

**MurrENEWS – October 8, 2008**  
**Murray City School District, Murray, UT**  
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**MurrE-QUOTE**

“The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.”

– *Michelangelo*

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**CRYSTAL FISH HONORED AT TEACHER OF THE YEAR EVENT**

**Crystal Fish, Murray City School District’s 2008-09 Teacher of the Year, was named first runner-up for Utah’s Teacher of the Year** during an awards ceremony Oct. 3, 2008 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Salt Lake City. She was awarded a check for \$5,000. Crystal teaches math at Hillcrest Junior High where she is highly respected as a dedicated teacher.

**RIVERVIEW’S “TERRIFIC KIDS”**

The Terrific Kids Program is sponsored by Riverview JH, the PTSA and Kiwanis Club. Students are chosen by their teachers for demonstrating outstanding qualities as students. Kudos to these kids for setting a great example for their fellow students at Riverview Junior High! October honorees are:

**Ashley Demann** – her new teachers appreciate her example of participating in class and always having a smile on her face.

**Connor Holt** – is a friendly, fair-minded, ambitious, and all-around good guy who works hard to get what he wants.

**Alec Lam** – is a truly amazing, conscientious friend, and incredible and top-of-the-line guy!

**DISTRICT RED RIBBON SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION EVENT**

A drug awareness event for Murray Families is being held Wed. Oct. 8, from 6 – 8 PM in the Murray High Commons Area. The focus is “The Face of Drugs: Student & Family Communication & Co-Responsibility.” All students and parents are welcome; there is no charge and childcare will be provided along with FREE pizza. For more information, call Deb Ashton at MHS 264-7460

### **FLU CLINIC FOR MURRAY SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES & FAMILIES**

**Wed., October 29, 2008 from 1:30 to 4:30 PM at the Murray City School District Office Boardroom**

This clinic will be on a first come first serve basis for all Murray City School District staff, their covered spouses and dependent children who are age 18 or over. There is no fee if you are currently insured under the district health insurance with Select Health. **YOU MUST BRING YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE CARD TO THE FLU CLINIC IN ORDER TO HAVE THE COST OF THE FLU SHOT COVERED UNDER YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY.** At the clinic, there will be a list of other health insurance companies who will cover the cost for the flu shot. Please bring your health insurance card with you to see if you are eligible under your health insurance plan. If you do not have health insurance through the district or your health insurance plan is not participating, you can still receive the flu shot for the fee of \$25. Please wear clothing with sleeves that are easy to roll up. If you have any questions, contact Denise McDougal at ext. 5003 or e-mail [dmcdougal@murrayschools.org](mailto:dmcdougal@murrayschools.org)

### **“YOUR MURRAY SCHOOLS” NEWSLETTER IN THE MAIL**

Families of students in the Murray City School District will be receiving this year’s first issue of the District’s “Your Murray Schools” newsletter in their mail this week. The rest of the newsletters will be published in the Murray Journal November, February and May issues. You will also find them online through the district website at: [http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/community\\_yourschool.shtml](http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/community_yourschool.shtml)

### **MHS RENAISSANCE SEEKING SPONSORS**

One of the purposes of the Renaissance Association at Murray High is to unite business/parent/school and community to cause positive changes. There are several worthwhile programs and activities that the Renaissance Program supports, and sponsors are needed to fund these activities. There are levels of sponsorship available, but donations of all amounts are accepted and appreciated. For more about this exemplary program, see this PDF flyer:

[http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/schools/08\\_renflyer\\_mhs.pdf](http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/schools/08_renflyer_mhs.pdf)

### **SUPPORT MURRAY’S “MEET YOUR CANDIDATE NIGHT”!**

Murray City Youth Chamber and Murray PTA will host “Meet Your Candidate Night” Wed, Oct 29, at 7 PM in the Murray High Choir Room. Many candidates for the Utah Legislature representing any district which is located within Murray School District boundaries will be on hand. They will answer prepared questions by the PTA and also from the audience. Many will have tables and materials you can pick up before and after the meeting starting at 6:30 pm. Be sure to come and meet those individuals who may represent you at the state legislature. They will be your voice for educational funding for the next two years. For more info, contact Mary Ann Kirk 264-2638; Sheri Van Bibber 284-4260 or Scott Baker 263-2632.

