

MurrENEWS – April 22, 2009
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
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MurrE-QUOTE

“Even if you are on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.”

– Will Rogers (1879-1935), American actor, comedian, humorist and social commentator

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MHS ANNUAL SERVICE DAY

Thursday, 4/23, Murray High will be holding its 4th Annual Service day in conjunction with National Youth Service Day. Beginning at 9:10 AM, all 1500+ high school students will be working for 75 minutes on one of 15 different projects which include: knitting beanies for the Homeless Youth Resource Center, tying quilts for the Christmas Box House, making fleece blankets for Shriner's Hospital patients, decorating food boxes for the Utah Food Bank, making newborn caps for third world countries, writing letters and packing care packages for the military, creating friendship cards for critically-ill children, tutoring elementary kids at Longview Elementary, working with Longview elementary students at the Kennecott Nature Center, making fleece blankets for the animals at the Humane Society, creating arts & crafts kits for Primary Children's patients, stitching comfort hearts for emergency room patients, cleaning the grounds at MHS, making birthday cards and door decorations for local rest homes and senior centers, and making craft items to be sold at next year's Festival of Trees. A large number of parent volunteers and PTA members donate to help plan and carry out these projects to make this a community effort.

ARBOR DAY IN MURRAY

Murray City is sponsoring its annual Arbor Day in the Park activity on Friday, April 23rd. There are nine Murray School District fourth grade classes participating in the environmental education activities in the Park. Arbor Day Poster Contest winners are honored, too. It's a fun event and everyone is invited. For more information, contact Murray Parks & Rec.

GRANT ELEMENTARY

- **ART** – New student artwork posted on the Grant Elementary online Art Gallery. Grant Art Coordinator Eva Bergius compliments students on their enthusiasm and interest in learning new art knowledge and sharing it with friends and family. Check it out!
http://www.murrayschools.org/GNT/Grant_Elementary/My_Albums/My_Albums.html
- Plastic Bag Recycle Contest at Grant wrapped up for the school year and earned \$885!

OTHER MURRAY HIGH HAPPENINGS

- **Literary Magazine** – MHS 2008 Literary Magazine, “The Undiscovered Country,” received national recognition from the National Council of Teachers of English in their yearly literacy magazine contest. It’s the first year the MHS entered and they feel fortunate to be among the ranked high school magazines in the US. Magazine staff included: Carly Pace, Jeff Smart, Beth Peterson, Emily Strobell, Sam Bradford, Rory Holmes, Cameron Rordame and Sara (Mijin) Smith.
- **Grades Online** – Parents, guardians and students may view grades, missing assignments and attendance online by setting up a user name and password for the Murray High website. If you have not done this, call the MHS Main Office at 801-264-74600
- **Cum Folders** – Cumulative folders for Murray High classes of 2003 and 2004 are being released. Folders contain immunization records, grades, some testing results and other info and will be available until June 26 in school counseling center. Files will be destroyed after that date. Anyone picking up their folder must have proper identification. Parents picking up folders must have a letter of permission, birth date, contact information from student and proper ID. (Donna West, MHS Registrar, 801-264-7464.)
- **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

HILLCREST JH IN THE NEWS: SL Tribune Story

Science can be fun, but it's stressful too

Fair: Students show off experiments in hopes of earning scholarships.

At first glance, Hillcrest Junior High student Andrew Taylor seemed perfectly poised to answer questions about his project on soils and plants at the recent Salt Lake Valley Science and Engineering Fair at the University of Utah's Rice-Eccles Stadium tower. *(Read the rest of the story on this link.)*

http://www.sltrib.com/closeup/ci_12031291

MURRAY PTA/PTSA NEWS

Then PTA Installation Brunch is being held April 26 at 9:30 AM at Parkside Elementary School. At this time, new presidents will be sworn in and outstanding PTA volunteers recognized.

“LEPRECHAUN LEAP” RESULTS

Congratulations to these “Get Fit Don’t Sit” winners and placers for their efforts at the Riverview JH Leprechaun Leap:

7TH Grade Boys – 1st Cody Lightfoot, 2nd Jaden Olsen, 3rd Jason Tang

7TH Grade Girls – 1st Kyle Sandoval, 2nd Abbie Schieving, 3rd Sammi Anderson
8th Grade Boys – 1st Dylan Ross, 2nd Jackson Greene, 3rd Doug Tolman
8th Grade Girls – 1st Danny Hess, 2nd Karly Willes, 3rd Syla Seitz
9th Grade Boys – 1st Timothy Smith, 2nd Braden Swann, 3rd Jose Villagrana
9th Grade Girls – 1st Sarah Taylor, 2nd Amanda Colwell, 3rd Suzi Varner

DISTRICT END OF YEAR INFORMATION

- 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 rmcdaniel@murrayschools.org
- LOST AND FOUND – As we change seasons, AND near the end of the year, be sure to remind your students to check out school Lost and Found Boxes. Most schools have a policy to donate items not picked up into a charity in the near future.

