

**MurrENEWS – December 5, 2008**  
**Murray City School District, Murray, UT**  
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**MurrE-QUOTE**

“Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind.

To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.”

– Calvin Coolidge, 30<sup>th</sup> President of the United States (1923-1929)

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**HOLIDAY EVENTS**

If you have holiday activities or events taking place in your school or organization and would like them posted on the Home Page of the district website please email information back. We will keep updating the list as information is shared. See current listings below & online:

<http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/>

**DISTRICT SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS**

12/9 Riverview JH Band Concert, 7-8 PM

12/10 Hillcrest JH Band & Orchestra Concert, 6 PM

12/11 Riverview JH Band Concert, 7-8 PM

12/11-12 "Miracle on 53rd Street" MHS Dance Concert, Auditorium, 7 PM

12/13 & 12/15 Murray Community Dance Christmas Concerts (Community Ed), MHS, 5:30 & 7:30 PM  
both nights

12/16 Riverview JH Choir Concert, 6-7 PM

12/16 MHS Art Show, Media Center 6:30-8 PM

12/16 MHS Band Concert, 7 PM

12/17 Renaissance sponsored Christmas Lunch for staff & faculty, MHS Commons, 2 PM

12/17 MHS Choir Concert, 7 PM

12/18 Longview Elem Choir Christmas Assembly, 9:30 AM  
12/18 Riverview JH Choir Concert, 6-7 PM  
12/19 Horizon Elem Bell Choir Assembly, 9:15 AM  
12/23 Longview Elem Sing-A-Long Assembly, 9:30 AM

**HOLIDAY EMPLOYEE RECEPTION SCHEDULE** – DO Administrators bring lunch & good wishes to schools:

12/9 (Tues) Viewmont Elementary, 11 AM-12:30 PM  
12/10 (Wed) Horizon Elementary, 1:45- 2:30 PM  
12/11 (Thurs) Parkside Elementary, 12-1:15 PM  
12/12 (Fri) Grant Elementary, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM  
12/15 (Mon) Longview Elementary, 12-1:00 PM  
12/16 (Tues) Riverview JH, 11:40 AM -12:05; 12:30-12:55 PM  
12/17 (Wed) Early Childhood Ed Center, 11:45 AM-12:15 PM  
12/17 (Wed) Maintenance Department, 3:15- 4 PM  
12/18 (Thurs) McMillan Elementary, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM  
12/19 (Fri) Liberty Elementary, 12-12:30 PM

**LIBERTY'S JUDY MAHOSKEY RECEIVES NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION**

Judy Mahoskey, Liberty 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, was recently awarded National Board Certification, an outstanding accomplishment and great reflection of her dedication to teaching. Congratulations to Judy and other teachers in the district who have attained this wonderful recognition: Jennifer Lightfoot, kindergarten/Viewmont Elementary and Belva Helms, MHS math teacher. If there are other teachers in our district who have received this or other professional recognitions, we are always pleased to hear of them. Please let us know!

**PINNACLE AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE RIGHT AFTER HOLIDAYS**

Forms for the 6th Annual Pinnacle Awards are due by the end of the day, Friday, January 9, 2009. Five educators, one classified employee and one volunteer will be selected for recognition of their outstanding service to Murray education at the Pinnacle Awards Gala on March 5, 2009. Each Pinnacle winner will be a honored guest at the banquet, receive a nice cash award and many other great gifts. Anyone may nominate: district or school employees, parents and community members. Don't miss this opportunity to help recognize someone you feel is making a difference in the Murray City School District! Pinnacle application forms may be downloaded from the Murray Schools website:

[http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/districtoffice\\_mef.shtml](http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/districtoffice_mef.shtml)

**RENAISSANCE ASSOCIATION AT MHS**

MHS Pajama bottom have been a huge success during Renaissance Association Hand-Outs, receiving a hugely positive response from the students. The Renaissance Association is hosting its annual Christmas Appreciation luncheon for the faculty December 12 at 2 PM in the Commons Area. The group is also gearing up to manage the MHS Snack Shack during basketball season, an effort that brings needed dollars to the school for a variety of groups and to help cover expenses for many important activities.

**GRANT ELEMENTARY ART PROJECTS ONLINE**

Grant Elementary art specialist, Eva Bergius, invites everyone to take a look at the student art work

displayed on the schools website. There are some wonderful creative projects posted with great ideas that may be used in other classrooms. Be sure to take a look:

[http://www.murrayschools.org/GNT/Grant\\_Elementary/My\\_Albums/My\\_Albums.html](http://www.murrayschools.org/GNT/Grant_Elementary/My_Albums/My_Albums.html)

#### **RIVERVIEW JH TERRIFIC KIDS AND REBELS WITH HONORS** (sponsored by HJH, PTSA & Kiwanis Club)

**Jessica Butcher** – helps others often

**Nathan Howard** – has great leadership skills

**Edgar Galicia** – has a mature attitude

**Alecia Niederhauser** spent time after school helping an ESL student with a written project and presentation for an English class

**Crystal Milne** was very generous and kind by providing a skirt needed for choir when another student was unable to attain one.

**Cody Vierig** was caught retrieving a stolen item and turning it into the office and helping students in his math class.

