

MurrENEWS – March 23, 2009
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
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MurrE-QUOTE

“We cannot plant seeds with closed fists. To sow we must open our hands. “

– Adolfo Perez Esquivel (*From the Teaching Tolerance posters series displayed in the Murray City School District Offices*)

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IMPORTANT DISTRICT INFORMATION

- **RETIREMENT DECISIONS** are due by April 1st. There is a monetary penalty for retiring after that point. If you have retirement questions, call Tim Leffel at the DO, 801-264-7400.
- **RESIGNATIONS** are due by July 1st; earlier notification will help the district better serve students.
- For change in school assignments, contact Rob McDaniel. Any discussions will be confidential.
- For Leave of Absence or any other action involving your teaching next year, please call Mr. McDaniel at Ext. 5023, or e-mail rbmcdaniel@murrayschools.org

HILLCREST JH STUDENTS EXCEL IN ...

• **SCIENCE – Students qualifying for Salt Lake City Regional Science Fair: Brandon Reed, Joshua Nelson and Andrew Taylor.** Brandon is studying sound waves to prove a physical phenomenon called time dilation; Joshua is working on power output of a solar panel with changes in incident angle of the sun.

• **POETRY – Kaleigh Gundersen, an eighth grader student** in Amanda Davis’s class, received special recognition in the Junior Creative Poetry Contest sponsored by the Utah State Poetry Society. There were over 1880 entries statewide. Kaleigh's Poem will go on to be judged at another competition.

RIVERVIEW JH FEATURED IN TRIB

Students work to catalogue Utah woman's extensive collection – Riverview Junior High has become the School of Rocks. But there's nary an instrument to be seen, unless you count the black light. A project to preserve the lifetime rock collection of the late Olivia McHugh, an optometrist whose family has Murray roots, has students creating a catalogue of rocks, entering that catalogue into a computer database, and compiling a biography of McHugh. Read more online: http://www.sltrib.com/closeup/ci_11891021

MHS FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS LEAD WAY

The Murray High FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) did very well at the recent Metro Region FBLA competition at Utah Valley University. Students will be competing at State during Spring Break.

- Issac Jorgensen, Jackson Wood, Adam Ruben – 1st Place Entrepreneurship
- Zach Gibbs – 1st Place Computer Problem Solving
- Taryn Bryner – 3rd Place Business Communications
- Adam Ruben – 3rd Place Business Law
- Ashley Parker – 5th Place Business Communications

MURRAY HIGH'S SPARTAN COVE

The Spartan Cove student-run restaurant at Murray High will be serving gourmet meals Friday, April 10 and again Thursday, April 16. Students served their state competition menu to interested district personnel in March and received a great response from those attending. More information on price and times will follow soon from Kay Morgan, but mark your calendars if you plan to attend.

MHS COOKING COMPETITION RESULTS

All MHS culinary competitors are members of Ms. Morgan's ProStart "Spartan Cove" Class.