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ORCHESTRA PROGRAM STILL HAS SPACE**

Advanced Elementary Orchestra for Murray students is now being offered, but more students are needed in order to have enough students to support the enrollment requirement. The class is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:15 AM at Hillcrest Junior High. Registration payment may be made at the school when starting. If you have questions email Chris Earl at Hillcrest JH: [cearl@murrayschools.org](mailto:cearl@murrayschools.org)

### **ADVANCED DEGREE INFO FOR LICENSED DISTRICT EDUCATORS**

Licensed Educators interested in Master of Education Degrees in Leadership/Administrative Licensure or Teacher Leadership; Doctoral Degrees, Doctor of Education EdD or Doctor of Philosophy PhD are invited

to attend an information session, Wed, Oct 8 at the Jordan School District Office Instructional Support Center, 9361 S 300 E, Sandy at 4:00 PM. See more info at <http://elp.ed.utah.edu/gradprograms.htm>

#### **GET FIT DON'T SIT EVENTS**

**Wed., October – "Lights' On Afterschool"** Get Fit, Don't Sit activity, Games, inflatable's and dinner will be provided for the cost of a \$3.00 wrist band, at the Boys & Girls Club of Murray, 244 E Vine St (5065 S), 4-7 PM. For more info, call Jenny or Athlene at 264-7476

**Also:** On October 27 & 28 – Don't miss Murray City's Haunted Trail event. Admission is \$1.50, hot chocolate and donuts will be served. Prepare to be scared! Murray Park Pavilion #5, 7-9 PM

#### **CORN MAZE FEATURES FORMER MURRAY STUDENT ARCHULETA**

*From September 24th, 2008 KSL Radio news story by Randall Jeppesen*

Brett Herbst wanted his massive corn maze just behind Thanksgiving Point to take on a presidential tone this fall. But he says it took time to figure out what they wanted.

"We kind of didn't really care for either one of the candidates, so we're like, 'Let's do Archuleta 4 President,'" he says.

So he's hoping the chance to get up close and personal with David Archuleta will bring crowds of people who maybe want to walk through Archuleta's ear.

"They're in his eyeball, his lips or whatever," he says.

He added getting permission to use Archuleta's image was no easy task. See photo of corn maze at this link: <http://www.ksl.com/index.php?nid=148&sid=4350139>

#### **ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED AT SCHOOLS**

The SL County Elections Division is currently recruiting election judges for the upcoming November General Election. There are still 1000 positions to fill and the date is approaching quickly. Since many of the polling locations are directly placed in schools, community assistance in those areas would be welcomed. The date is Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, a school day. There is a paid stipend of either \$120 or \$220, depending on the position. Interested candidates must be at least 18 years old and registered to vote within SL County. Applications are online at [www.clerk.slco.org/elections](http://www.clerk.slco.org/elections)  
For more info, call 801-468-3074, 801-809-3308 or email [aharward-collard@slco.org](mailto:aharward-collard@slco.org)

#### **"UP WITH PEOPLE" GROUP IN NEED OF HOST FAMILIES**

"Up with People", an international touring group of students ages 18-29 from 22 countries around the world is seeking families to host group October 13th through the 20<sup>th</sup> when the group comes to Murray to do community service with the Boys and Girls Club, Murray School District, the Heritage Center, as well as the YWCA, Utah Food Banks, the Humane Society and other organizations. There are 115 members in the group and they are still searching for around 40 beds/ Host families are asked to provide a place to sleep, most meals (breakfasts and most dinners), and minimal transportation to and from daily facilities (usually 8am/6pm, weekdays at the Boys and Girls Club of the South Valley in Murray, and Saturday at MHS. Each family hosting will get 2 free tickets to their final event, a performance Sat., Oct 18th at Murray High. All students are English-speakers. Proceeds from the performance will benefit Murray. If you're interested in hosting, please call Molly at 520-250-6690 or email [messington@upwithpeople.org](mailto:messington@upwithpeople.org)

