

**MurrENEWS – November 13, 2008**  
**Murray City School District, Murray, UT**  
***Educating Murray since 1906!***

**MurrE-QUOTE**

“Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.”

– J. M. Barrie (1860-1937), the author of "Peter Pan"

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**TONIGHT IN MURRAY ... YOU MIGHT SEE PETER PAN!**

The Murray High School Theater Department opens its fall musical production tonight with its first performance of the musical version of “*Peter Pan*.” Based on the classic play by James M. Barrie and under the direction of Murray High teacher Willy Saxton, the show runs tonight (Nov. 13) and Nov. 14, 15 and 17 at 7 PM in the Murray High Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the high school or from any of the cast; prices are: \$5 for students, \$6 for non-students and \$7 at the door.

*Support MHS arts programs and enjoy a classic play that the whole family is sure to enjoy!*

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSICALS**

School musicals are being planned now, with the first one to be presented in November and the rest of the shows in the spring. On Wed., Nov. 19, McMillan's afterschool musical, “*Rogue of the Railway*,” will be presented at 2 and 6:45 p.m.; then again the next night, Nov. 20, at 6:45 p.m. only.

**CUSTODIAL CHANGES IN SCHOOLS**

Some staff changes have occurred recently among school custodial assignments.

Congratulations to the following employees for their new positions:

Trent Assay – from Riverview JH head custodian to MHS head custodian

Mitch McMillan – from McMillan Elementary head custodian to Riverview JH head custodian

Andrew Fairclough – new head custodian at McMillan Elementary

***OTHER STAFF ADDITIONS in the District Technology Department:***

Hired as part-time Technology Specialists 1 are Chassidy Ellison, Zack Lawrence and Nick Parker.

Welcome to all of you and thanks in advance for helping to keep our computers running!

**READ THE NOVEMBER YOUR MURRAY SCHOOLS by going to this link:**

[http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/communityrelations/2008\\_nov\\_yms\\_journal.pdf](http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/communityrelations/2008_nov_yms_journal.pdf)

The November 2008 *Your Murray Schools* is currently published in the last two pages of the November Murray Journal, which is delivered into all of the homes of Murray residents. Be sure to watch for it and also for upcoming Murray Community Education course information. These inserts and a great deal more current district and school information may be accessed online at our District website: <http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/index.shtml>

**MCMILLAN SILENT AUCTION A BIG SUCCESS**

Thanks to volunteers and patrons for support of the annual McMillan Silent Auction event. A sports theme set a fun tone for the evening with four professional team mascots attending and stirring things up! The dinner, silent auction and live auction raised money for PTA and school activities. This year's PTA focus at McMillan is Emergency Preparedness and Character Education.

**VISION SCREENINGS**

Vision screening requirements in the Murray City District Changing are being adjusted from screening all elementary school students to the state mandated screenings of grades Kg, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. This proposal was approved by the district school principals at a recent meeting.

**PTA NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK**

National Family Week has been celebrated in American schools since 1968. It is the week of Thanksgiving, or November 23 – 29 this year. In conjunction, the Utah PTA has an official program called Family Table Talk, an easy and fun family program which involves talking together at a family meal on this day. PTA leaders should refer to pages 375-377 in the Utah PTA Handbook. For more information, go to <http://www.utahpta.org/familylife.htm>

**OTHER PTA NOTES:**

Utah PTA began hosting an Internet radio Talk show in October which will continue to be aired every Friday from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. It will showcase the many Utah PTA programs and give parent and resource information for families. The show will be hosted by Utah PTA PR VP Margaret Wahlstrom, Utah PTA Pres. Marilyn Simister and Utah PTA Pres. Elect Ilene Mecham. If you have questions, contact Margaret Wahlstrom at 801-544-0747. To hear the show and call in, go to [www.planetarystreams.com](http://www.planetarystreams.com).

