

MurrENEWS – May 01, 2009
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
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“By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one may unfailingly arrive at his chosen goal or destination.”

– Christopher Columbus

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MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT TRANTER

Due to recent events regarding the H1N1 Influenza A (Swine Flu) virus, school and public health officials are providing the following information to parents of school age children. At this time, public health officials have advised that schools will remain open and students can continue to attend school, as long as they are not sick and do not have flu symptoms. Flu-like symptoms include: fever (over 100 degrees F.), cough, sore throat, runny nose, or stuffy nose. Other indications may include muscle pain, tiredness and vomiting or diarrhea. If your child exhibits any of these symptoms while at school, we will follow Salt Lake Valley Health Department protocol to isolate your child in order to insure the safety of others at the school. Flu spreads easily. If you think your child is getting the flu, it is important that he/she does not attend school, group childcare or anywhere large crowds gather in order to reduce the possibility of spreading germs.

If swine flu spreads to Utah and students become ill, it may become necessary to close schools for a period of time. We are working with the Salt Lake Valley Health Department and local health officials to monitor the situation and will make all decisions in consultation with them and state officials. We will notify parents if the situation changes and it becomes necessary to close schools.

If schools should close, please do not send children to a friend's home or group childcare that will put them in close contact with other children. Please plan ahead and consider options in advance of a school closing.

Please stay informed by paying attention to media reports. Specific information on the Murray City School District will be updated at <http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks>
You may also get information at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu> and <http://health.utah.gov/epi/SwineFlu/>

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children and our schools healthy.

Superintendent Richard R. Tranter

MHS CHARITY BASEBALL GAME FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The 2009 Murray baseball team will be playing a 27 inning baseball game to benefit students with disabilities at Murray High School on Sat., May 2 at 12:00 noon at Ken Price Field in Murray, just north of Murray Park off of State Street. A portion of the funds raised will go directly to sponsor after school recreational events for students with disabilities. These students rarely get to interact with high school students outside of the school day, so this year there have been activities scheduled like bowling, college baseball games and pizza parties. Money received from a grant has been used, but in order to continue the program we need to raise funds, because many of these students cannot afford to participate in these activities without assistance. Everyone is invited to attend and cheer the teams on!

2009-10 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF UPDATE FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

At the April meeting of the Murray School Board of Education, the following administrative appointments were approved for the upcoming 2009-10 school year:

- Hillcrest Junior High School: Jennifer Covington, Principal
Scott Wihongi, Assistant Principal
- Riverview Junior High School: David Dunn, Principal
Jim Bouwman, Assistant Principal

FACULTY RECOGNITION

Marsha Newman, of McMillan Elementary was selected by the National Council of Teachers in Mathematics (NCTM) and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) to attend the 2009 Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy at the Liberty Science Center. Marsha Newman will join 200 third-through fifth-grade teachers from across the nation in Jersey City, New Jersey in July for a one week-intensive, all-expense paid professional development workshop. The Mickelson Academy was developed to offer professional development opportunities to teachers nationwide wanting to hone math and science teaching skills. More than 1,600 teachers applied this year to attend the Academy.

LONGVIEW STUDENT DOES WELL IN LITERARY COMPETITION

Ryan Solomon, 6th grader at Longview took 2nd place in the state for this year's Library of Congress *Letters About Literature* national reading-writing contest. Ryan wrote a letter to author/hiker Aron Ralston about his book *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*. His was one of 168 letters sent to the Library of Congress last December for judging where 15 finalists were selected from grades 4-6 and then returned to Utah for final judging. Out of the 15 finalists for the state, we had 6 of them here at Longview, and then Ryan was selected as the second place winner.

ANNUAL DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF

The Riverview Junior High Dutch Oven Cook-Off will be held this year on May 8th with contestants will be up and running between 8 and 8:30 AM. Judging starts at 10 AM and goes until 12 noon; winners are announced in the auditorium at 1 PM. This is a great tradition at Riverview with cooking tents set up all over the school grounds. Cookbooks are sold from past years events and the public is invited! Riverview Junior High is located at 751 W. Tripp Lane (5755 S.), Murray, UT.

RIVERVIEW HARMONY 4 HUMANITY MUSIC PROGRAM

Take a look at terrific story in the Salt Lake Tribune on the Harmony 4 Humanity music program at Riverview: http://www.sltrib.com/ci_12257295?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com And also, see Riverview show their world-wide friends their school and two of the songs they have just finished performing by going to this link: <http://media.learns.org/v/Activities/h4h/xarmonyx4xxumanityxxrojectxx1x2009.wmv.html?g2>

