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"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all." – Dale Carnegie

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UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

The newly approved 2009-2010 School Year Calendar is attached to this email in a PDF format. You may also access it online at the Murray City School District website.

TEACHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **Joan Anderson** was honored at the January MSD School Board Meeting for being named Outstanding Career Educator for 2008-2009 by the Utah Association of Career and Technical Educators. Joan is the District Work Base Learning and Internship Coordinator, working with teachers and principals in all ten of the District schools to introduce students to career ideas and opportunities. She has been President of the WBL Division of Utah Association of Career and Technical Educators, has worked on many district, region, and state committees and is also a member of the Murray Chamber Business & Education Committee.
- **Kathy Dale**, RJH Media Specialist, has been chosen as a Featured Teacher by UEN Professional Development. Her work and influence has been noticed and brought positive attention to Murray City School District. She will also be highlighted on UEN's Professional Development homepage: <http://www.uen.org/development>; click on the link there and see a feature article about her.
- **Gina Cantonwine**, RJH 8th grade US History teacher, has been accepted to attend the Larry H. Miller seminar for history teachers. The nine-day June 2009 seminar will begin in Boston, move to New York City and conclude in Philadelphia. The Revolutionary War theme for the seminar is "From the Boston Massacre to the Constitutional Convention." Last year, MHS teacher Amber Rydalch was accepted to attend a similar seminar.

RIVERVIEW JH STUDENTS FEATURED ON KSL TELEVISION

From the KSL Channel 5 website: Students understand significance of Obama inauguration

As the President took the oath of office, classrooms across the country tuned in for the living history lesson of the day. Riverview Junior High School choir and music teacher Becky Ivory believed her students in nine-grade choir class needed to see this inauguration, but it was the Student Body President Sam Fisihetau who got the ball rolling for all classrooms. Fisihetau said, "This is a great, big, big step in our country, and I think that it's important that the people that will decide the fate of our country watch this." <http://www.ksl.com/index.php?nid=148&sid=5370522>

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S EDUCATIONAL PLAN

As outlined on the new Whitehouse.gov site:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/agenda/education/>

VIDEO COMPETITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

From The Salt Lake Tribune:

Hoping to increase awareness about the Utah Child Protection Registry, the state is holding a public service announcement competition for high school students. Submissions must be made by March 6, 2009. The registry allows families to sign up a home address, e-mail addresses, cell phone numbers, fax numbers and instant messenger IDs to help ward off adult-oriented solicitations. Schools may also register domain names. Students in ninth to 12th grade can enter the competition. Each video submission must be 25 seconds in length. The video must be of broadcast quality. The winner's entry will be shown on Utah's FOX 13. For information about the contest and the registry, which has existed since 2005, see <https://donotcontact.utah.gov/psaguidelines.html>

2009-2010 TEACHING AMBASSADOR FELLOWSHIPS INFORMATION

U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced that the U.S. Department of Education is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 Teaching Ambassador Fellowship (TAF) program at the U.S. Department of Education. The TAF program was launched earlier this year to offer highly motivated, innovative public school teachers the opportunity to contribute their knowledge and experience to the national dialogue on public education. Applications for 2009-2010 will be accepted through March 16, 2009. For more information: <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2009/01/01152009a.html>

EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAYS

Educator Appreciation Days at the Murray Barnes & Noble will end Sunday, January 25. During the event, educators may save up to 25% on some classroom and personal purchases. The Murray store, located at 5249 S. State Street, will be having another drawing for a whole cheesecake from the café. Fill out an entry form at the store.

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS: See the entire calendar online at

http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/spotlight_upcomingdistrictevents.shtml

1/23 Lady Spartan Basketball @ Cyprus; JV 3:30, Varsity 5:15, Soph 7 PM

1/23 MHS Boys Basketball @ Cyprus; Soph 3:30, JV 5:15, Varsity 7 PM

1/26-1/30 PTA Multi-Cultural Week in the schools

1/27 Regional Swim Team Championships @ Murray, 9:30 AM

1/27 Spec Ed Prof Development, RJH Rebel Rm, 2:30-4:30 PM
1/27 Lady Spartan Basketball @ Home vs Cottonwood; JV 3:30, Varsity 5:15, Soph 7 PM
1/27 MHS Boys Basketball @ Home vs Cottonwood; Soph 3:30, JV 5:15, Varsity 7 PM
1/29 Longview Elem Maturation Program, 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM
1/29 Parkside Elem Maturation Program, 1:30 PM & 2:30 PM
1/29 MHS Wrestling @ Home vs Cyprus; JV 5:30, Varsity 6 PM
1/29 MHS "Human Rights" Choir Concert, 7 PM
1/30 Lady Spartan Basketball @ Home vs Olympus; JV 3:30, Varsity 5:15, Soph 7 PM
1/30 MHS Boys Basketball @ Home vs Olympus; Soph 3:30, JV 5:15, Varsity 7 PM
1/30 MHS Wrestling/Soph-Fresh Open Tournament @ Cyprus

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

LICENSED OPENINGS

- TLC - Woodshop Teacher – Hillcrest Junior High
- English-Health Teacher – Riverview Junior High

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS

- Computer Teacher – Murray Community Education
- Drill Team Head Coach (for 2009-10 school year) – Murray High

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

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