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MurrE-QUOTE

"I am not a teacher, but an awakener."
– Robert Frost

BECKY ANDERSON AT MHS NAMED TO DIRECTOR POSITION

From the Salt Lake Tribune, May 2, 2008

Murray High counselor Becky Anderson was the first coach to lead a team to a state softball championship after she guided the Spartans to a title in softball's inaugural year (1990) as a sport sanctioned by the Utah High School Activities Association. In June, Anderson will become the first woman Associate Director in UHSAA history. She was appointed to that position on Thursday, taking the place of Dave Wilkey, who becomes the UHSAA's Executive Director next month. Wilkey will replace Evan Excell, who has announced his retirement effective July 1. Anderson is currently head of Murray's counseling department and was hired from a qualified field of candidates who were screened and interviewed earlier this week, according to a UHSAA news release. See complete stories in the Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News:

http://www.sltrib.com/prepsports/ci_9129096

<http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,695275607,00.html>

ANDREW ZUPON MURRAY 2008 PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

Andrew L. Zupon from Murray High School was named recently when U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced the selection of 139 outstanding high school seniors as the 2008 Presidential Scholars. Students on the list have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship and service to their schools and communities. Presidential scholars will be honored for their accomplishments in Washington D.C., from June 21-24. See more about this great honor:

<http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2008/05/05012008.html>

MHS BRINGS HOME FILM MAKING AWARDS

In their first year of participation in the Utah High School Film Festival, Murray High students made a great showing and brought home some prestigious honors. Teacher Ryan Moffett was extremely pleased with the results. All winners may be seen on Comcast On Demand. Music Video 1st Place – Murray High, "PARTY/I'll Be Fine," by Jessica Davis
News Story 2nd Place – Murray High, "Construction," by Madison Murphy and Adam Huefner

RIVERVIEW DUTCH OVEN COOKOFF

The 18th Annual Ninth Grade Dutch Oven Cook Off will be held Friday, May 9th in front of Riverview Junior High. Judging starts at 10:00 a.m. This is a popular annual event with the whole student body involved with either cooking or eating and lots of fun treats to sample. It is open to the neighborhood. For more information, contact the school at 264-7446.

GOLD MEDAL LIBERTY ELEMENTARY

Liberty Elementary was chosen to be Gold Medal School of the Month for May and as a reward each student will receive a prize from the Gold Medal Schools program for their efforts to lead a healthy lifestyle. There will also be an assembly on the afternoon of Monday, May 5th with Murray Mayor Snarr in attendance to recognize the students for receiving this honor. The kids are very excited also since Mr. Okumura will be wearing a dress to the assembly because the students

exceeded their Gold Medal Mile goal. A Gold Medal Schools representative will be in attendance to present the school with its Silver-level award. See the school's story posted on the GMS website through May 31st: <http://www.hearthighway.org/gms/month.html>

PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY ... ON THE ROAD

Parkside Students celebrated their Roads to Success assembly on Friday, May 2nd. The students read 2,101,733 minutes since September. Michael Bosewell, Kevin Hiseman, Katherine Williams, and Emma Cooley each won a bicycle in the final drawing this year and got their picture taken with Chief, the Blaze mascot. What a great ending to a hard working school!

CPR/FIRST AID CLASS

From Rob McDaniel: The following employees are scheduled to attend this year's CPR/FIRST AID CLASS. The selections were to ensure there are at least two certified at each school. We have a maximum of 24 slots; I will contact others if any space opens. The date is Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 8:00 a.m at Murray High School.

Grant: Kat Nelson, Dana Snyder
Horizon: Lindsey Romero, Margaret Stevens
Liberty: Connie Amos, Mike Okumura, Karen Peterson
Longview: Rebecca White, Jill Horne
McMillan: Jane Johnson, Mitch McMillan
Parkside: Kathy Peterson, Cherran Zullo
Viewmont: Jen Lightfoot
Hillcrest: Kristyn Elder, Laura Deshazo
Riverview: Brandon Harrison, Brandon Drown
Murray: Carrie Hartman, Chantel Thackeray
Transportation: Al Thomas, Paul Kruger
D.O.: Lewis Pike, Robert McDaniel

OT CONTEST WINNERS

From Cat, Sarah & Stacy: Thanks to all for submitting your answers. One question was deleted due to minimal correct responses (FYI: When did OT become established? 1917). Prizes will be delivered by district mail or in person.

Grand Prize Winner – Betsy Smith, Liberty Elementary with all correct responses! Go Betsy!
2nd Place – Wendy Bills, District Office; Kathy Dokos, McMillan; Kristen Flower, Liberty; Sherry Bleazard, Viewmont
3rd Place – Kat Nelson, Grant; Lorraine Henderson, Hillcrest; Sean Johnson, Horizon; Judy Mahosky, Liberty

SCHOOL LUNCH PAYMENT YEAR END INFORMATION

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. **Since 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.