MURRAY HIGH HAPPENINGS

- Spanish Team** – MHS Spanish Team students took first place in the recent Spanish Foreign Language Fair & Espanolandia. Three of the students also won a literacy contest in the non-Spanish Speakers category: Alexa Pappas/1st place, Chase Madrigal/2nd place, Cody Golder/3rd place.
- MHS Softball Team** – The girl's team raised over \$3300 for breast cancer research by participating in a "Pink" game where raffle tickets for prizes were sold throughout the game. They had an auction at the conclusion of the varsity game where donated goods and services were auctioned off, along with asking for donations from local individuals and businesses. All of the proceeds went to the annual "Swing For Life" hitting event. Assistant Coach Lisa White spearheaded this wonderful event.
- Senior Graduation** – Graduation is right around the corner and donations are being solicited for the Senior All-Night Party at MHS on graduation night. 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 donations of cash or prizes from parents and businesses are needed to help pay for the event. If you or your employer can help out, please call Darleene Moller at 265-0338, email freakles13@gmail.com
- 6th Annual Arts Fest** – Murray High will be holding the spring Arts Festival, Friday, May 15th in the outer plaza, south of the school. This year's theme is "Unleash Your Creative Monster." Ken Garff Auto will give away a car for the school program "Keys to Success" which will be aired live this year on Channel 2 at 11 AM. A variety of Murray students will showcase their talents on the Plaza's Amphitheatre with music and dance. Amateur and professional artists will hold interactive demonstrations and exhibit their work and crafts as well as display paintings, photography, ceramics, crafts, jewelry and much ore. There will be food for sale during the day and a variety of things to buy. The Arts Festival opens at 9 AM and goes until 3 PM, concluding with the school Film Festival, from 6 to 8 PM in the auditorium. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. A dollar donation is appreciated; however, entrance to the Arts Festival is Free. Contact Audra Kasparian at akasparian@murrayschools.org or call 801-264-7460 for more information.

PTA WALKS – information from Liz Zentner, Utah PTA Health Commissioner

Walk # 1: Lung Walk, Sat. May 16, 2009 at 9 AM, Sugar House Park; help those with Lung Disease!

Walk # 2: Walk Now for Autism, Sat. May 2, 2009, Utah Valley University, reg. 8:30 AM, Walk 10 AM

For more info, go to the state Utah PTA website: <http://www.utahpta.org/contact.htm>

HOME DEPOT \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS

Home Depot has announced that it will award more than \$300,000 in scholarships to 600-plus building and construction trade students to help offset the cost of tuition, fees, books and supplies.

Five-hundred dollar scholarships are available to students nationwide who are currently enrolled and entering their final year or term in a building and construction trade school program at a college, university or accredited educational institution. Winners will be selected based on academic performance, leadership and work experience. Applications are due by June 10 and awarded in Sept. For more info, see: <http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/proscholarship>

TEACHER OPERA DISCOUNTS

Thursday, May 14, 2009 is the final dress rehearsal for the Utah Opera's production of *Don Pasquale*. Tickets are \$5 for Teachers and \$3 for students. There will be an introduction for teachers with Paula Fowler beginning at 5:30; rehearsal begins at 7:30 pm. Call Zan Thomas for tickets at 801-869-9047.

DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:

5/1 MHS Boys Soccer @Home vs Granger, 3:30 PM

5/1 MHS Baseball Varsity @Home vs East, 4 PM

5/4 MHS Girls Golf, @Murray Parkway, 8 AM

5/4 MHS Baseball JV/Soph @Home vs Olympus, 3:30 PM

5/4 MHS Girls Softball @Home vs Lone Peak, Varsity 3 PM

5/5 MHS Girls Golf, @Central Valley, 3 PM

5/5 MHS Girls Softball @Home vs Granger, Varsity 3 PM

5/5 MHS Boys Soccer @West, east of school, 3:30 PM

5/5 MHS Baseball Varsity @Olympus, 4 PM

5/6 MHS Girls Softball @Taylorsville, Varsity 3 PM

5/6 MHS Regional Track Meet @East, 3:30 PM

5/6-7 Regional High School Tennis Tournament

5/7 MHS Baseball Varsity/JV @Cottonwood, 4 PM

5/7, 8, 9 Murray High One Act Plays/student directed, \$3, Little Theatre, 7 PM

5/8 Riverview Dutch Oven Cook-Off, public invited, 8AM-12 noon

5/8 DO Staff Luncheon, 12 Noon

5/8 MHS Boys Soccer @Home vs Cyprus, 3:30 PM

5/8 "Get Fit" Family Walk/Run, MHS 6:30-7:30 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

LICENSED OPENINGS: Please apply for licensed positions in the Murray City School District through the following web site. Application, transcripts, placement files, letters of recommendation, etc. may all be

submitted through this site. Beginning May 15, 2009, this is the ONLY way that applications will be accepted: <http://www.teachers-teachers.com>

- Biology/Medical Terminology Teacher - MHS
- Girls Head Soccer Coach - MHS
- School Psychologist - school TBD

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

- Technology Specialist I (part-time/hourly)
- Night Custodian/Sweeper - Viewmont Elementary
- Substitute School Bus Drivers

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