#### **UTAH OPERA INFO FOR TEACHERS**

Utah Opera invites educators to enjoy final dress rehearsal performances in the Capitol Theatre through a program called *Opera-tunities*. Each of these final rehearsals falls on Thursday evenings, runs from 7-10 p.m. and costs \$3 per student ticket and \$5 for adult chaperones. You may order tickets for any of the operas at any time. It is also possible for students to purchase their own tickets for these Opera-tunities

evenings and come independently of any school group. Call Zan at the Box Office, 869-9047, to order tickets ahead of time, or purchase at the door if tickets are still available. Members of the opera chorus and Education staff are available during school hours the week of each performance to present pre-performance introductions to the opera, its music and our production. Call Paula Fowler, Director of Education & Community Outreach at 869-9090 to request a session, or with any other questions about Utah Opera's student dress rehearsal program. Here is this year's schedule:

- 10/ 16/08: Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* (over UEA break)
- 1/15/09: Marc Blitzstein's *Regina* – based on Hellman's *The Little Foxes*
- 3/ 12/09: Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*
- 5/ 14/09: Donizetti's *Don Pasquale*

#### **DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

- 10/6 - 10 Red Ribbon Week; activities in all Murray schools
- 10/8 Grant Elementary "Walk to School Day"
- 10/8 Murray PTA Board & Council Mtg, DO, 9:30 & 10 AM
- 10/8 MHS Cross Country @ Cottonwood Complex/Region Championship, 1 PM
- 10/8 MHS Soph Girls Soccer @ Timpview, 5:30 PM
- 10/8 Murray Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM
- 10/8 Red Ribbon Anti-Drug Family Event, All Welcome, MHS Aud, 7 PM
- 10/8 & 9 HS State Golf Tourney @ Soldier Hollow
- 10/9 Lady Spartan Volleyball @ East; JV 3:30, Varsity 5 PM, Soph 6:15 PM
- 10/9 "Lights' On Afterschool" Get Fit activity, Boys & Girls Club of Murray, 244 E Vine St, 4-7 PM
- 10/9 Riverview JH Band Concert, 7-8 PM
- 10/10 Riverview JH Early Bird Readers, Library, 7:15-7:55 AM
- 10/10 MHS Football @ West, 7 PM
- 10/10-11 HS Girls Volleyball JV Tourney @ Cottonwood
- 10/13 & 14 ECEC Vision Screening make-up, 9 AM-3PM
- 10/14 Prevention Dimension Elementary Teacher Training, Granite Schools DO, 8 AM-4 PM
- 10/14 Grant Elem Vision Screening
- 10/14 Girls Soccer Finals – First Round
- 10/14 Spec Ed Prof Development, RJH Rebel Rm, 2:30-4:30 PM
- 10/14 Riverview JH Band Open House, 3-7 PM
- 10/14 Lady Spartan Volleyball @ Cottonwood; JV 3:30, Varsity 5 PM, Soph 6:15 PM
- 10/14 MHS Choir Concert, 7 PM
- 10/15 Cross Country Meet, Cottonwood Complex, 3:30 PM
- 10/15 MHS Football @ Home vs Olympus, 7 PM
- 10/16 Girls Soccer Quarter Finals

**10/16 & 10/17 (Thurs & Fri) Fall Recess – NO SCHOOL**

**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)

**NO LICENSED OPENINGS at this time**

#### **CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:**

Cook I @ Parkside Elementary

Head Custodian @ McMillan Elementary (full time 12 month contract)

Night Custodian at MHS - part-time hourly ( 7 hrs/night)

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