**ONLINE DEGREES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION – SCHOLARSHIP OFFER**

Western Governors University is pleased to offer the WGU Excellence in Special Education Scholarships. These scholarships are designed to help aspiring special education teachers attend college online to earn their licensure or endorsement in special education and fill a vital role in their communities. Each scholarship is valued up to \$2,500. To find out more, go to the Western Governors University website: [www.wgu.edu](http://www.wgu.edu)

**LEGISLATIVE INVOLVEMENT TRAINING SESSION**

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2008 – Registration at 10:00 a.m.

Training: 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. *Lunch will be provided to those who preregister.*

Location: 5709 South 1500 West, Taylorsville; RSVP Trisha Rouse (801) 463-1592 or email [trouse@usilc.org](mailto:trouse@usilc.org)  
Parents, individuals with disabilities, professionals, and community members should consider attending this training to hear information about voicing questions and concerns to legislative policymakers regarding issues, services, agencies, and programs that provide needed services. Topics discussed will include: Special Education, Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Children with Special Health Care Needs, Medicaid, Services for People with Disabilities, Vocational Rehabilitation Employment, Independent Living, Mental Health, Housing and

Transportation, State Budget Issues and more. Dr. Tim Chambless, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Utah will present in the afternoon. Representatives from state agencies will also be attending.

#### **FREE TREES OF DIVERSITY EXHIBIT**

The Fifth Annual *Trees of Diversity* Exhibit will begin Sat., Nov. 22, 2008 and show through Wed., Jan. 7, 2009; M – F, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Fri. & Sat, by special arrangement. This event is held yearly at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 1355 West 3100 South in West Valley City. There will be over 35 trees and holiday scenes created by various community and ethnic groups. The Cultural Center will also be displaying artifacts and other historical items from around the world, along with art pieces, crèches, nutcrackers, sculptures, wreaths, train sets and other holiday items. EVERYONE is invited to attend, free of charge. For more information about this and other events or exhibits at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, call 801-965-5100, or visit [www.culturalcelebration.org](http://www.culturalcelebration.org)

#### **FYI – MURRAY SCHOOLS IN WIKIPEDIA**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murray\\_School\\_District](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murray_School_District)

**And in case you are not familiar with Wikipedia**, it's a (sort of) reference website. Be curious ... check it out!

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:About>

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

11/19 "Grizz" Family Skate Night, This event is fun and FREE! Bring your families to meet the "Grizz", Salt Lake County Ice Center, 7-9 PM.

December Family Swim Night & Duck y Derby, at the Murray Park Center Leisure Pool; more info to come.

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

**11/13, 14, 15 & 17 MHS play, "Peter Pan", 7 PM**

**11/14** Murray Arts Show, Hillcrest JH, 8 AM - 3 PM

**11/14** Renaissance VIP Luncheon, MHS, 11 AM & 12:30 PM

**11/14** DO Staff Luncheon, 12 Noon

**11/14-15** MHS Swim Meet @ Cedar City, travel

**11/16** Viewmont Elementary Food Drive - all week

**11/18** MHS Swim Meet East @ Home, 4 PM

**11/18** Skate with the Grizz, FREE Family Night, SL County Ice Center, 5201 S. Murray Park Lane, 7 - 9 PM

**11/19** MHS Renaissance Handouts, Commons Area, 11:50 AM

**11/19** Spec Ed Prof Development, RJH Rebel Rm, 2:30-4:30 PM

**11/19** "Grizz" Family Skate Night, SL County Ice Center, FREE, 7-9 PM

**11/19 & 20** McMillan Musical, 2 PM (11/19 only), 6:45 p.m. nightly

**11/20** Hillcrest JH Book Club, 7:15 AM

**11/21** Renaissance Luncheon, MHS Spartan Cove

**11/23-29** National PTA "Sit & Eat Dinner" Week

**11/25** MHS Swim Meet @ Home vs Hunter & Brighton, 3:30 PM

**11/26** MHS Boys Basketball @ Riverton; Soph 3:30, JV 5:15, Var 7 PM

**11/27– 28 (Thurs–Fri) Thanksgiving Holiday – 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

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

- TA II - Indian Mentor Advocate @ MHS
- TA II - ISS Aide @ Grant Elementary
- TA III - Reading Aide @ Grant Elementary
- TA III - Interpreter for hearing impaired student @ Longview Elementary

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