#### **MHS HAPPENINGS:**

##### **Culinary Arts Students Cook for VIP's**

Kay Morgan's Advanced Culinary Arts students recently attended all day training with a professional chef. They ended the day by preparing dinner for a prestigious group of diners, a legislative subcommittee from the Utah State Legislature. Three of the ProStart 2 students participating, Collin Johnson, Shar Prestwich and Christian Chamberlain, won the Best New Team in the State award state cooking competition last year. Another, KC Gray, is a ProStart 2 student on a team competing this year.

##### **Debate Team Awarded First Team Debate Trophy in 10 Years**

The MHS Debate team competed in their first debate tournament this year at Dixie High School. Attending were over 11 schools from Utah and Nevada. The team was proud to bring home the first Debate Team Trophy for Murray in 10 years, and they received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the School Sweepstakes.

#### **SCHOOL COUNSELOR "HOT TOPIC" PROGRAM**

Hillcrest /Liberty counselor Rock Boyer reminds that the Professional Development "Hot Topic" this month is "Treat Yourself & Avoid Burnout." Information will be presented by the Elementary Counselors Tues., Dec. 16 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom. Topics covered will include: Avoiding Burnout; Relaxation; Creative Thinking; The Use of Humor; and Yoga. Everyone is welcome, so come and have some fun!

#### **SCOLIOSIS SCREENERS NEEDED AT RJH**

If you have time to volunteer at the upcoming Riverview JH Scoliosis Screening, please contact one of you PTA leaders or school nurse Hsiaoming Peng at 264-7400, [hpeng@murrayschools.org](mailto:hpeng@murrayschools.org). Volunteer numbers for this effort have been low; no medical or past experience is necessary. Thank you for considering and here is the date: 12/16 Riverview JH Scoliosis Screening, 7:55 AM-2:40 PM

#### **SUMMER SEMINARS FOR HISTORY TEACHERS**

The Larry H. Miller Foundation offers two summer seminars for Utah and American history teachers. The Revolutionary War Seminar, June 9-17, will take U.S. history teachers to Boston, New York and

Philadelphia. The Mormon Trail, July 27-Aug. 1, will follow the Mormon Trail through parts of Wyoming and Utah. History teachers may go to [www.millereducation.org](http://www.millereducation.org) to complete an online application.

#### **GOLD MEDAL PROGRAM NOW ON INTERNET**

The Gold Medal Schools program is becoming available to parents through the Internet. The Utah Department of Health has designed an area where parents can find healthy recipes, ideas for physical activities which families can do together, articles on tobacco prevention and other health-related information. See [www.hearthighway.org/gms/parents.html](http://www.hearthighway.org/gms/parents.html).

#### **FIFTH ANNUAL "TREES OF DIVERSITY" EXHIBIT FREE EVENT**

The 2008 Trees of Diversity exhibition will feature 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 and other holiday items. Bring the whole family to celebrate this special time of year and learn about holiday traditions from around the world. The Utah Cultural Celebration Center is located at 1355 W 3100 S, WVC. 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). This event is FREE OF CHARGE.

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

**12/5** PTA Reflections submission deadline; project drop-off 1-2:30 PM to at Kim Kingrey  
**12/5** Lady Spartan Basketball @ Home vs Judge; JV 3:30, Varsity 5:15, Soph 7 PM  
**12/5** MHS Boys Basketball @ Home vs Hunter; Soph 3:30, JV 5:15, Varsity 7 PM  
**12/5-6** MHS Wrestling/Titan Duals @ Syracuse  
**12/9** (Tues) DO Holiday Staff Luncheon @ Viewmont Elementary, 11 AM-12:30 PM  
**12/9** Lady Spartan Basketball @ Home vs Taylorsville; Soph 3:30, JV 5:15, Varsity 7 PM  
**12/9** MHS Swim Meet @ Granger, 3:30 PM  
**12/9** MHS Boys Basketball @ Jordan; Varsity only 7 PM  
**12/10** (Wed) DO Holiday Staff Luncheon @ Horizon Elementary, 1:45- 2:30 PM  
**12/10** Family Swim Night, \$1 each, Murray Park Cntr, 7-9 PM  
**12/11** (Thurs) DO Holiday Staff Luncheon @ Parkside Elementary, 12-1:15 PM  
**12/11** MHS Wrestling @ Home vs East; JV 5:30, Varsity 6 PM  
**12/11-12** MHS "Miracle on 53rd Street" Dance Concert, Auditorium, 7 PM  
**12/12** Riverview JH Early Bird Readers, Library, 7:15-7:55 AM  
**12/12** (Fri) DO Holiday Staff Luncheon @ Grant Elementary, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM  
**12/12-13** MHS Wrestling/Clash of Titans Duel Tournament @ Olympus  
**12/13 & 12/15** Murray Community Dance Christmas Concerts (Community Ed), MHS, 5:30 & 7:30 PM both nights  
**12/15** (Mon) DO Holiday Staff Luncheon @ Longview Elementary, 12-1:00 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)

**NO LICENSED OPENINGS**

**CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:**

- TA II - Indian Mentor Advocate @ MHS
- Recreation Specialist – Parkside Elementary After-School Program
- Murray Community Education - Computer Teacher

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