- **MHS students Shannon Ma and Parker Buchanan**, recently competed in the recent "Best Teen Chef Competition" sponsored by The Art Institute of SLC. To participate, students had to apply, send transcript, a recipe and an essay. Only 11 students total were accepted so this was a great honor.
- **Christian Chamberlain**, senior, was a finalist in the "Skills USA" State Culinary Competition.
- **K.C. Gray**, senior, participated in the February Johnson and Wales Culinary Institute "Best Teen Chef" Competition and represented Murray very well!
- **Murray High ProStart Team received 2nd Place in State Competition!** Team members are: Leader Shar Prestwich, Megan Campbell, Christian Chamberlain, and Collin Johnson; alternate Clayton DeMann
- **FCCLA Region 2 Culinary Competition –**
 - 1st Place Winners: Trek Kryger, Malorie Smith, Clayton Demann (*will proceed to State Competition*)
 - 2nd Place Winners: Shar Prestwich Megan Campbell, Lyndi Miller (*will proceed to State Competition*)
 - 4th Place Winners: K.C. Gray, Jaymes Pryor, Jakob Lyman
 - 5th Place Winners: Jessie Romero, Shannon Ma, Parker Buchanan
 - 8th Place Winners: Christian Chamberlain, Collin Johnson, Leah Holladay
- **"Mystery Ingredient" Iron Chef Competition**
 - 1st Place Team: Shar Prestwich, Collin Johnson, Lyndi Miller, Christian Chamberlain
 - 2nd Place Team: K.C. Gray, Jakob Lyman, Malorie Smith, Trek Kryger
- **"Mystery Ingredient" ProStart Iron Chef Competition** at the March Expo Center Home and Garden Show – Murray High team participants: Team Leader Jaymes Pryor, Luis Loaiza, Shannon Ma
- Spartan Cove "Burger Cookoff" Yearly Classroom Competition
 - 1st Place Winner: "Buffalo Burger" –Shar Prestwich, Megan Campbell
 - 2nd Place Winner: "Alfredo Burger" –Parker Buchanan, Shannon Ma

3rd Place Winner: "Sloppy Jays" –Jaymes Pryor, Luis Loaiza

CAREY LIPPINCOTT OF HILLCREST AWARDED SEMINAR HONOR

Carey Lippincott, geography/history teacher at Hillcrest JH was accepted to the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History seminar for study of the International Impact of the Declaration of Independence at the University of Virginia. Competition for this week long all expenses paid seminar was very intense.

MURRAY PTA/PTSA NEWS

- **Two \$1000 PTSA scholarships** will be awarded to MHS seniors this spring. The scholarships are available to those seniors who have not already received scholarship money totaling \$1000 or more. Applications may be picked up in the Counseling Office and are due April 15th.
- **PTA INSTALLATION BRUNCH**, April 26 at 9:30 AM at Parkside Elementary School. New presidents will be sworn in and outstanding PTA volunteers recognized.

SENIOR GRADUATION PARTY

Graduation is right around the corner and donations are being solicited for the Senior All-Night Party at MHS on graduation night. "Shine 2009" is the theme and this great event offers an alternative activity for students to choose to attend a party without alcohol. There will be lots of fun with food, games, prizes, and the new addition this year of a "cash cube." Donations of cash or prizes from parents and businesses are needed to help pay for the event, so if you or your employer can help out, please call Darleene Moller at 265-0338, email freakles13@gmail.com

MURRAY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMS

There will be an OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, March 24 to showcase upcoming ECEC options. Parents and preschool-age children may drop in between 4-6 PM. Daytime visits can be scheduled the same day on the hour from 9-11 AM and 1-3 PM. On-site registration will be available during these times. Space is limited during the daytime open house, call 801-264-7404 to schedule your visit.

Register at the center or register by phone using Visa or MasterCard. Call 264-7414.

Register by mail: Murray Community Education, 5440 South State, Murray, UT 84107

•**SUMMER KINDERGARTEN READINESS** – This is a good way to help prepare children for the transition into kindergarten. Classes are literacy based with handwriting activities, basic math concepts and social skills also addressed. Children will participate in both large and small group activities and have opportunities to interact with new friends in a more formal classroom atmosphere.

Monday-Wednesday, June 22-July 1 *and/or* July 20-July 29; 9 AM-12 PM; Cost: \$85 per session

•**SUMMER ADVENTURE PROGRAM** – Let your 3 to 5-year-old preschooler "Learn and Discover" through fun and educational activities. Two sessions are offered with different theme, children may attend one or both sessions. Tuition is \$75 for each session. Classes meet Mon – Wed from 9:00 AM- 12:00 noon.

Session 1: June 22-24 – Seuss On The Loose!; June 29-July 1 – Red, White & Blue!

Session 2: July 20-22 – All About Animals!; July 27-29 – Look...A Book!

