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**“YOUR MURRAY SCHOOLS” NEWSLETTER** - Murray City School District’s newsletter, *Your Murray Schools*, was recently published in the May Murray Journal. The Murray Journal is delivered into all homes in Murray City, and is also available to read online through this District website link: [http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/communityrelations/yms/2009\\_may\\_yms\\_journal.pdf](http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/communityrelations/yms/2009_may_yms_journal.pdf)

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**DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS FOR OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES**

**2009-10 Teacher of the Year Nominees**

Connie Johnson – Grant Elem  
Kelli Kercher – Horizon Elem  
Courtney Greene – Liberty Elem  
Jill Burnside – Longview Elem  
Cheryl Weiss – McMillan Elem  
Donna Drown – Parkside Elem  
Jessica Dalton – Viewmont Elem  
Dan Demarco – Hillcrest JH  
Ron Gray – Riverview JH  
Keith Wood – Murray HS

**2008-09 Classified Employee of the Year Nominees (Employee Group: Secretary)**

Lisa Adair – DO At-Risk Student Services

Mary Ann Anderson – Viewmont Elem  
Teresa Bigelow – McMillan Elem  
Diane Burbidge – Horizon Elem  
Sharon Gillen – Longview Elem  
Kristi Hankins – DO Finance & Curriculum  
AnnaLee Hinnen – Riverview JH  
Shannon Hoff – Grant Elem  
Debbie Hymas – Murray HS  
Denise McDougal – DO Human Resources  
Ilene Nelson – Hillcrest JH  
Debbie Otteson - DO Finance & Accounting Office  
Karen Peterson – Liberty

### **POPULAR 15 YEAR TRADITION CONTINUES AT MCMILLAN ELEMENTARY**

Friday, May 22 at McMillan Elementary (315 E 5900 S) the yearly school-wide Fit/Fun Walk/Run will take place from 9-11:30AM. There will be shirts and medals for students that complete their contract to run 1, 2 or 3 miles. Prizes are purchased from donations from parents, businesses and support groups. McMillan students love this day and look forward to it all year long. They have been outside running since March and are very proud of themselves for giving it “all they’ve got” in order to fulfill their goals!

### **MURRAY PRINCIPAL NAMED HUNTSMAN AWARD RECIPIANT**

Parkside Elementary Principal Jennifer Kranz was named as a winner of a Huntsman Award for Excellence. Read articles about Jennifer and the other exceptional educators and volunteers named this year as Huntsman winners at the links below. We are very proud of Ms. Kranz for receiving this award and send her District-wide congratulations!

[http://www.sltrib.com/education/ci\\_12274009](http://www.sltrib.com/education/ci_12274009)

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,705300906,00.html>

### **MURRAY DISTRICT RETIREMENTS – Special thanks to these great employees for their many wonderful contributions to students in our schools:**

1. **Marcia Bailey** – Viewmont Elementary School Counselor  
Years teaching 19/in Murray 17 – *Requests no event*
2. **Shauna Ballou** – Riverview Junior High Principal  
Years teaching/all in Murray 22 – Open House, RJH Rebel Room, May 27, 2:15-3:45 PM. District personnel & others who have worked with Shauna are invited.
3. **Leann Innes** – McMillan Elementary Library Aide  
Years teaching/all in Murray 22 – Retirement/End of Year McMillan Elementary Faculty-only Reception, private home, May 28, 6 PM
4. **Peggy Lundberg** – Liberty Elementary Reading Coordinator  
Years teaching 26/in Murray 25 – Retirement Open House for at Leslie Campbell's garden, 5768 S. Walden Glen Drive in Murray, May 29, 3:30 PM. All Friends and Colleagues are invited.
5. **Charlotte Mitchell** – District Bus Driver  
Years in Murray District 29 – *Requests no event*

6. **Gail Palmer** – Viewmont Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Years teaching/all in Murray 37 – *Requests no event*
7. **Christine Snow** – Horizon Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Years teaching 40/in Murray 30 – Retirement Faculty Only Luncheon, June 5

**HORIZON ELEMENTARY CLOVE AWARD WINNERS 2008-09** For Excellence in Academics & Citizenship

Clark Findlay, Rebecca Wilcox – Mrs. Mule’s class  
 Hannah Prestwich, Trenton Wells – Mr. Scott’s class  
 Tanner Erikson, Jenna Riches – Mrs. Swanick’s class  
 Darshan Singh, Benjamin Taylor – Mrs. Wongsuwan’s class  
 Allison Campbell, Shannon Meyer – Mrs. Skousen’s class  
 Tavia Milburn, Alvin Phung – Mrs. Voorhees’ class  
 Kaulin Curtis, Alexis Gratton – Mrs. Yates class  
 Kyle Richins, Rosemary Straley – Mr. Butcher’s class  
 Eryn Hanson, Tommy Kelsey – Mrs. Renz’s class  
 ZhiWei Evans, Kailey Norton – Mrs. Stewart’s class

