

MurrENEWS – May 28, 2008
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
Educating Murray since 1906!

HAVE A WONDERFUL & SAFE SUMMER
... And thanks so much for all of your hard work this year
in the Murray City School District!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Murray City School District Offices will be open during the regular office hours of 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM for the summer months.

MurrE-QUOTE – To the graduating seniors of 2008

... you got so much goin' for you, goin' right
but I know at seventeen, it's hard to see past Friday night
I wish you'd study Spanish, I wish you'd take a typing class
I wish you wouldn't worry – let it be
I'd say have a little faith and you'll see
If I could write a letter to me.
– *Brad Paisley, country western singer/songwriter, "Letter to Me"*

DISTRICT GRADUATION & PROMOTION DATES

Hillcrest Junior High Promotion Program

Hillcrest Auditorium – Thursday, May 29, 7 PM

Riverview Junior High Promotion Program

Riverview Auditorium – Thursday, May 29, 7 PM

Murray High School Graduation

Salt Lake Community College Lifetime Activities Center/Redwood Campus – Fri., May 30, 1 PM

MHS GRADUATION ACTIVITY

Graduating MHS seniors are encouraged to celebrate high school graduation safely at the MHS PTSA graduation celebration in the Murray Park Center. Activities begin at 10:30 p.m., May 30th. Ticket may be purchased through May 30 at the school for \$20 per student; 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. For more information or to make a donation for the graduation event, call Linda Jensen at 265-0238.

MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Crystal Fish, Hillcrest Junior High School – CONGRATULATIONS CRYSTAL!

Outstanding District Nominees:

Danelle Keith – Grant Elementary
Meg Wongsuwan – Horizon Elementary
Tracy Fullmer – Liberty Elementary
Dale Johnson – Longview Elementary
Rebecca Elder – McMillan Elementary
Linda Auwerda – Parkside Elementary
Michelle Miller – Viewmont Elementary
Crystal Fish – Hillcrest JH
Kathy Webster – Riverview JH
Leesa Lloyd – Murray High

MURRAY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

Congratulation to the following teams for ending up as 1st Place State winners!

Girls Lacrosse Team

Coach – Carol Willis

Boys Water Polo Team

Coach – Jared Huff

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Club sports are not sanctioned under the jurisdiction of the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) or Murray City School District. Therefore, the rules and the hiring of coaches are determined through each sport's own association. Club teams in Murray include boys & girls lacrosse, boys & girls water polo, ice hockey and rugby. For more information regarding club sports, contact Dr. Steve Hirase at the Murray School District Offices, 264-7400.

MHS ROTARY TOP TEN AWARDS NIGHT – May 27, 2008, MHS Commons

Rotary Top 10 Students:

Kimberlee Anderson

Christie Beck

Gina Borsani

Alexander Fullmer

Rachel Gray

Amy Hansen

Stacey Hansen

Zachary Lloyd

Jeffrey Sanchez

Madyson Smith

Jessica Young

Meritorious Teacher – Carrie Hartman

Student Service Award – Stacey Hansen

GRANT SCHOOL IN THE NEWS – Newspaper & TV

For an exemplary flag retirement ceremony:

<http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,700227482,00.html>

For the district music program:

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=3359295>

To receive a \$2440 technology grant from 100% for Kids CU Education Foundation:

<http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,700225050,00.html>

MCMILLAN 6TH GRADER PETER ROSEN WINS ENVIRONMENTAL ESSAY CONTEST

<http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,700225061,00.html>

HORIZON ELEMENTARY CLOVE AWARDS BRUNCH

The Horizon Elementary Clove Awards were presented on May 22nd at the school. James Clove was the Superintendent of Murray School District from 1933 – 1950. He had a genuine interest in the teachers and staff; students and their parents. Upon Dr. Clove's death, having no children of his own, he had an endowment set up to benefit the students of Murray City School District. At Horizon Elementary, the Clove Award is designed to honor students for excellence in academics and citizenship. Each 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teacher in the school is asked to select two students to honor at a brunch; each honoree will also receive a \$100 savings bond and a \$10 B&N gift certificate. Criteria considered by each teacher in making the selection includes: academic achievement, citizenship attributes, leadership abilities, extracurricular activities, service in the community. Here are this year's honored student recipients:

Mrs. Mule's class – Lizzy Braby, Brighton Grimes

Mr. Scott's class – Shay Potter, Gelaye Tefera

Mrs. Stevens' class – Cameron Kelley, BenJamin Shaw
Mrs. Skousens' class – Madisen Greenburg, Tyler Stettler
Mrs. Voorhes' class – Bailey Pitts, Hailey Veurink
Mrs. Yates' class – Max Curry, Elizabeth Renz
Mr. Butcher's class – Keala Burbidge, Hailee Prows
Mrs. Renz's class – Kassadi Beckstead, Mason Millar
Mrs. Stewart's class – Amir Adams, Taylor Palmer

