it off. This class will be based on the particular needs of the students enrolled. The teacher is certified and will gather information on each student before the class begins so that all areas of concern can be addressed. 2008 Schedule: Monday through Thursday, June 23 through July 17, 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.; tuition \$170.

BEGINNING ORCHESTRA POSSIBLE AT RIVERVIEW JUNIOR HIGH

The Riverview Junior High Music Department would like to add a beginning orchestra class for

the 2008-2009 school year, depending upon actual student enrollment in a class. If you have a child attending Riverview next fall who may be interested in joining a beginning level orchestra class, contact Mrs. Webster at 264-7446, ext. 5536 or by e-mail kwebster@murrayschools.org. If there are enough students interested then Riverview will offer the class in addition to the regular concert orchestra. Riverview will contact the students and parents if the class will be available and then make any schedule changes that are necessary. Students would have the opportunity to learn the violin, viola, cello, or string bass. Some of these instruments are available to rent from the school for \$35.00/year and many of the local music stores have rent-to-own programs for \$15.00-\$45.00/month.

OT (Occupational Therapy) QUIZ ANSWERS from Cat McVey, OTR/L

About 40 participants responded to the dept. quiz – winners will be announced next week!

1. a,b,c,d,f: fine motor, sensory integration processing, handwriting, visual perceptual
2. 1917
3. a,b,c,e: handwriting, difficulty buttoning and unbuttoning, poor fine motor skills, difficulty regulating sensory input
4. f: all of the above and more
5. c: 2, Sarah Grant and Cat McVey
6. b: 3rd grade
7. b: 3 to 5 years old
8. d: diagonal
9. a,b,c,d,f: buttoning a shirt, zippering, toileting, donning and doffing a coat, self-feeding
10. e: all of the above

AMERICAN IDOL WATCH: MHS STUDENT DAVID ARCHULETA

Good for David – he's still going, and we're still watching ... and watching ... and watching ...
Now we all need to kick-it in and VOTE to help him go all the way to #1!

KID POWER THINK! ENERGY WORKSHOP

Professional Development Field Experience opportunity for K-12 Murray District Teachers; includes touring Murray City's Energy and Water Industry Sites. Each participant will receive a \$100 stipend to support energy education in the classroom and may be applied toward USU fee, if indicated; along with NEF instructional energy education classroom materials.

When: June 3, 2008 from 8 am to 4 PM. Meet at Hillcrest JH

Credit: 1 USOE Recertification Credit at No Fee; or 1 USU Graduate Level Credit at \$45

Fee: \$10 Confirmation Fee (non-refundable); breakfast, lunch, snacks & transportation included

For more information and to register: contact Ellen at 801-908-5800.

COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK

Next week is the time when Voices For Utah Children are drawing attention to the concern of having all kids and their families the insurance coverage they need to be healthy and productive Utahns. **Attached to this email is a new CHIP/UPP outreach flyer** which provides information for families to learn more about becoming enrolled in these programs.

RECOGNITION FOR HARDWORKING 12TH GRADERS

The Salt Lake Tribune Close-up section is looking for high school seniors who have overcome great challenges to graduate this year. Maybe you know a student who started the year with a low GPA, who worked extra hard to get that diploma. Or maybe you know a student who has overcome great physical, emotional or family obstacles. Perhaps there's a student who nobody

thought would make it to the graduation line. The Salt Lake Tribune wants to recognize graduating seniors who have "beat the odds." Just send an e-mail, before May 10, explaining why you think the student deserves the spotlight, to close-up@sltrib.com. Please include contact info.

FREE CONCERT FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM & FAMILIES

The Arc of Utah invites children with autism and their families to attend a free concert May 15th at 6 PM at the Capitol Theatre. The Utah Opera Ensemble Artists will perform opera scenes with the Utah Symphony, in honor of April Autism Awareness Month. A light dinner will be served. The Capitol Theatre is located at 50 W. 200 South. For more info, call Lori Fisher, 869-9091.