**RIVERVIEW JH DUTCH OVEN WINNERS – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade School Event on May 8**

**Thanks to the great Dutch Oven Competition Sponsors: Camp Chef, Val Phillips, Cabellas, IKEA, Than Larsen and Chuck-A-Rama! Riverview JH really appreciates their support and prizes for the students.**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Josh Walker & Alex Souvall  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sam Pannier & Shanny Leithead  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Callie Wall & Elise Johnson  
 Best Complete Dutch Oven Meal – Jenna Lewis & Mikayla Cowley  
 Best Dutch Oven Dessert – Chelsey Valdez & Alitzel Abarca  
 Best Costume – Taylor Goff & Miranda Arellano

**2008-09 MURRAY PTA AWARDS**

Here are the names of the outstanding educators and volunteers recognized at the April PTA Presidents Installation and Awards Brunch. Thanks to all responsible for making it such a nice event!

Grant Elem – Dana Snyder/educator; Stacey Abel/volunteer  
 Horizon Elem – Melissa Skousen/educator; Rick & Dorothy Fletcher, Lynn Erickson/volunteers  
 Liberty Elem – Courtney Greene/educator; Ken Chesire/volunteer  
 Longview Elem – Nancy Haslam/educator; Leslie Stauffer/volunteer  
 McMillan Elem – Sandra Peck/educator; Kellie Terry/volunteer  
 Parkside Elem – Cal Beck/educator; Belinda Johnson/volunteer  
 Viewmont Elem – Pam Hansen/educator; Stacy Otto/volunteer  
 Hillcrest JH – Jennifer Covington/educator; Dana Adams/volunteer  
 Riverview JH – Kathie Webster/educator; Fred Allen/volunteer  
 Murray HS – Leesa Lloyd/educator; Janet Peaden/volunteer  
 District – Connie Amos/educator; Mary Morris/volunteer

**MURRAY HIGH ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- **MHS HOSA TEAM DOES GREAT AT STATE COMP (Health Occupations Student Association)**

**Team Members:** Alexis Bathemass, Alexa Dalling, Chandler Daniels, Ahmer Afroz, Jessica Colwell, Austin Wood, Mellany Coates and Amanda Coates.

**Results:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Extemporaneous Health Poster – Mellany Coates

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Dental Terminology – Ahmer Afroz

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Medical Photography – Jessica Colwell

4<sup>th</sup> Place Biotechnology – Austin Wood

- **RENAISSANCE MVP BREAKFAST HONOREES**

The following students were nominated by Murray High teachers or staff as having made notable improvement or achievement during the past school year. They were recognized at the annual MVP Awards Breakfast at the school, during which time a wonderful Nominee Slide Show was screened and recognitions awards were handed out. It was a shining moment for these great students and the caring staff that took the time to nominate each of them for this very nice honor!

Annika Afoa, Nermin Agovic, Aj Ahles, Brandt Anderson, Carlos Arvizu, Brooke Bateman, Zach Bell, Alexandra Bowden, Sam Boyce, Elisa Brown, Teal Buchi, Megan Campbell, Will Casterline, Laura Chaparro, Jason Christensen, Alexa Dalling, Jose Diaz, Maddie Fivas, Harold Flores, Andrea Hausknecht, Kylee Hollinger, Ryan Horne, Rosie Huff, Nate Hurley, Mallory Hyland, Nate Ishino, Landon Jensen, Adelphe La Bleu, Megan Lam, Travis Langford, Courtney Langille, Sydney Lowe, Kortney Marx, Melanie Miller, Amy Murakami, Zakk Neale, Harmony Nipper, Rickie Olsen, Kelsey Own, Dimitra Papaderos, Trent Park, Lindsay Pearmain, Tiffany Prince, Jake Pulver, Karli Rodriguez, Ashley Ruben, Stephanie, Schafer, Tracy Souvall, Josh Townsend, Michael Turney, Andrea Winther, Joshua Wyatt, Taylor Yates.

- **MHS CHEFS SHINES AT STATE PROSTART AWARDS BANQUET**

**KC Gray** (MHS senior) – received the Sysco ProStart Scholarship for \$10,000; he will be attending Johnson and Wales University College of Culinary Arts in Denver in the fall.

