

MurrENEWS – October 29, 2008
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MurrE-QUIP

Q: What Kind of tests do witches take?

A: Hex-aminations!

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PETER PAN MUSICAL AT MHS

The Murray High School Theater Department, under the direction of Willy Saxton, will be presenting a musical version of *PETER PAN*, based on the classic play by James M. Barrie. The show will run November 13, 14, 15 and 17 and will start nightly at 7 PM in the Murray High Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$6 for non-students and \$7 at the door. They may be purchased in advance at the high school or from any of the show's cast. This MHS production includes a cast of over 30 people, a hard working technical crew and accompaniment from the outstanding school orchestra. Support Murray High arts programs and experience a wonderful play that the whole family is sure to enjoy!

GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL "I CAN Rock the VOTE" FOOD DRIVE

From November 3 thru 6, students of Grant Elementary will have an opportunity to vote on a topic by bringing in canned goods. The voting will take place before school and the winners will be announced during school. "I Voted" stickers are being donated to give to each student after they vote each day. Grant is a small school with a big heart and works hard to help students to realize that they can make a difference, whether it is in voting or donating and helping others. Last year Grant Elementary was able to donate 3,200 pounds of food to the Food Bank. For more information contact Vickie Mueller, 269-0913, jviaall@yahoo.com. Here is a list of voting topics:

- **Monday:** Who will win the presidential election? Obama "Top Rama" or John "McCan"?
- **Tuesday:** What would Principal Klein be better at: serving lunch as a lunch LADY, or working recess duty as a recess cop? He will be dressing up as the winner and doing one of these jobs.
- **Wednesday:** What is better: Boy bands or Girl bands? The winning musical taste will be played for the students during lunchtime.
- **Thursday:** What will be the "official Grant snack food"? Samples will be passed out during voting in the morning. In the afternoon, a couple of classes will deliver the food to the Food Bank.

YOUR MURRAY SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Available online at the District website is the PDF doc version of the recent *Your Murray Schools* district newsletter. It was sent by mail to student/patron homes and distributed in the schools to employees. But just in case you were missed, you may open it from this email. It includes a nice message from Superintendent Tranter and an interesting overview of new programs in the Murray City School District. See at http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/communityrelations/2008_oct_yms.pdf

KUDOS TO RIVERVIEW KIDS

RIVERVIEW TERRIFIC KIDS – *sponsored by the school, PSTA & Kiwanis Club*

Thomas Legan – a loyal friend, a hard working student and always respectful

Heidi Anderson – always comes to class with a cheerful smile and is excited to learn

Jason Rojas – teachers and peers always say he is a positive influence on everyone

RIVERVIEW REBELS WITH HONORS – *recognizes students exhibiting good character*

McKay Lago – caught helping with spirit week and the carnival

Andrew Garrett – caught assisting teachers with translating and new Ukrainian students

Sage Holman – caught being a great example of living with a positive attitude

FRONT PAGE STORY: GRANT'S COLLEEN SMITH AND CLASS

By Amy K. Stewart, Deseret News, *Published: October 25, 2008*

Policy on devices in the works

Utah kids may see bans, some items are finding uses

MURRAY — Teacher Colleen Smith doesn't mind her sixth-grade students listening to iPods in class. In fact, she encourages it — as a way to improve their reading skills. She figures, why not make educational use of what most kids see as a toy. *See the rest of the story*

<http://deseretnews.com/article/content/mobile/1,5620,705257945,00.html?printView=true>

LARRY H. MILLER CONTRIBUTIONS TO MURRAY SCHOOLS

Larry H. Miller Charities granted a request for over \$3,500 for use in the At Risk programs of the District. Dr. Wendy Bills, Supervisor of At Risk Programs was notified of the contribution and thrilled to be able to put the money to good use in the department.

Nick Overson, a MHS 12th grader was awarded a Jazz basketball, signed by all of the members of the team as a result of a prize drawing that he entered at an October MotorFest event. This was an event presented by auto and diesel industry leaders to encourage youth to explore careers in the industry. Nick is enrolled in Alan Gatanby's school Auto Shop program.

The Miller organization also has an intern program through which automotive students may learn on the job, as they pursue future employment opportunities. Murray students have had opportunities to participate in this great program.

THANK YOU LARRY H. MILLER GROUP FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR MURRAY STUDENTS!

ESSAY CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS

"Imagine That!" is the theme of this year's John Hughes Young Writers Contest, an essay contest open to all juniors and seniors in Utah schools. Essays should be about 1,000 words, nonfiction, based on personal experience, observation or opinion; and must be received at the Deseret News no later than 5 p.m. on Nov. 7. They can be submitted electronically to youngwriters@desnews.com (no attachments) or typed (no handwritten entries) and delivered to the Deseret News at 30 E. 100 South, or mailed to Deseret News Young Writers Contest, P.O. Box 1257, Salt Lake City, UT 84110. First place receives \$1,000; second place \$500; third place \$250. Be sure to include name, address, telephone number and high school.

WRITING CONTEST FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Mimi's Café is accepting entries in its annual Thanksgiving Essay Contest, "The Write Stuff." The contest is open to elementary school children in Utah. Three categories will be judged: 1st – 2nd, 3rd – 4th and 5th - 6th grades. Winners in each of the categories will receive a \$1,000 US Savings Bond. Five finalists in each grade category will be invited to an awards luncheon on Nov. 19 at the Sandy location where other prizes will be awarded as well. For more information, call any of the Mimi's Café locations in Utah. Contestants should write a one-page essay entitled "What I have To Be Thankful For." The deadline for the contest is Nov. 5; entries should be mailed to Mimi's Café, The Write Stuff, 1355 E. 625 North, Layton, UT.

FUN THINGS TO DO DURING YOUR "UNLIMITED FREE TIME":

- **Know Your States** – this activity is designed so that you drag the state shape into the correct position on the US Map. It's a fun personal challenge, but would also be great USA geographic reinforcement within the classroom. <http://iimspages.com/States.htm>
- **Pumpkin Simulator** – carve shapes onto a pumpkin graphic by moving your mouse/simulator in the areas that you want to "cut." When you press "Done" the pumpkin lights up...pretty cool! http://www.coasttocoastam.com/timages/page/pumpkin_sim.html

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

10/29 Murray "Meet the Candidates" Night, MHS Choir Rm, 6:30 PM

10/29 Riverview JH Band Concert, 7-8 PM

10/30 (Thurs) 1st Term Ends (46 days)

10/30 Lady Spartan Volleyball @ West; JV 3:30, Varsity 5 PM, Soph 6:15 PM

10/31 (Fri) Professional Development/Teacher Work Day – No School/Students

10/31 HS Football Inter-Region Playoffs, Location TBD, 7 PM

NOVEMBER - PTA National Family Month

11/4 Regional Swimming Relay @ Home, 3 PM

11/5 & 11/6 (Wed & Thurs) Elementary SEP Conference

11/5-8 Power of Prevention Critical Issue Conf, Utah Cultural Celebration Center, WVC, PTA sponsored

11/7 (Fri) Elementary Compensatory Day– No School/Elementary

11/19 "Grizz" Family Skate Night, This Get Fit Don't Sit event is fun and FREE! Bring your families to meet the "Grizz", Salt Lake County Ice Center, 7-9 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

NO LICENSED OPENINGS at this time

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

- TA II - Classroom Aide @ Longview Elementary

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