Also at Horizon – YOGA PROGRAM IN THE NEWS

<http://www.ksl.com/index.php?nid=148&sid=3234053>

RIVERVIEW JH TERRIFIC KIDS FOR MAY 2008

The Terrific Kids Program is sponsored by Riverview, the PTSA and Kiwanis Club. Students are chosen by teachers for demonstrating outstanding qualities as students. This month's kids are:

Jeremy Adams – has always gone the extra mile to stay on top of his academic assignments as well as his goals in other areas of his life.

ShyAnn Daniel – enthusiastically attacks any job or assignment she is given. She is excited to learn and experience new concepts.

Starr Gonzalez – has a pleasant nature that adds to a positive and productive atmosphere everywhere she goes.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS 2008-2009 STUDENT LEADERS

Murray High School Student Body Officers:

President – Spencer Olsen

Taylor Dahle

Mellany Coates

Adelphe LaBleu

Whitney Winkelman

MHS Senior Class Officers:

President – Sarah Ewell

Ike Jorgensen

Jordan Lewis

Jeff Smart

MHS Junior Class Officers:

President – Corbin Eddington

Shaun Clark

Alex Howland

Samijo Kougioulis

MHS Sophomore Class Officers:

President – Aubriann Tyler

Riley Grandinetti

Ali Jarvis

Erik Martin

Hillcrest Junior High Student Body Officers:

President- Alex Wilkinson

Vice-President- Grant Robins

Secretary- Katie Hansen

Historian- Korrine Woodmansee

HJH Ninth Grade Class Officers

President – Ian Carter

Vice-President – Josilyn Harsh

HJH Eighth Grade Class Officers

President – Kaitie Woodmansee
Vice-President – Meghan Dow

Riverview Junior High Student Body Officers:

President: Sam Fisihetau
Vice-President: Abbey Smiley
Vice-President: Jared Nalwalker
Secretary/Historian: Ariana Fuller

RJH Ninth Grade Student Boyd Officers

President – Brady Dehlin
Vice-President – Mitchell Bagley
Secretary/Historian – Jenna Lewis

RJH Eighth Grade Student Body Officers

President – Carly Adair
Vice-President – Lizzy Brown
Secretary/Historian – McKenzie Pollei

RJH Seventh Grade Student Body Representatives

Horizon – Kyle Horton
Longview – Hayden Mann
Grant – Kylynn Jones
Viewmont – Matthew Kauer

KEYS TO SUCCESS WINNER!

Ken Garff Automotive Group and the Governor's Office collaborate on a program for high-school students called "Keys to Success." This innovative program provides additional motivation for students to achieve academic success. Students from specific schools have the chance to qualify for a KeyCard through meeting school determined qualifications which includes improvement in any of several school participation areas. At the end of the school year, 50 student Key Card recipients competed for a chance to win a car at a Keys to Success program held during the MHS ArtsFest. **This year's winner was MHS Sophomore, ROB ADAIR!** (Rob's mother, Lisa Adair, works at the MDO in the At Risk Programs Dept.) CONGRATULATIONS, ROB!

GOLD MEDAL SCHOOLS IN MURRAY

The Gold Medal Schools program is divided into five levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Platinum Focus. As a school achieves the criteria for each level, they continue to implement their actions from the previous levels. By the time a school reaches the Platinum Focus level they will be implementing all Gold Medal Schools criteria from Bronze to Platinum Focus Areas and will have a comprehensive healthy school environment. At each level a cash prize will be awarded. Bronze schools receive \$200; Silver schools receive \$300; Gold schools receive \$500; Platinum schools receive \$300 and Platinum Focus schools receive \$200, for a total of \$1,500 if a school completes all the levels. This money can be used to purchase new P.E. equipment, nutrition resources, or tobacco prevention materials.

Congratulations to this year's Murray District Gold Medal Schools:

Grant Elementary – Platinum level
Horizon Elementary – continuing Platinum Plus w/diabetes focus
Longview Elementary – Gold level
Liberty Elementary – Silver level
McMillan Elementary – Silver level
Parkside Elementary – Bronze & Silver levels
Viewmont Elementary – Silver level
Riverview JH – Gold Medal Power Up, year one

STILL OPENINGS IN MECE SUMMER PROGRAMS (Murray Early Childhood Education Center)
Summer Kindergarten Readiness

Schedule: Monday – Thursday; June 23 – July 17; 9:00 – 11:30 AM; Cost \$170

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 having opportunities to interact with their new friends in a more formal classroom atmosphere. A minimum payment of \$50 is suggested at registration; balance due by first day of class.

