

MurrENEWS – June 04, 2009 – End of School Year Edition
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
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MurrE-SummerQUOTE

Lucy Van Pelt: Aren't the clouds beautiful? They look like big balls of cotton. I could just lie here all day and watch them drift by. If you use your imagination, you can see lots of things in the cloud's formations. What do you think you see, Linus?

Linus Van Pelt: Well, those clouds up there look to me look like the map of the British Honduras on the Caribbean; that cloud up there looks a little like the profile of Thomas Eakins, the famous painter and sculptor. And that group of clouds over there gives me the impression of the Stoning of Stephen. I can see the Apostle Paul standing there to one side.

Lucy Van Pelt: Uh huh. That's very good. What do you see in the clouds, Charlie Brown?

Charlie Brown: Well... I was going to say I saw a duckie and a horsie, but I changed my mind.

– *Charles M. Schulz (American cartoonist, 1922-2000)*

Murray District Employees & Patrons:
Have a wonderful & safe summer vacation!

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DENISE MCDUGAL NAMED MURRAY DISTRICT CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Denise McDougal, administrative assistant to Rob McDaniel, Director of Personnel and Student Services. Denise was chosen as the 2008-09 Murray School District Classified Employee of the year from a list of 13 outstanding nominees. She has been employed by the district for ten years and is currently Murray chapter president of The Utah School Employees Association (USEA). Dr. Pat O'Hara, Director of Support Services in the Murray District, says, "Denise is recognized throughout the district as being consistently helpful, knowledgeable and a consummate professional. This is a very well

deserved recognition.” He also commented that “this year’s nominees were exceptional and each one highly respected by their fellow employees. “

DISTRICT GRADUATION & ADVANCEMENT DATES REMINDER

- **Hillcrest Junior High School** - Thursday June 4, 2009, 7 PM in the Hillcrest JH Auditorium
- **Riverview Junior High School** - Thursday June 4, 2009, 7 PM in the Murray High Auditorium
- **Murray High School** - Friday, June 5, 2009, 1 PM at Salt Lake Community College

MHS Class of 2008 Graduation Theme:

"... for better or worse, our future will be determined in large

parts by our dreams and by the struggle to make them real."- *Mihaly Csikszentmihali*

“Shine 2009” MHS Senior All-Night Party features fun, food and prizes at an alcohol free event.

Donations of cash or prizes are still needed, call Darleene Moller, 801-265-0338, email

freakles13@gmail.com

DISTRICT RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

Be sure to check out the link on the Home Page of the district website for a multimedia presentation featuring this year's Murray District retirees. It was prepared by Dr. Hirase for the Murray Schools retirement dinner; in MPEG4 format and easily accessible through QuickTime Player, which is installed on most district computers. Running time is approximately 10 minutes. Take a look at this terrific tribute to our great retiring educators!

GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART SHOW

Grant school Art Coordinator Eva Bergius coordinated a well-received year-end art show featuring student art work in the school Media Center. Students in the school also participated in “Japanese Weaving Fever” an integrated math/art project that all of the students love. We’ll put some examples on the website soon, so keep watching.

ONLINE Art Resources for Murray District Teachers (*will continue to be updated through summer*):

View Grant Elementary Art projects

http://schools.murrayschools.org/schools/GNT/Grant_Elementary/My_Albums/My_Albums.html

District Art Education/Lessons

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

PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY AUTHOR FAIR

Parkside Elementary hosted a school wide Author Fair at the school on May 28. Each child had their own book on display, written and illustrated personally, a project that they had been working on for over a month. Several published parent authors were in attendance, speaking with children about their work and sharing insights into writing. This event was made possible through sponsorship of the Parkside PTA and community donations. Thanks to all! See great photos from the event by going to this link:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/teacherheart/AuthorSFair?authkey=Gv1sRgCNSkxMbztZLCeg&feat=directlink>

RIVERVIEW RECOGNIZES

Terrific Kids (chosen by teachers for demonstrating respect, honesty, responsibility, tolerance, caring :
Jennessa Hendricks, Max Myers, Braden Hall

Rebels with Honors (catches students doing something nice for other students & good character):
Sarah Sessions, Dalton Fairbanks, Mitch Dial

PRESCHOOL DAY CARE AT MHS FOR EMPLOYEES

For Murray School District Employees: In the upcoming 2009-10 school year, there are openings at this time for preschool age children and kindergarteners; however, there are not presently any openings for infants (0 – 2) and it does not look like there will be infant openings until school year 2010-2011; a waiting list is being kept.

The Spartan Station opens at 7:15 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. every day that the high school is in session and offers a structured preschool program, every school day. Throughout the day the children are exposed to many play experiences and are offered many opportunities for learning and exploration. The curriculum is Developmentally Appropriate for each child in the varied age groups. The areas of interest are: sensory activities, dramatic play, music and movement, creative art, library, blocks, outside play, table toys and manipulatives. The staff and high school students are trained to interact and play with the children in such a way that the children are continually being taught concepts such as many pre-math, pre-reading, and social skills. The activities are well balanced between teacher directed activities, center play, active play, and rest time.

