

MurrENEWS – September 22, 2008
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
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MurrE-QUIP (*For U of U, BYU and other football widows and widowers*)

A woman was sprawled on the living-room couch watching her favorite show on the Food Network when her husband walked in.

“Why do you watch those food shows?” he asked. “You don’t even cook.”

Glaring back at him, she responded, “Then why do you watch football?”

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ORCHESTRA PROGRAM EXPANDING

Due to patron interest, an Advanced Elementary Orchestra for Murray students will now be offered, depending upon the enrollment number being met. A few more students are needed in order to have enough students to support the enrollment requirement. The class is scheduled to begin this Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 7:30 to 8:15 AM at Hillcrest Junior High. Registration payment may be made on the first day. Questions or to sign your student up, email Chris Earl at Hillcrest JH: cearl@murrayschools.org

VEHICLE DAY SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY

Vehicle Day, a Career Exploration Event for all third grade students in Murray City School District is being held Friday, Sept. 26 from 9:15- 11:45 AM. The location for the event is in the Murray High School South Parking Lot, 5440 South Street. Employees will be presenting their vehicles on-site as they give information about their careers, demonstrate equipment and answer questions. For more information, contact Joan Anderson, Work-based learning Coordinator, MHS 264-7460; email janderson3@murrayschools.org

Some of the vehicles and professionals at the event this year are:

- An electrician with a Captain Electric truck – a unique and fun exhibit
- The Truly Nolan Mouse Car – a pest control vehicle with ears poking up from the top
- Meier Catering big BBQ catering wagon
- Police cars, Ambulances, Fire Engines, Brinks Armored car, maintenance vehicles from Murray City maintenance, power trucks from Murray City power, hearses, a dump truck, a cement truck, humvees from the military and more.

“McGRUFF” VISITS GRANT

“McGruff the Crime Dog” visited Grant Elementary last week in support of Green Ribbon Week, a program

focused on pedestrian safety. During the week's activities, students were reminded to follow traffic rules and wear helmets while riding bikes and scooters. *Check it out online www.murrayschools.org/wworks/*

OTHER GRANT ELEMENTARY ACTIVITIES: The school Fall Carnival was a success, earning \$2,400 for the school. Grant is also in the top 30 schools earning over \$5,000 from Smith's Fresh Values Program.

LIBERTY TO BE HONORED BY STATE PTA ROAD VISIT

On Tuesday, September 30, 2008, members of the Utah State PTA, along with celebrity guests will be visiting Liberty Elementary in recognition of the outstanding PTA efforts of that school. The purpose of the Road Trip is to celebrate local units and provide awareness of Utah PTA's mission. Only nine schools in the entire state were chosen for this honor.

MCMILLAN FEATURED IN MAGAZINE

McMillan Elementary was selected as Gold Medal School of the Month for September 2008. In recognition of this terrific accomplishment, the school was also featured on the Gold Medal School website. Congratulations for great fitness efforts to the McMillan faculty and students!

MURRAY SCHOOLS FOOD SERVICES FEATURED IN THE SL TRIB

Midvalley: Murray High spices up lunch

09/18/2008 - It's lunchtime at **Murray** High School and senior Jimmy Taylor and his buddies grab their lunches and start to fill in around a table in the corner of the cafeteria. *See the entire story online at http://www.sltrib.com/ci_10498937?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com*

PREVENTION DIMENSION TRAINING FOR TEACHERS

Prevention Dimensions training sessions are offered to district teachers throughout the year. The Prevention Dimensions program is a series of resource lessons which support the State Office of Education's Health Core. New teachers are required to attend, along with updated trainings every 3 years. The 2008-09 Training Schedule is as follows:

- Elementary Training – Tuesday, October 14th
- Elementary Training – Tuesday, December 2nd
- Secondary Training – February 5th
- Elementary Training – Wednesday, February 25th

Location: Granite School District, 2500 South State Street ... Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Those attending will receive lunch, .5 USOE credit, Prevention Dimensions materials and paid substitute to attend (arrange for substitute and list budget #7601). For questions, contact Deb Ashton, Murray Schools Safe & Drug Free Schools Coordinator, 264-7460. To register, email the following information to dashton@murrayschools.org at least two weeks prior to the training:

Name:

School:

Grade:

Date of training:

UTAH STATE OFFICE OF EDUCATION CAUTIONS VIEW OF CADAVER EXHIBIT (from USOE News)

The Utah State Office of Education has delivered caution surrounding a new exhibit showing real cadavers and real body parts. A letter was issued three weeks ago to curriculum directors in school districts across the state. The Office of Education, according to the letter, "strongly cautions districts and schools to consider this exhibit as appropriate for only high school students who are participating in anatomy and

physiology." The Body Words exhibit is a traveling show that includes cadavers that have been preserved in plastic.