FORMER MHS GRADUATE RECOGNIZED IN DNEWS

Princess is a queen – Foundation For A Better Life highlights in movie theater ads a Murray High decision to name a girl with Down syndrome as homecoming queen.

SANDY - True beauty endures and is not forgotten. Here's proof.

Almost 12 years after she was crowned Murray High School's homecoming queen, Shellie Eyre's inspirational life and Cinderella-style story is back in the spotlight, this time on a worldwide scale.

In a special red carpet event Wednesday at the Megaplex Theatres at Jordan Commons, a new public service announcement was highlighted. It recognizes the accomplishments of two Utah women with Down syndrome - Eyre, now 29, and actress Becca Winegar, 31, of Provo, who portrays her on the screen. Read more at this link: <http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,705293222,00.html>

MURRAY COMMUNITY EDUCATION SPRING/SUMMER CLASSES: See complete catalog online http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/parents_communityeducation.shtml

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

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

Teacher: Sharee Laidlaw, Estate Planning Attorney; cost \$15 each or \$25 per couple.

•**KARATE & KOBUNDO (Mon & Wed ongoing);** Teacher: Robert Watson, 7th degree Black belt; First month fee of \$75 includes uniform, after that \$35 per month, family discount available.

•**DRIVER'S EDUCATION Spring & Summer Scheduling Choices**

Teacher: Robert Spencer – Students must have Learners Permit the first day of school.

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

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

APRIL 19 - 25 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK (*Hug a Murray Schools volunteer!*)

4/22 "Earth Day"

4/22 Grant Elem Murray District Preschool Reading Night, 6:30 PM.

4/22 Shakespeare Festival, MHS play "Taming of the Shrew," \$3, Little Theatre, 6:30 PM

4/22 "Get Fit Rubber Ducky Derby Swim Night," Park Center Pool/maximum capacity event, 7-9 PM

4/22 Murray Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM
4/23 MHS Team Service Day activity, 9:10 AM
4/23 Grant Elem Kg Orientation
4/23 MHS Girls Softball @Cottonwood, Varsity 3 PM
4/23 MHS Tennis @Highland, 3:30 PM
4/23 MHS Baseball Varsity @Highland, 4 PM
4/23 Parkside & Horizon Elem Murray District Preschool Reading Night, 6:30 PM.
4/23 & 24 MHS "In The Spotlight" Dance Concert, 7 PM
4/23 & 24 Viewmont Elementary musical "I Wish", 7PM
4/24 MHS Boys Soccer @Cottonwood, school campus, 3:30 PM
4/24 MHS Girls Softball @Home vs Fremont, Varsity 3 PM
4/24 MHS Baseball JV @West, 4 PM
4/25 MHS Girls Softball "Swing For Life" Hit-A-Thon
4/25 Murray (Community) Concert Band, MHS 7:30 PM
4/27 MHS Girls Golf @Glendale, 3 PM
4/27 MHS Tennis @Olympus, 3:30 PM
4/27 MHS Baseball Varsity @Home vs West, 4 PM
4/28 MHS MVP Breakfast, 6:30 AM
4/28 McMillan Elem Kg Orientation
4/28 MHS Girls Softball @Home vs Cyprus, Varsity 3 PM
4/28 MHS Boys Soccer @Home vs Highland, 3:30 PM
4/28 MHS Tennis @East, 3:30 PM
4/28 MHS Baseball JV @Home vs Granger, 4 PM
4/29 Murray PTA Installation Breakfast, Parkside, 9:30 AM
4/29 MHS Track @Olympus 3:30 PM
4/29 MHS Baseball Varsity @Granger, 4 PM
4/30 MHS Girls Golf @ Nibley Park, 3 PM
4/30 MHS Girls Softball @Home vs Olympus, Varsity 3 PM
4/30 MHS Baseball JV/Soph Header @East, 3:30 PM
4/30 MHS Tennis @Cottonwood, 3:30 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

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