MCE SPRING/SUMMER CLASSES – Murray Community Education

Registration at Murray High, Room 137; 801-264-7414

•4/7 – 5/26 (Tues) INTRO TO WATERCOLOR, 6:30-8:30 PM

Teacher: Rich White; cost for 8 wks \$59 – This class will cover various techniques in watercolor painting, including wet into wet, dropping in color, flat washes, layering color, dry brush, etc. Some of the projects will be process oriented while others will be explorative in nature.

•4/9 – 5/28 (Thurs) POTTERY, 6:30-8:30 PM

Teacher: Jeremy Wright; cost for 8 wks \$58 – Learn the art of wheel thrown pottery. Compliment your project with a variety of different glazes. Fees include one bag of clay, glaze and firing. For adult students beginning to advanced. There is quite a bit of physical strength needed to use the wheel.

•4/13 – 5/11 (Mon) COMPUTER SKILLS FOR LIFE, 6:30-8:30 PM

Teacher: Nick Parker; cost for 5 wks \$55 – This introductory class is designed to help you feel comfortable with computers. Learn Windows basics, terminology, word processing spread sheets, email and the internet. No previous computer experience is required. All levels are welcome.

•4/14 – 5/12 (Tues) COMPUTER: EXCEL, 6:30-8:30 PM – Cost for 5 wks \$55; With Excel you have a powerful tool to help you analyze data and find solutions. Learn charting and superior analysis tools for creating spreadsheets and sharing information. This class is paced for individuals with little or no experience in spreadsheet software, covering the basics of spreadsheets, tables, numbers, formulas and charts and graphs. Excel has automated features that make spreadsheets easy.

•4/15 – 6/13 (Wed) COMPUTER SKILLS FOR LIFE/Intermediate, 6:30-8:30 PM

Teacher: Nick Parker; cost for 5 wks \$55 – This class is for students who have already taken the introductory class or those who have a little knowledge of computer skills. Teacher will explain.

•4/22 ESTATE PLANNING, 7-9 PM (1 night only)

Teacher: Sharee Laidlaw, Estate Planning Attorney with over 10 yrs. Experience; cost \$15 each or \$25 per couple. If you know that you need some type of estate plan but aren't sure what needs to be done, this course will show how an estate plan can help you protect your family, reduce the cost of transferring your wealth and minimize the taxes payable after your death. Bring your questions.

•KARATE & KOBUNDO (Mon & Wed ongoing); held at Hillcrest Junior High west gym, 126 E. 5300 S.

Teacher: Robert Watson, 7th degree Black belt; First month fee of \$75 includes uniform, after that \$35 per month, family discount available. The Utah Shorin-Kai is a certified co-ed program that has appeal to all ages. It features self-defense skills, well balanced exercise and a positive learning experience.

Ages 5-11 6:30-7:45 PM; Ages 12 to adult 7:45-9 PM; Advanced Students-Saturday

•DRIVER'S EDUCATION Spring & Summer Scheduling Choices

Teacher: Robert Spencer – Students must have Learners Permit the first day of school. This class is designed for students who have a full schedule, are home schooled or attending a private school.

Requirements are the same as the MHS day course, 30 hours in the classroom/12 hours in the car.

Student must have their learners permit by April 16, so they can start driving. Register at Murray Community Office, Rm 137 at Murray High; call 801-264-7414 to pay by credit card. Session dates:

4/13-5/14 (Mon, Wed, Fri) Spring Drivers Education Session 1, 5-7 PM

5 wks. \$95 (Driving may take longer depending on number of students)

6/8-26 (Mon-Fri) Summer Drivers Education Session 1 (3 wks, \$95), 8-10 AM

7/27-8/14 (Mon-Fri) Summer Drivers Education Session 2 (3 wks, \$95), 8-10 AM

ADHD SUMMER CAMP

Informational meetings are being held on the following dates from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. to share information about a new program geared toward children facing the challenges of ADHD type difficulties. If you are interested in attending you will need to RSVP to one of the meeting times by calling 801-467-8553:

