

**MurrENEWS – August 22, 2008 *Back to School Edition***  
**Murray City School District, Murray, UT**  
***Educating Murray since 1906!***

**MurrE-QUIP** (*From the Peanuts comic strip by Charles M. Schultz*)

Lucy: Wake up Linus. It's time to go to school.

Linus: Again?

Lucy: What do you mean "again"?

Linus: I went yesterday.

Lucy: Mom's already made your lunch.

Linus: Oh well. Guess I might as well go to school. I can't waste a good lunch.

**WELCOME BACK to returning staff members ...**  
**WELCOME TO MURRAY SCHOOLS to our newcomers**  
**Thank you for being part of the Murray City School District!**

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**WHAT IS MurrENEWS?**

If you're not familiar with MurrENEWS, here's the scoop: MurrENEWS is the Murray City School District's electronic newsletter designed to share news and information with our staff and also the community. Some of the items will be primarily staff related; others will be included just for fun or to show-and-tell each other and the community.

Each issue will contain sections with story information, followed by calendar items and ending with Human Resources job postings. **Issues may also contain messages from Supt. Richard Tranter, other administrators and the district technical or business departments. This information is usually timely and of importance.** Everyone is encouraged to read and contribute the MurrENEWS. It is designed to help and support you, so please feel free to be in contact or submit items that you think should be included. *Thank you, D. Wright, District Communications Specialist.*

**NEW STAFF IN THE MURRAY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**TEACHERS:**

Mark Allred, Viewmont 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Trisha Anderson, MHS Biology/Chemistry

Michael Bauman – Hillcrest P.E.

Calbert Beck – Parkside 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Eva Bergius – Grant Art  
Lauren Bigelow – Horizon 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
Haley Binggeli – MHS Math  
Erin Black – Parkside Kg  
Joanne Brunetti – Longview Reading Coordinator  
Myrlene Buck – Horizon Special Ed  
Gina Cantonwine – Riverview Social Studies  
Joshua DeMoux – MHS Psychology/Financial Literacy  
Rebecca Dickel-Evans – Liberty Special Ed  
Annie Draper – Hillcrest Math  
Christian Earl – Hillcrest Instrumental Music  
Elizabeth Garrabrandt – McMillan Kg  
Jessica Garrett – MHS Social Studies  
Trudy Gleason – Longview 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Jill Hansen – Riverview English  
Nichole Herrera – Riverview Technology  
Molle Rae Hess – Hillcrest Science  
McKenzie Hillman – Parkside Kg  
Melissa Keating – Horizon 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
Kristina LeeFlang – Liberty 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
Jewell Loveless – Hillcrest English/Theater  
Rochelle McGowan – Riverview Math  
Jenilee Medell – MHS Special Ed  
Timothy Moake - MHS Business  
Megan Orme – Riverview Special Ed  
Jessica Pace – Horizon 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
Shauntel Page – Longview 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
Jessica Parker – Viewmont 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
Patti Pierce – Riverview Business  
Rebecca Pierce – Hillcrest Science  
D’Launa Rindisbacher – Hillcrest Math  
Angelica Robinson – MHS Biological Science  
Missy Rose – Hillcrest Math  
Colette Smith – Liberty 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
Kari Swanson – Viewmont Special Ed  
Larry Swim – MHS Counselor  
Cassidy Tabrizi – Horizon 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
Blair Trane – Longview 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
Tory Vigil – Longview Speech/Language Pathologist  
Tristin West – Horizon 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
Rebecca White – Longview Special Ed  
Cady Williams – MHS School Success  
**CLASSIFIED:**  
Lisa Adair – MDO At Risk Administrative Assistant  
David Trujillo – Supervisor, Child Nutrition Program

**GREAT JOB OPPORTUNITY – LOOKING FOR ...**

**Library Aide II/District Consortium Delivery Aide** – District Media Center at Riverview JHS

This position works in the District Media Center located at Riverview JHS under the general supervision of the District Media Coordinator; performs a variety of routine administrative duties relating to implementing and delivering library services and programs. This position specifically delivers and picks up videos/DVDs from the Jordan District Media Center to Murray Schools.

Specifications: part-time hourly for 6-8 hours per week; must be able to work flexible hours

Salary: \$10.51 (entry) to \$12.02 (mid-level), plus mileage at \$.50 p/mile

**To see more jobs available in the Murray City School District, check online at**

[http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/humanresources\\_employment.shtml](http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/humanresources_employment.shtml)

#### **DISTRICT WEBSITE UPDATED**

There have been a few additions and changes made recently to the Murray City School District website.