MOVIE TO FEATURE NEIGHBORING SCHOOL TEAM (summary from imdb.com)

Opening this week is "Forever Strong," a movie based on the Highland High Rugby Team of the Salt Lake City School District. It is rated PG 13 and stars Sean Faris, Penn Badgley, Gary Cole, etc. Here's the plot: *Talented-but-troubled rugby player Rick Penning (Faris) lands in jail for his reckless behavior, where he's awarded the opportunity to join Highland Rugby, a team as unique and principled as its coach (Cole). Rick's dedication and loyalty to more than just the game will be tested, when Highland charges toward the national championship; also heading toward the big match is the team coached by Rick's father, perhaps the source of the young man's angst.*

*See Movie Trivia section at bottom of newsletter for more movie fun.

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

- 9/22 MHS Golf @ Murray Parkway 1:30 PM Shot Gun
- 9/23 Viewmont Elem Vision Screening
- 9/23 MHS Girls Soccer @ Home vs Olympus, JV 3:30 PM, Varsity 5: 15 PM
- 9/23 Lady Spartan Volleyball @ Home vs Olympus; JV 3:30, Varsity 5 PM, Soph 6:15 PM
- 9/23 & 9/24 (Tues & Wed) Junior High SEOP Conference
- 9/24 MHS Cross Country @ West, 3:30 PM
- 9/24 MHS Soph Girls Soccer @ Home vs West, 6 PM
- 9/24 & 9/25 (Wed & Thurs) High School SEOP Conference
- 9/25 HS Golf Region Championship Tourney,
MHS @ Bonneville 8 AM Shot Gun
- 9/25 Grant Elementary "Dad's & Donuts", 8:15-8:50 AM
- 9/25 MHS Girls Soccer @ Home vs West, JV 3:30 PM, Varsity 5: 15 PM
- 9/25 Lady Spartan Volleyball @ Granger; JV 3:30, Varsity 5 PM, Soph 6:15 PM
- 9/26 (Fri) Secondary Compensatory Day – No School/Secondary
- 9/26 "Raggedy Ann" costume character visit to Murray Library Story Time, FREE, 10:15 AM
- 9/26 MHS Cross Country @ Bear River Invitational, 4 PM
- 9/26 MHS Football @ Cyprus, 7 PM
- 9/27 MHS Homecoming Dance, 7 - 10 PM
- 9/29 & 30 ECEC Vision Screening, 9 AM-3 PM
- 9/30 State PTA Road Trip visit, Liberty Elem, 1 PM
- 9/30 Spec Ed Prof Development, RJH Rebel Rm, 2:30-4:30 PM
- 9/30 MHS Girls Soccer @ Cottonwood, JV 3:30 PM, Varsity 5: 15 PM
- 9/30 Lady Spartan Volleyball @ Home vs West; JV 3:30, Varsity 5 PM, Soph 6:15 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 at the DO for more info, 264-7487; dmcdougal@murrayschools.org
Check online at http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/humanresources_employment.shtml

LICENSED OPENINGS:

- [Adult Night High School ESL Teacher \(part time hourly\)](#)

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS

- [Murray High School - Safe & Drug Free Schools Secretary](#)
- [Night Custodian at MHS - part-time hourly \(7 hrs/night\)](#)
- [Night Custodian @ Parkside Elementary - part time hourly \(3.5 hrs p/night\)](#)
- [Contract Bus Driver](#)

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*MurrE-TRIVIA – Popular TV/Movie Teachers

Did any of these actor/teachers inspire you to become a teacher – or just make you wish you were a movie star instead? (In alpha order/compiled from a list Entertainment Weekly magazine)

