

**MurrENEWS – January 9, 2009**  
**Murray City School District, Murray, UT**  
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**MurrE-QUOTE**

"May you have warmth in your igloo, oil in your lamp, and peace in your heart!"  
– Eskimo proverb

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR** and welcome back for a great 2009 in the Murray City School District!

**MESSAGE TO PARENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT TRANTER**

The greatest single resource available to every parent is the ability to be able to ask questions and find out everything that you can about your child's education.

At Parent Teacher Conferences be fully engaged with the teacher and find out about his programs and classroom; communicate with the school secretaries; get to know your child's principal and be sure the principal knows your child; and check backpacks carefully for school notes and messages. Watch for articles in your local newspaper, check the district website, be aware of school functions and attend as many as your family's schedule permits.

Your attitude is the most critical influence in your child's life during these important school years. All of the educational and legislative mandates in the world will never have the impact that your own involvement and concern will have on the future of your child. It really doesn't matter what time it is in the school year, one of the most important things that you can do for your student is to be involved in her education however possible. It's the best way to show your children how important a good education is to you... and them!

*(See online <http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/message.shtml>)*

**PINNACLE AWARD NOMINATIONS DEADLINE EXTENDED**

**The date for turning in applications for the 6th Annual Pinnacle Awards has been extended to Monday, January 12, 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. Anyone may nominate. Help recognize someone you feel is making a difference in the Murray City School District! Nomination forms may be downloaded from the district website [http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/districtoffice\\_mef.shtml](http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/districtoffice_mef.shtml)

**NOTICE: PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Private and charter schools located within Murray City School District boundaries should be aware that assessment of possible learning disabilities or speech and language deficits is available through the Murray School District. Contact Dr. Wendy Bills, Supervisor At-Risk Programs, 801-264-7400.

### **MHS SPORTS TRAINING**

- **Girls Softball Conditioning**

MHS softball team conditioning began this past Wed and will continue from 6-9 pm in the MHS main gym on most Mondays and Wednesdays during Jan. and Feb. This is open to any Jr. High and High school girl interested in trying out for the softball team. All players must bring their own gloves, bats, helmets, etc. Contact Coach Parker if you have further questions, [lparker@murrayschools.org](mailto:lparker@murrayschools.org)

- **Baseball Winter Workouts**

The Murray High School Varsity Baseball program has begun winter workouts for students in 8-12th grade wishing to improve their skills before spring try-outs. Workouts will be held every school day until Feb. 28 from 3:15-6:15 p.m. at Riverview Jr. High in the back gymnasium. Every player is welcome and there is no cost to attend. Players need to bring all of their own equipment. For more info, contact Head Coach Jake Shewmake at MHS at 264-7460, email [jshewmake@murrayschools.com](mailto:jshewmake@murrayschools.com).

### **ART EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT**

Denise Carter, Murray District Art Coordinator announces that the Art Education Power Point Presentations are now on the District web site. Feedback from teachers using these resources; is welcomed, email Denise at [dcarter@murrayschools.org](mailto:dcarter@murrayschools.org). To see the presentations, click on the link below; it may work best to access through the Mozilla Firefox browser, and/or save it to your desk top:

[http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/districtoffice\\_arteducation\\_main.shtml](http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/districtoffice_arteducation_main.shtml)

### **NEW COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES REMINDER**

New classes have been scheduled for the Winter 2009 Community Education session. See what's offered for both youth and adults and sign up as soon as possible since some classes may fill quickly. The Murray Community Education Office is located at MHS in Rm 139, and you may call or email Joan Shuman at 264-7414, email [jshuman@murrayschools.org](mailto:jshuman@murrayschools.org). To see the complete 2009 Winter Class Schedule brochure online or copy the Registration form, go to: [http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/parents\\_communityeducation.shtml](http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/parents_communityeducation.shtml)

### **TEACHING ABOUT THE INAUGURATION**

The Learning First Alliance will post inauguration resources highlighting the importance of civic education and commemorating the presidential inauguration at <http://www.publicschoolinsights.org/inauguration>.

### **UTAH SYMPHONY OPPORTUNITIES**

- This January Utah Opera presents *Regina*, an American opera based on Lillian Hellman's play *The Little Foxes*. The story of greedy, cold-hearted Regina was made famous by Bette Davis in a 1941 film. See the final dress rehearsal of *Regina* on Thursday, January 15, 7-10 p.m. in the Capitol Theatre, 50 West 200 South. Tickets are available in advance (\$3 per student, \$5 for teachers/chaperones, call the box office at 869-9047), or purchase at the door on January 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 p.m.