Check them out and see what you think. Here are the changes:

- Home Page – Links to PaySchools Student On-line Meal Pay System and Subfinder Logon Page for District Teachers and Subs have been moved to the left side of the Home Page navigation area in logo boxes. They are placed in top to bottom order starting with the 2008-09 School Calendar>SIS>PaySchools>Staff Email Logon>SubFinder.
- District Photo Gallery – an area to feature and share photos from more events and activities in the District. It can be accessed on the home page, right above the featured picture; or from the Community Relations home page>half way down the page under District Public Relations References.
- District Media Center (DMC) – this page gives information on the DMC and includes lists of equipment, supplies and new items for faculty use. It is accessed by going to the >District Office tab>half way down the page to the Staff Services area is the>DMC link.
- Get Fit, Don't Sit – now has a home page for posting updates on this District Active and Healthy School program; may be accessed from the >District Office tab>center of page Organizations & Programs>Get Fit, Don't Sit link.
- Under Construction – ECEC (Early Childhood Education Center) home page – will include links to newsletters, schedules and more. Watch for this addition in September.

#### **MHS ALUMNI OF THE YEAR NAMED BY MURRAY ROTARY CLUB**

Perry A. Bankhead, MHS Class of 1978, was named the 2007-08 Murray High School Alumni of the Year by the Murray Rotary Club at a recent awards dinner. Mr. Bankhead's achievements (as stated on a plaque displayed in his honor at MHS) include: U of Utah graduate, Law Enforcement West Valley Police, US Secret Service, Food and Drug Administration, Housing and Urban Development, Numerous Awards for Work, Community Service in Murray and Washington, D.C.

#### **ESL ENDORSEMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Information from Murray ALS Coordinator Roy Nichols: We have a few openings for our upcoming ESL Endorsement program for any interested certified teachers currently in a regular classroom assignment. Those teachers selected must be willing to attend classes every Tuesday night this school year from 4:00 to 7:30 PM. In addition they will attend a Saturday workshop in March up in Ogden School District and two full days of training in June following the end of school. They must also be willing to commit to outside-of-class homework assignments. For their efforts, the district will pay the cost of their endorsement which includes 18 hours of lane change credit. For those teachers selected, there will be a mandatory orientation meeting on August 26th and the first class begins on September 2nd. Those candidates for the endorsement that are accepted will be notified. There are only a few openings, so interested teachers need to e-mail me ([rnichols@murrayschools.org](mailto:rnichols@murrayschools.org)) the following information ASAP:

Name

Grade Level / Subject

School

Cactus ID Number (available in your school office if you don't know it)

### **MEDIA CENTER HOURS & NEW DIES FOR NEW DAYS!**

Here are the school year hours at the Media Center:

- M & W 7:30 AM—4:30 PM
- T & Th 8:30 AM—5:30 PM
- F 8:30 AM—4 PM

New die cuts available at the Media Center in Riverview JH:

Alligator #3

Banana, Peeled

Basketball player, girl

Bear Cub

Boy, Generic (Small but not Tiny)

Bookmark, Eagle

Bookmark, Pumpkin

Firefighter

Girl, Generic (Small but not Tiny)

Hummingbird

Igloo

Leaf, Maple #2

Orange Slice

Peach

Pear

Pillar

Police Officer

Scarecrow

Sea Gull

Strawberry

Tiny Trees

Tomato

Tree, Bare

Wheat

**More information on the DMC is also available online:**

[http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/district\\_districtmedia\\_main.shtml](http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/district_districtmedia_main.shtml)

### **NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION (NIE) OFFER**

This school year, Utah's top newspapers have joined forces with Newspapers In Education to offer e-Edition subscription at no cost to educators. All you need to do is register. It's easy and free! For questions, contact Jared Mendenhall, Newspapers In Education at (801) 237-2075.

Use the NIE website to:

- Read e-editions of *The Salt Lake Tribune* and *Deseret News*.
- Sign your students up for their own password and access.
- Have newspaper delivered to your classroom any weekday, as copies are available.
- Order education sections, Connect 1-2-3 mag, Early Connect (K-3), serialized stories.
- Discover new lessons and classroom activities.
- Register now: [www.nowutah.com/education](http://www.nowutah.com/education)

### **SCHOOL PUPPET SHOWS AVAILABLE FOR SCHEDULING**

The Assistance League of Salt Lake City is beginning 2008-2009 school year scheduling for the for "The Kids on the Block<sup>®</sup>" puppet show. This is an entirely free program, offered by the volunteers of Assistance

League of Salt Lake City. As presented last year, the entire program is on **Bullies**. It will include an introduction & three short skits and last about 30 minutes. Targeted grades are 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> as the primary audience. Performances are on Mondays groups of no more than 100 at a time are preferred. Performances will be repeated as many times as necessary. Call Diana Kassavetis at 266-4826 for more info or to schedule a performance.