- **ALBUS DUMBLEDORE (Richard Harris, Michael Gambon)**The Harry Potter books and films
SCHOOL Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry
STUDENT Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe)
Dumbledore represents everything a good professor can be: a mentor, a father figure, and a friend. If it wasn't for him, Harry would have never gotten over his broken past to become the wizard he is today. And really, who doesn't love a professor who makes up words at school wide banquets? Cheers to Dumbledore for bringing the ridiculous back into education.
- **CHARLES P. MOORE (Howard Hessman)**
Head of the Class (1986-1991)
SCHOOL Millard Fillmore High School
STUDENTS Kids in the Individualized Honors Program
The substitute-turned-mentor and housefather to a den of brainiac misfits, Mr. Moore was exactly kind of teacher everyone wants: compassionate, respectful, and pretty darn hilarious.
- **CHARLES XAVIER (Patrick Stewart)**
X-Men films (2001-2006); *X-Men* comics (1963-present)
SCHOOL Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters
STUDENTS The X-Men
Professor Xavier could take you down with just his mind. Or he could just inspire you to believe in peace between humans and mutants.
- **EDNA KRABAPPEL**
The Simpsons (1989-present)
SCHOOL Springfield Elementary School
STUDENT Bart Simpson
But despite all the men in her life, she was the one to teach not to worry about falling in love, because many will just marry out of fear of dying alone – and other such gems of confusing Simpsonian wisdom.
- **GLENN HOLLAND (Richard Dreyfuss)**
Mr. Holland's Opus (1995)
SCHOOL Kennedy High School
STUDENTS Thirty years worth of classes
To quote his idol, John Lennon, "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." Mr. Holland reluctantly became a teacher to pay the bills until his career as a composer took flight. He never gets his break, but his positive impact on generations of music students is palpable.
- **INDIANA JONES (Harrison Ford)**
The *Indiana Jones* films (1982-2008)

- SCHOOL Marshall College
 STUDENTS Mostly pretty girls
 When he's not spanning the globe, retrieving antiquities for museums and fighting Nazis and others, Dr. Henry Jones Jr. teaches the ins and outs of archaeology to young men and women (usually women).
- **JAIME A. ESCALANTE (Edward James Olmos)**
Stand and Deliver (1988)
 SCHOOL James A. Garfield High School
 STUDENTS Angel Guzman (Lou Diamond Phillips), Ana Delgado (Vanessa Marquez)
 In real life, it took Los Angeles high school math teacher Escalante a lot longer than a few months to bring his street-tough students from basic arithmetic to Advanced Placement calculus. Still, the inspirational part about the class taking, and passing, the AP test a second time to prove they hadn't cheated? All true.
 - **JAMES LEEDS (William Hurt)**
Children of a Lesser God (1986)
 SCHOOL A New England school for the deaf and hard of hearing
 STUDENT Sarah Norman (Marlee Matlin)
 Actually, Sarah is an alumna of the school for the deaf in this adaptation of a Tony-winning play, but she still works there as a janitor, too bitter to try to make her way in the hearing world. Enter idealistic new teacher Leeds, who is not deaf. As he tries to bring Sarah out of her shell, they fall in love, etc.
 - **JOHN KEATING (Robin Williams)**
Dead Poet's Society (1989)
 SCHOOL Welton Academy prep school
 STUDENTS Neil Perry (Robert Sean Leonard), Todd Anderson (Ethan Hawke)
 How to rescue a class of boys from a soulless existence and oppressive familial expectations? By teaching them to whistle while they walk and to address their professor with "O Captain! My Captain!"
 - **LOUANNE JOHNSON (Michelle Pfeiffer)**
Dangerous Minds (1995)
 SCHOOL Parkmont High School
 STUDENT Emilio (Wade Dominguez), et al.
 At the urban Parkmont High, no one was tougher than Ms. Johnson. The kids brought guns and bad attitude, while she brought poetry and Bob Dylan lyrics and taught the students about symbolism.
 - **MARK THACKERAY (Sidney Poitier)**
To Sir, With Love (1967)
 SCHOOL North Quay Secondary School
 STUDENTS Bert Denham (Christian Roberts), Pamela Dare (Judy Geeson), Barbara Pegg (Lulu)
 Poitier faces a classroom full of contemptuous, hardscrabble London teens. His radical idea of treating them like adults doesn't work out, and not until he wallops ringleader Denham on the boxing canvas does he earn his pupils' respect — and a title tune, sung by student Lulu, that became a No. 1 hit.
 - **MS. NORBURY (Tina Fey)**
Mean Girls (2004)
 SCHOOL North Shore High School
 STUDENT Cady Haron (Lindsay Lohan)
 Divorced. Broke. Math wiz. This teacher isn't the most obvious role model, yet she somehow managed to push Lindsay Lohan get her act together, and make the mathletes look cool.
 - **YODA**
 The Star Wars saga (1977-2005)
 SCHOOL Jedi Academy, Dagobah chapter

STUDENT Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill)

The jolly green opposite-of-giant has the most impressive tenure of any other educator on the list — he's been teaching young Jedi for centuries. Don't let his diminutive stature and wonky syntax fool you: Yoda is a stern taskmaster, able to turn hotheaded farm boys into last gasps for galactic peace.