**MHS ProStart Team #2** – named "Best Food Handling" team in the state; a new category for 2009

**MHS ProStart Team #1** – placed 2nd in State; each team member received \$100 and other prizes

- **GIRLS SOFTBALL IN PINK GREAT CAUSE-GREAT EFFORT**

Murray High Girls Softball and Olympus High Girls Softball teams played a spring fundraiser game and raised around \$3,000 on behalf of Breast Cancer Awareness.

- **BASEBALL FUNDRAISER RECEIVES MEDIA ATTENTION**

KSL TELEVISION news clip: <http://www.ksl.com/index.php?nid=148&sid=635442>

Fundraiser benefits baseball players and special ed students

The Murray High School baseball team played a meaningful game at Ken Price Field on Saturday. In between rain showers, team members played 27 innings alongside fellow Murray students with disabilities. (More on clip...)

SLTRIB story: [http://www.sltrib.com/ci\\_12298528?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com](http://www.sltrib.com/ci_12298528?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com)

Fundraiser brings Murray together By Casey Root

Updated: 05/06/2009 04:45:54 PM MDT

When the Murray baseball team took the field Saturday, there was nothing at stake concerning the Region 6 title it hopes to win, or anything of importance pertaining to baseball at all, really. The game was merely a platform for something far greater. (More in online link...)

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:**

**Somali Language Interpreter is needed** at Horizon Elementary to aid in communications with two new non-English speaking Somali families at the school. We are looking for someone who might be able to

come for an hour a day or more during the week to interpret for our students to help them make friends and aid us in communicating with them and their families.

Call or email Principal Martha Kupferschmidt for more info, 801-264-7420; [mkupferschmidt@murrayschools.org](mailto:mkupferschmidt@murrayschools.org)

### **TEACHER IMPROVEMENT FUNDS**

Teachers who have already been approved for teacher improvement funds this year and are yet to be paid or reimbursed must get all receipts to Robert McDaniel at the DO by June 15, 2009. You may send them via district mail. Please be aware that there will be no teacher improvement funding available for the 2009-2010 school year. That includes individual, group, and graduate study requests.

### **FROM ROCK BOYER, MURRAY DISTRICT ENERGY EDUCATION MANAGER:**

As we turn on our Swamp coolers, please remember to turn them all the way off (including pumps) at night and weekends. Several windows are being left open at night, so please remember to close all your windows when you leave, since this is not only a cooling issue but a security as well. This is also a reminder of our Memorial Long Weekend coming up. Please try to be sure all offices and classrooms are shut up tight; and keep shutting blinds too, as they help keep rooms cool so less A/C is needed.

### **CRIMES PERPETRATED by *Ferris Bueller (and Accomplices) During His Day Off from School***

*From Chris Higgins 4/28/09 media magazine on-line discussion thread. Here are a few favorites:*

- Violation of 720 ILCS 5/32-5.1: False Impersonation of a Peace Officer.
- 49 U.S.C. § 32703(2): Odometer fraud (tampering)
- 49 U.S.C. § 32703(4): Odometer fraud (conspiracy)
- 720 ILCS 5/Art. 16D – 3: Computer tampering (when he changes his attendance record).
- 720 ILCS 130/2: Contributing to the delinquency of children; Class A misdemeanor.
- 740 ILCS 128 Predator Accountability Act: The *Save Ferris* campaign might be liable for soliciting.
- And surely the leopard-skin vest Ferris wears at one point in the movie is some sort of fashion crime.

### **DISTRICT CALENDAR LINK:**

The online calendar location has changed on the district website to the front page/lower left-hand column. See <http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/>

### **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)

**LICENSED OPENINGS:** Please apply for licensed positions in the Murray Schools through the following web site. This is the ONLY way that applications will be accepted: <http://www.teachers-teachers.com>

- [3rd Grant Teacher](#) - McMillan Elementary
- [5th Grade Teacher](#) - Horizon Elementary
- [6th Grade Teacher](#) - Parkside Elementary

- [Math Teacher](#) - Hillcrest JH
- [Girls Head Soccer Coach](#) - MHS

**CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:**

- [Counseling Secretary](#) - MHS; 35 hrs per wk/retirement benefits
- [Technology Specialist I \(part-time/hourly\)](#)
- [Americorp Literacy Volunteer Facilitator](#) - McMillan Elementary
- [Americorp Math Volunteer Facilitator](#) - McMillan Elementary
- [Girls Head Soccer Coach - MHS](#)
- [Library Aid II](#), - McMillan Elementary, part time 25 hrs
- [Teaching Assistant III/Title 1](#) - Parkside Elementary; PT 20 hours per wk/2009-2010 School Year
- [Night Custodian](#) - Parkside Elem, part time/M-F 3 hrs daily
- [Substitute School Bus Drivers](#) - 2009-10 School Year

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