#### **IN SUPPORT OF THE HOMELESS EVENT**

**From Dr. Wendy Bills, Supervisor, At Risk Programs:** As homeless liaison for our district I would like to make you aware of an event coming up that will give support to Utah's homeless:

THE LAHPAH FEST, Gallivan Center, SLC

Sunday, Sept. 7 from 12 Noon to 10 PM

Live Music featuring 16 bands, art, and food

Tickets are \$8 and you can get them from me at the DO. Come and enjoy!

#### **EDUCATION OFFICE TO WORK 5 DAYS**

*Deseret News, Published: Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008*

By Amy K. Stewart <http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,700247737,00.html>

The four-day workweek won't work for the State Office of Education, said State Superintendent Patti Harrington, after a brief discussion with members of the State Board of Education during their meeting on Friday.

"We will be fully employed five days a week," Harrington said.

Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. recently signed an executive order to implement a four-day workweek in many state government offices. The goal is for energy efficiency and cost savings, as well as better customer service with extended hours.

State board member Teresa Theurer, of Logan, weighed in on the office's issue, saying, "I just think it would be awfully hard to have this office closed when 99 percent of the schools are open." It simply wouldn't work unless all the school districts follow the path of Rich School District, which is trying out a four-day school week, Theurer said.

Harrington told the Deseret News after the meeting that the office hasn't formally considered a four-day workweek. "I just wanted to make sure I was in sync with the board," she said.

The office isn't completely unaffected by the governor's actions, however.

Four of the 29 statewide centers for Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, which answers to the State Board of Education, will be forced to do a four-day workweek since they are tenants in state buildings that will now be shut down on Fridays. Sites in Ogden, Provo, Manti and Blanding will go to a four-day week.

#### **MurrERECIPE**

With the popularity of the Food Network, it seemed like fun to join in with recipes from some of our great Murray cooks. This is a new feature that we will be adding occasionally to the MurrENEWS, so let us know if you like it, don't like it, or have a recipe to share. This one came from Public Relations Specialist D. Wright's cousin in Missouri. She is a kindergarten teacher and says it was brought to one of their back-to-school staff meetings and everyone loved it!

**Cherry Mash Cake** (made by Betty Crocker and Pillsbury; available at Smith's)

1 cherry chip cake mix

1 can cherry pie filling

4 eggs

Mix together and pour into Bundt pan. Bake 350 degrees for about 50 min.

When cool, frost –

**Frosting:**

Mix a tub of chocolate frosting with 3/4 cup chopped peanuts.  
Frost cake when cool. (This cake tastes kind of like Cherry Mash candy.)

**DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

**8/22** MHS Football @Home vs Logan, 7 PM

**8/25** (Mon) FIRST DAY of School, All Other Grades 1-6, 8-12; 2008-09 School Year

**8/26** MHS Golf @ Rose Park Course, 2 PM Shot Gun

**8/27** Back to School Nights:

Grant Elementary, 6:45 PM

McMillan Elementary, 6:30 PM

**8/27** Murray Board of Education Retreat

**8/28** Back to School Nights:

Horizon, 7 PM

Liberty, 7 PM

Longview, 6:30 PM

Parkside, 7 PM

Viewmont, 7 PM; KG parents at 6:30 PM

**8/29** MHS Football @ Hillcrest, 7 PM

**See the entire calendar online:**

**[http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/spotlight\\_upcomingdistrictevents.shtml](http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/spotlight_upcomingdistrictevents.shtml)**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Contact Denise McDougal at the DO for more info, 264-7487; [dmcdougal@murrayschools.org](mailto:dmcdougal@murrayschools.org)

Check online at [http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/humanresources\\_employment.shtml](http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/humanresources_employment.shtml)

**LICENSED OPENINGS:**

- Occupational Therapist
- Adult Night High School ESL Teacher (part time hourly)
- Special Education Teacher, McMillan Elementary

**CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:**

- Fine Arts Coordinator - Elementary (part-time hourly)
- TA III - Music Instructor @ Viewmont Elementary
- TA II - Indian Mentor Advocate @ Murray High
- Education Aide - Support Staff for Parkside After-School Program
- Library Aide II - District Consortium Delivery Aide District Media Center @ Riverview JH
- Cook I @ Parkside Elementary
- Head Custodian at Murray High School - full time contract
- Night Custodian at MHS - part-time hourly (7 hrs/night)
- Night Custodian @ Longview Elementary - part time hourly (2 hrs/night)

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