EDUCATOR OPEN HOUSE

The Murray Barnes & Noble on State Street is hosting an Educators' Coffee & Dessert Tasting Open House at the Murray store Thursday, May 1 from 7-9 pm. There will be samples from the café and publisher handouts (posters, books, lesson plans), college prep materials, summer reading program packets, new children's & teens' books, and suggestions for your summer reading fun. It is also a good time to leave summer reading lists so that they will have the books available when students ask. Educator Appreciation Week (with an extra discount for school and personal purchases) is running now through May 4th. For more info, contact Karina at 264-4853.

DISTRICT ENERGY SAVERS OF THE MONTH: Marsha Calder, McMillan Elementary and Dana Gritten, Longview Elementary – both Computer Lab technicians responsible for shutting down over 25 computers with a 100% complete shutdown of labs for at least 5 weeks in a row. **Previous Energy Savers:** Shauna Ballou and entire Riverview JH staff, Gloria Herrera, 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

MurrE-WEBTIP – Contact Mitchell Jorgensen (mjorgensen@murrayschools.org)

if you have further questions or want to know about more about Pioneer Resources. Mitchell is the Pioneer Advocate for the Murray City School District.

Approximately every other month Pioneer, Utah's Online Library offers a trial of an online educational product or database. From now until the end of May, you can test-drive a product called **Gizmos**. Gizmos are highly interactive, online simulations that are easy to use. Gizmos are flexible enough to support different teaching styles and contexts, including whole-class instruction, lab settings, or as homework. Each Gizmo comes with a short student assessment. To test-drive Gizmos you will need to go to the K-12 Pioneer Library web page at <http://pioneer.uen.org> and click on the "Gizmos" link located at the lower right-hand corner of the screen. You will need to create a username and password. Enter the promo code "UEN08" when prompted.

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

- 4/25** MHS Baseball @ Home vs Highland HS, 4 PM
- 4/26** MHS Junior Prom, Utah State Capitol, 9 PM Promenade
- 4/29** MHS Renaissance Association VIP Breakfast, 6:30 AM
- MHS Tennis @ Home vs Highland HS, 3 PM
- MHS Soccer @ Home vs West HS, 3:30 PM
- MHS Softball @ Home vs Highland HS, 3:30 PM
- MHS Baseball @ Cyprus HS, 4 PM

4/29 Murray Community Preschool Program Parent Meeting, Murray High, 7 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
4/30 MHS Track @ East HS, 3:30 PM
- Regional Large Choir @ West HS, 6:30 PM

See the entire calendar online:

http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/spotlight_upcomingdistrictevents.shtml

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Contact Denise McDougal (dmc dougal@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)

Horizon Elementary

-1st grade (intra-district through 4/29/08)

Parkside Elementary

- Kindergarten

Riverview Junior High

- Business Education Teacher (Business Education endorsement required)

Murray High School

- History Teacher – classes include social studies, credit recovery and extra-curricular assignment as SBO advisor

- English Teacher with possible extra-curricular assignment (TBD)

- School Success Teacher with possible extra-curricular assignment (TBD); requires secondary Utah Educator license in any subject

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

At-Risk Secretary – District Office (Intra-District Only)

Responsibilities: Perform as the personal secretary to Supervisor, At-Risk Programs working with special education program/staff

Minimum Requirements: HS graduate/equivalent, one year specialized training, four years full time secretarial, one of which preferred in the public school system.

Specifications: Full time contract position based on 241 day contract (insurance and retirement benefits available)

Pay Grade: 15

Salary: 2008-2009 Classified Salary Schedule (to be determined)

Starting Date: 7/1/08

Closing Date: 5/9/08

TA II In-School Suspension (ISS) – Riverview Junior High School

Responsibilities: Teaching assistant in the In School Suspension program; participate in the development and maintenance of systems for classroom management; other duties as assigned.

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

Cook II - Riverview Junior High for the 2008-2009 School Year

Responsibilities: Day-to day operations and delivery of school meals under the Child Nutrition Program for a single school location. May perform as a range cook or baker; duties as assigned.

Minimum Requirements: HS graduate/equivalent and one year experience, six months of which preferred to have been in a school kitchen environment.

Specifications: Part-time hourly position; approximately 30 hours per week

Pay Grade: Pay Grade 7

Salary: 2008-09 Classified Salary Schedule (TBD)

Closing Date: Until filled

Application Process: Jodi Vlam at 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 designed to strengthen 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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