Summer Bridge to First Grade

Schedule: Monday – Thursday; June 23 – July 17; 12:30 – 3:00 PM; Cost \$170

This class provides a positive transition to first grade and will help your child retain skills learned in kindergarten. Academics are the focus of this class and it 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 Summer Adventure Program

Summer Adventure Schedule: Monday – Thursday

9 AM – 11:30 AM: Session #1 - \$120; Session #2 - \$115; Session #3 - \$120: Morning Adventure

The original Summer Adventure program with emphasis on discovery, literacy and FUN!

12:30 – 3:00 PM: Session #1 - \$120; Session #2 - \$115; Session #3 - \$120: Afternoon Adventure

This program features the same themes with an emphasis on physical & social activities. Let your preschoolers LEARN & DISCOVER in the Summer Adventure program for preschoolers in three separate sessions similar to day camp. Each week will focus on a new theme with special activities on Thursdays. Children ages 3 – 5 are welcome. Register at the center or by mail:

Murray Community Education, 5440 South State Street, Room 137; by phone using a credit card, 264-7414. Summer Adventure classes must have a minimum of 12 students enrolled to carry!

Session #1: *June 9–June 26*: It's A Jungle, Monkey Business, Jungle Gym & Insect Safari!

Session #2: *June 30–July 17*: Once Upon A Time, Fairy Tales, Mother Goose/Puppet Playhouse!

Session #3: *July 21–Aug 7*: Super Adventures; Blast Off, Abracadabra and Wet 'n Wild!

All classes meet at the Early Childhood Education Center, 73 West 6100 South. For more information on any of these programs, or to register, call: Joan @ 264-7414 or Debi @ 264-7404.

FURNITURE NEEDED FOR VISITING TEACHERS – From Carolyn Schubach, Murray Schools
Director of Curriculum, 264-7400; cschubach@murrayschools.org

Murray and Granite Districts will be hosting 6 Chinese teachers for two years to teach Chinese in the secondary schools. We will be providing them with housing for their arrival in August. In order to furnish their 3 apartments we are soliciting donations of furniture, kitchen items, etc. At the end of the two years, we will donate these items to a local charity. If you are doing some spring cleaning and want to discard some good new or used items, please donate them to this storage location and email me what you donate so that I can update our list. We have space at the Granite District warehouse to store it until needed; 3180 S. 340 W.; Gary Rosenkrantz, 646-4286.

BIKES FOR KIDS UTAH EVENTS IN MURRAY THIS SATURDAY

Bikes for Kids Utah will provide new bicycles for 1,000 pre-qualified, underprivileged 3rd graders, this Saturday, May 31. Included will be 3rd graders from three elementary schools in Murray: McMillan, Liberty and Grant. Along with the bicycles, children will also receive helmets, t-shirts and bike locks through proceeds accrued from sponsorships and the fundraising bicycle rides taking place on the same day. Concurrent to Saturday's bike giveaway, several fundraising rides will be held on Saturday, May 31, including a family ride (5K), metric half-century (50K), and metric century (100K) ride. Rides begin at the Intermountain Medical Center, 5121 S. Cottonwood St., Murray. Bikes for Kids Utah is a non-profit organization with proceeds to benefit underprivileged Utah children and bicycle awareness. Debbie Reid of Murray is the founder and director of the organization. For those interested in participating in the rides, donating volunteer time or for more information, visit www.bikesforkidsutah.org or call 801-523-3730.

NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION WEBSITE UPGRADE

The Newspapers In Education (NIE) program is revamping its e-edition website for the 2008-2009 school year. This new site will give teachers access to e-editions of The Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News as well as lesson plans, the Connect 1-2-3 magazine, education supplements and much more. Murray City School District teachers are invited to have a sneak preview of the beta site. Just go to the link below, register and take a look around. If you have any ideas or questions, please send an e-mail to Jared Mendenhall, jmendenhall@mediaoneutah.com
Register at the beta site: www.nowutah.com/deduction
Want to know more? www.nowutah.com/education/faq.pdf
Take a tour: <http://saltlaketribune.ut.newsmemory.com/demo.php>
Student login page: www.nowutah.com/student

JORDAN DISTRICT MEETINGS SET FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

If you happened to live in either of the soon-to-be-organized Jordan School districts, here is some information in which you may be interested: The PTA is sponsoring two "Meet and Greet" nights for people to become acquainted with candidates for the new east-side Jordan School Board as well as the remaining west-side school board, and with current board members, who do not need to run for election. The events are:

- May 28, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for the new school district candidates; at the Jordan School District Offices, 9361 S. 300 East.
- May 29, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for the remaining Jordan District candidates; at Elk Ridge Middle School, 3659 West 9800 South.