CORRECTION:

MURRAY HIGH STUDENT RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS VOLUNTEER AWARD

Stacy Hansen, a Murray High student 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. Murray High is proud to have Stacey receive this special recognition.

WALK NOW FOR AUTISM

A 5K Walk, Autism Resource Fair and Family Festival will be held Saturday, May 3rd at Cottonwood High School from 8:30 AM to noon. Everyone is invited to participate; Karen Hess at Longview is working hard to help out this important cause. Contact her for more information on making donations, before, or after the event.

ART EXPRESS SUMMER WORKSHOP

Learn and experiment with the many connections that the arts can create for children. With keynote speaker, Anne Green Gilbert, creator of the Brain Dance, we'll explore brain compatible learning and it's ability to promote more engaging and exciting teaching practices. Breakout speakers on a variety of topics including media literacy, children's literature, math integration and literacy integration, in addition to classes on Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music, and Visual Arts, will enlighten your mind and strengthen your ability to help the children you work with to succeed. The registration price goes up after May 15, so check out the link for further information and a list of classes: http://education.byu.edu/arts/arts_express/arts_express08.html

MurrE-FOOD TIP

In honor of National Teacher Day Tuesday, May 6, all Chipotle Mexican Grill locations in Utah will serve a free burrito, bowl, tacos or salad to any Utah teacher who shows a teacher or staff ID. The offer is good during restaurant hours from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

<http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,695274141,00.html>

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

5/2 Parkside Elem. School Carnival, Public Invited, 5-8 PM

5/5 MHS Baseball @ Granger HS, 4 PM

5/6 MHS Soccer @ Home vs Cyprus HS, 3:30 PM

- MHS Softball @ Olympus HS, 3:30 PM

- MHS School Success Banquet, 7 PM

5/7 Regional Track @ Cottonwood HS, 3 PM

- MHS Baseball @ Cottonwood, 4 PM

5/7 & 8 MHS Student One Act Plays, Little Theatre, 7 PM

5/8 MHS Softball @ Home vs Granger HS, 3:30 PM

5/8 & 5/9 Regional Tennis Competition @ Liberty Park

5/9 18th Annual 9th Grade Dutch Oven Cook Off, Riverview JH, judging at 10 AM

5/9 MHS Softball @ Home vs Taylorsville HS, 3 PM

- MHS Soccer @ Highland HS, 3:30 PM

- MHS Memories Stomp @ school, 7- 9:30 PM

5/10 Get Fit Family For Fun Family Walk/Run, FREE with prizes, MHS School Track, 9:30 AM sign-in, 10-11 AM walk

5/12 MHS National Honor Society Induction, 7 PM

5/13 & 14 MHS Band Concert, Auditorium, 7 PM

- Regional Baseball Tournament

5/13-15 State Softball tournament, 8 AM

5/14 Murray Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM

5/14 Regional Soccer Tournament, 3 PM

5/14 Regional JV Track Competition @ East HS, 3:30 PM

5/15 Hillcrest JH Choir Concert, 6:30 & 8 PM
5/15 & 5/16 State PTA Leadership Convention, BYU
5/16 MHS Arts Fest "I Art You," Plaza area, 9 AM-3 PM
- MHS Student Film Festival, Auditorium, 6-8 PM
5/16-17 State Tennis Competition @ Liberty Park, 9 AM
- State Track Competition @ BYU
5/17 MHS Senior Mother/Daughter Brunch, 11 AM
- MHS Madrigal Recital, Auditorium, 7 PM
5/19 MHS Scholarship Night, Commons area, 7 PM
5/19-23 State Baseball Tournament
5/20-22 State Softball Tournament
5/20 Hillcrest JH Band Concert, 6 PM
5/20 MHS Choir Concert, Auditorium, 7 PM
5/20 PTA Post-Convention Training
5/21-23 State Soccer Tournament @ Juan Diego HS, 3 PM
5/21 MHS Guitar Recital Auditorium, 7 PM
5/23 Hillcrest JH Talent Show
- Hillcrest JH Awards Night 6 PM
5/22 MHS Spartan Spectacular, West Gym, 7 PM
5/23 "Corduroy Bear" costume character visit to Murray Library Story Time, FREE, 10:15 AM
5/26 Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
5/27 Hillcrest JH 9th Grade Lagoon Day
5/29 Hillcrest Junior High Promotion Program, Hillcrest JH Auditorium, 7 PM
5/29 Riverview Junior High Promotion Program, Murray High Auditorium, 7 PM
5/30 (Fri) 4th TERM ENDS (44 days) **LAST DAY of School**
for the 2007-08 School Year
5/30 Murray High Graduation, SLCC Lifetime Activities Center/Redwood Campus 1 PM
- MHS Graduation Celebration, Murray District Seniors only, Murray Park Center, 10:30 PM-5 AM
6/11 Murray Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM
See the entire calendar online:
http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/spotlight_upcomingdistrictevents.shtml

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