- The Utah Symphony presents a new educational event in its season line-up this year: Orchestra In-Sight offers students and teachers a unique introduction into the world of symphonic music. Orchestra In-Sight will be offered just twice this season; February 26 for Bartok's *The Miraculous Mandarin* and/or March 26 for Ives' *Symphony No. 4*. Conductor Keith Lockhart will begin each evening by talking informally about the work; the symphony will perform the work and then all will take questions from the audience. Orchestra in-Sight evenings will begin in Abravanel Hall at 7:00 p.m., and conclude between 8:00 and 8:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$3 per

student, and \$5 per teacher/adult chaperone. Individual students are welcome to purchase tickets ahead of time by contacting the Box Office at 869-9047, or at the door on the day of performance. Teachers may order for groups using the order form at <http://www.usuoeducation.org/sites/default/files/0809%20flyer.pdf>.

- Visit the Utah Opera website at [www.usuoeducation.org](http://www.usuoeducation.org) for more offerings for students and teachers.

### **FREE UTAH CULTURAL CELEBRATION CENTER ART EXHIBIT**

The Utah Cultural Celebration Center and Mary Meigs Atwater Weavers Guild are proud to announce “Celebrating Fiber Arts: From the Past to the Present”, an art exhibit featuring Utah’s finest contemporary fiber artists. It will feature hand crafted, decorative and functional art including weaving, spinning, surface design and basket, along with historic artifacts, including looms and finished traditional fabric arts. The Utah Cultural Celebration Center is located at 1355 West 3100 South, WVC. The exhibit is open Jan 16 – Mar 11, 2009, Mon through Thurs, 9 AM to 6 PM; Fri and Sat by special arrangement. For more information call Michael Christensen at 965-5108.

### **DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

**1/9** Lady Spartan Basketball @ Home vs West; JV 3:30, Varsity 5:15, Soph 7 PM  
**1/9** MHS Boys Basketball @ Home vs West; Soph 3:30, JV 5:15, Varsity 7 PM  
**1/9-10** MHS Wrestling/Jaguar Duels @ West Jordan  
**1/10** MHS Debate Competition vs Riverton  
**1/12** Deadline for Pinnacle Awards Applications  
**1/13** Spec Ed Prof Development, RJH Rebel Rm, 2:30-4:30 PM  
**1/13** Lady Spartan Basketball @ Home vs Highland; JV 3:30, Varsity 5:15, Soph 7 PM  
**1/13** MHS Boys Basketball @ Home vs Highland; Soph 3:30, JV 5:15, Varsity 7 PM  
**1/13** MHS Swim Meet @ Cyprus, 3:30 PM  
**1/13** District Reflections Awards Night, Hillcrest JH, 7 PM  
**1/13** MHS Guitar Recital, Little Theatre, 7 PM  
**1/14** Hillcrest JH Finance Park Field Trip@ Gateway, Parent Volunteers needed, 8 AM at HJH  
**1/14** Murray PTA Board & Council Mtg, DO, 9:30 & 10 AM  
**1/14** Riverview JH Scoliosis Screening makeup, Main Office 10 AM  
**1/14** MHS College Financial Aid Night for Juniors & Seniors, College Representatives 6-9 PM  
**1/14-16** MHS "The Non High School Musical Broadway Revue", Little Theatre, 7 PM  
**1/15** (Tues) 2nd Term Ends (43 days)  
**1/15** MHS Wrestling @ Cottonwood; JV 5:30, Varsity 6 PM  
**1/16** (Fri) Professional Development/Teacher Work Day – No School/Students  
**1/16** Lady Spartan Basketball @ East; JV 3:30, Varsity 5:15, Soph 7 PM  
**1/16** MHS Boys Basketball @ East; Soph 3:30, JV 5:15, Varsity 7 PM  
**1/16-17** MHS Wrestling/Richardson Memorial @ Box Elder  
**1/19** (Mon) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – 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:**

Murray Community Education – Computer Teacher

Substitute Teachers – At the present time, the Murray City School District has a surplus of substitute teachers and will not be accepting applications for substitute teachers until further notice.

*The Murray School District MurrENEWS electronic newsletter is a Murray School District publication designed to share news and information. Please forward this email to anyone you think may be interested. To submit an item for MurrENEWS or to have parents, community members or other names added to the mailing list, contact D. Wright, Public Relations Specialist at the Murray City School District Offices, 801-264-7400, or email [dwright@murrayschools.org](mailto:dwright@murrayschools.org).*