Elections for the two boards will be held June 24.

REMAINING ARTrageous TUESDAYS!

ARTrageous Tuesdays! programs are free to public, private and after school groups. Programs run from 8:30 AM-5 PM; reservations required. Contact Susan Klinker for more information or to make reservations; 801-965-5101, sklinker@wvc-ut.gov.

6/3 Chinese Art from the Cultural Revolution & Chinese Brush Painting – This tour features original artworks related to the Cultural Revolution in China intertwines politics and history.

7/15 ARTrageous Sculpture – Students are invited to tour the recent works of Utah sculptors in the annual Face of Utah Sculpture exhibit, including a demonstration by a participating artist.

Utah Cultural Celebration Center, West Valley City <http://www.wvc-ut.gov/index.asp?nid=241>

NEF WORKSHOP

A Professional Development Field Experience opportunity for K-12 Murray District Teachers is still open for enrollment. It includes a tour of Murray City's Energy and Water Industry Sites.

Each participant will receive a \$100 stipend to support energy education in the classroom or it may be applied toward USU fee and National Energy Foundation (NEF) instructional 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.

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MurrE-TECHTIP: From Rock Boyer, MCSD Energy Education Manager

SUMMER SHUTDOWN CHECKLIST:

Air conditioners turned OFF
All hot water heaters OFF
All except one water fountain UNPLUGGED
Copying machines UNPLUGGED
PA systems turned OFF
Office machines (Computers, peripherals & other office machines) UNPLUGGED
Ceiling fans OFF except where work is being performed
Outside security lights OFF in daytime
Check security lighting time clocks
Running water in urinals OFF
Report any commodes which run water constantly
All unnecessary equipment OFF & UNPLUGGED
Hot water circulating pumps turned OFF
All refrigerators turned OFF & DOORS OPEN
Convection cookers turned OFF
Boilers SHUT DOWN
All walk-in freezers & refrigerators turned OFF
Pilot lights turned OFF on all stoves
Lights OFF in unoccupied areas
Fluorescent bulbs & lens CLEAN & DUST FREE
Fluorescent bulbs REPLACED when ends turn black
Electric clocks in every classroom & throughout school UNPLUGGED

MurrE-WEBTIP: SubFinder Reminder for all Licensed Teachers

From the Murray District Human Resources Department:

On June 18th, we will be doing the annual roll over of our SubFinder data so that we can begin the 2008-09 school year with a clean database. The system is now set up so that you cannot enter an absence and request a substitute for the 2008-09 school year until after June 18th. You will only be able to enter an absence and a substitute request through May 30th. **If you have requested a substitute for the upcoming school year, you will need to re-enter your request after June 18th because the roll-over will clear out any future requests.**

For questions, call Denise McDougal, 264-7400; email dmcdougal@murrayschools.org.

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

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

5/30 MHS Graduation Celebration, Murray Seniors only, Murray Park Center, 10:30 PM-5 AM

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 Murray District offices, 264-7487; dmcDougal@murrayschools.org

Or, check online at http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/humanresources_employment.shtml

The following positions are for the upcoming school year.

LICENSED OPENINGS:

- Riverview Junior High – Special Education Teacher w/mild-moderate endorsement
- Murray High – School Counselor

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

- TA III - Computer Lab Aide @ McMillan Elementary
- TA III - Title 1 @ Parkside Elementary
- TA III - Interpreter for Hearing Impaired Student @ Longview Elementary
- TA III - Wood Shop & Auto Shop @ MHS
- TA III - Music Instructor @ Liberty Elementary
- TA II - In-School Suspension (ISS) @ Riverview JHS
- TA II - Indian Mentor Advocate
- Child Nutrition Program Supervisor
- Cook II @ Parkside Elementary
- Cook I @ Longview Elementary

Murray City School District accepts applications on an on-going basis for the following positions:

- Education Aide
- Teaching Assistants I, II, and III
- Cook I and Cook II
- Custodians (hourly and substitute)
- Substitute Teacher

The Murray School District MurrENEWS electronic newsletter is a Murray School District publication designed to share news and information. Please forward this email to anyone you think may be interested. To submit an item for MurrENEWS or to have parents, community members or other names added to the mailing list, contact D. Wright, Public Relations Specialist at the Murray City School District Offices, 801-264-7400, or email dwright@murrayschools.org.