March 24 – Wasatch Community Services Bldg., 55 So. 500 E., Rm 132, Heber, Utah

March 25 – Memorial Clinic, 2000 So. 900 E., Salt Lake City

March 26 – Valley Mental Health, 1141 E. 3900 So., Salt Lake City

For more info, see: <http://www.inter-link.com/centerforfamilieslsc.org/educators.html>

STUDENT COMPETITIONS:

- FREEDOM FESTIVAL SPEECH CONTEST – A \$500 prize is offered for the winning speech in this contest. Utah students in ninth to 12th grades are invited to write and present a five to seven-minute original, memorized speech on the theme "American Values: Family, Freedom, God and Country" beginning April 29. Students must e-mail name, telephone number, year in school, school name and title of the speech by April 21 to Julie Maddox at jmaddock@gmail.com. (From the Deseret News <http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,705291146,00.html>)
- READING RAINBOW CONTEST – Aspiring, young writers may create their own storybooks for the Annual KUED Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest. Kg through third-graders are invited to participate. For rules and entry forms, visit www.kued.org/rainbow. (From Salt Lake Tribune http://www.sltrib.com/closeup/ci_11862868)

EGGSHELL ART

The Utah Cultural Celebration Center will display an unusual talent in celebration of spring. On exhibit will be creations made from eggshells ranging from quail eggs up to ostrich eggs. Many of the pieces have won awards at Utah carving shows and the State Fair. One eggshell of particular note was shown recently at the Forbes Art Gallery in New York City. This event is Free of Charge and will run April 1 – 30, Mon – Thurs 9 AM to 6 PM. For more information on this or upcoming events at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center call 801-965-5100 or visit www.culturalcelebration.org.

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

Thru April 15 "Replay" Musical Instrument Drive - Donate any used musical instruments for Murray Schools. Contact [Darlene Evans](mailto:Darlene.Evans@utah.gov) at the DO for more info, 801-243-8708.

3/23 MHS District Choral Festival, 7 PM

3/24 Liberty Elementary musical "Big Bad Musical", 2 PM and 7 PM

3/24 Spec Ed Prof Development, RJH Rebel Rm, 2:30-4:30 PM

3/24 MHS Boys Soccer @Home vs Cottonwood, 3:30 PM

3/24 MHS Girls Softball @East, Varsity 3:30 PM

3/24 Open House, Murray Early Childhood Education Center, 73 West 6100 South, 4- 6 PM

3/25 Grant Elementary "Grandparents & Goodies", 3:15-3:45 PM

3/25 MHS Baseball Varsity/JV Double Header @Home vs Pleasant Grove, 3:30 PM

3/25 Riverview JH Choir Concert, 6 PM

3/26 (Thurs) 3rd Term Ends (46 days)

3/26 Hillcrest Heroes Assembly, 7:15 AM

3/26 MHS Baseball JV/Soph Double Header @Home vs Cyprus, 3:30 PM

3/26 MHS Girls Softball @Highland, Varsity 3:30 PM

3/26 MHS Tennis @ Cyprus, 3:30 PM

3/26-30 MHS Choir Tour

3/27 (Fri) Professional Development/Teacher Work Day – No School/Students

3/27 MHS Boys Soccer @Highland, Sugarhouse Park, 3:30 PM

3/27 MHS Baseball Varsity @Cyprus, 4 PM

3/28 MHS Baseball JV/Soph Double Header @Tooele (2 fields), 12 PM

3/28 MHS Choir on Tour in NYC

3/30-4/3 SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

3/30 MHS Baseball JV @ Highland, 4 PM

3/31 MHS Baseball Varsity @Home vs Highland, 4 PM

Online calendar – 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:

- Custodian (part time) - Creekside School
- Technology Specialist I (part-time/hourly)
- Teaching Assistant II / In School Suspension, Riverview Junior High
- Seasonal Grounds Crew/Maintenance Workers

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS – At the present time we are not accepting applications.

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