Kindergarten children eat breakfast at 7:50 a.m. They are engaged in activities with staff and high school students from their arrival, until the school bus picks them up at 8:13 a.m. The children then attend Liberty Elementary and the bus brings them back to the Spartan Station at 12:00 p.m. The children have lunch, quiet time, and engage in enrichment activities in the afternoon. Please call, or respond to this e-mail Spartan Station Director Pat Watts, ASAP if you are interested, pwatts@murrayschools.org

LOST & FOUNDS

This is your very last chance to check in at your school offices for Lost & Found collections and see if there may be anything that your child (or you) may have “misplaced” this year.

FREE SUMMER LUNCHESES FOR STUDENTS

Free summer meals are being made available to all children, ages 18 or younger from June 19 – August 19, 2009. Salt Lake County School District food services will be providing meals in many locations with no fee or registration; free meals must be eaten on site. The closest sites to Murray would appear to be Millrace Park/Taylorville, 1150 W 5400 S and Taylorville Park, 4721 S Redwood Road. Meals will be served Mon through Fri; closed 7/3 & 7/24. For more information, call 801-974-8386.

Please share this information anyone who may be in need of these services.

Spanish translation of this info http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/parents_nutrition.shtml

SUMMER SCHOOL SHUT-DOWN REMINDERS

From District Energy Education Manager Rock Boyer (rboyer@murrayschools.org): This is our most

important shut down of the whole year and where we produce the greatest savings. Here are the reminders and a checklist to help you remember:

- Please shut everything down in your area and unplug almost all electronic equipment: computers, laptops, laptop carts, Computer Labs, speakers, printers (personal & network printers), copy machines, etc. May be shut off on a power strip if all plugged into one.
- Shut off and UNPLUG all Audio/visual equipment including; CD/DVD/VCR/TV/Projectors, Amplifiers/control centers, Elmo's, Voice Enhancers, Clock/ Radios, etc.
- Unplug all electronic equipment/ appliances, like pencil sharpeners, fans/space heaters, chargers, microwaves, coffee pots, candle warmers etc. And make sure that all personal fridges are cleaned out UNPLUGGED and doors left open. They will be unplugged if left running. Please clean out and shut down all faculty fridges; if there are two or more, combine contents into one.
- Shut off completely all A/C units and Swamp Coolers, shut and lock all windows; close all blinds.
- Shut off completely and tightly all faucets in your rooms and restrooms and exhaust fans.
- Make arrangements for all pets/animals/aquariums to take home and unplug related lighting, heaters etc. This would include Plants that need any kind of power to survive – please take home and shut down lighting.
- All Wood Shops, Art & Crafts rooms, UNPLUG all power tools, ovens, and exhaust fans. Home Ec rooms UNPLUG sewing machines (sometimes one breaker in a room shuts off all) & microwaves.
- Please refer to Checklist Attached to my past emails. Thank you for your help! Rock

MURRAY SINGERS WANTED

Singers are being selected to perform the National Anthem before each game in the World Series Babe Ruth Tournament which Murray will host in the Ken Price Ball Park August 20-29. Auditions will be held June 30 from 5-9 PM at the Murray Parks Office and are limited to Individual singers or duets age 10 and older. Murray residents will be given preference but anyone is allowed to audition. Audition may be done acappella or with CD minus track. To schedule an audition time, phone 801-264-2614.

NEW UTAH SCHOOLS STATE SUPERINTENDENT

The Utah State Board of Education recently named Larry Shumway as State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Shumway will assume his new job on July 1 following the retirement of Patti Harrington. Shumway, a Stansbury Park resident who currently serves as Deputy State Superintendent, will be Utah's 28th Superintendent of Public Instruction, taking over from Harrington, who held the post since June of 2004. The Board interviewed four finalists for the spot before deciding upon Shumway. He has been at the Utah State Office of Education serving as coordinator of the Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship Program, director of Educator Quality and Licensing and most recently as Deputy Superintendent. Prior to coming to the state office, Shumway was superintendent of the Tooele School District and previously served as director of alternative schools and programs in the Davis School District. He earned his doctorate in education at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and his bachelor and master degrees at Brigham Young University.

SALT LAKE CITY'S FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS

FREE movies for seven straight Friday nights at a different SLC Park each week

Salt Lake City will show a FREE movie at a new park for seven straight Fridays starting in June. The movies are family-friendly and fun for all ages to be shown on a large inflatable screen with free popcorn while it lasts. Bring blankets and chairs and enjoy a movie night under the stars. Community

booths will open at 8pm and you can order pizza to be delivered by Pier 49. Two nights (the first and last) will feature a special 3D movie, so be one of the first 600 for your free 3D glasses on those nights. The finale night also will have a neighborhood festival beforehand with music, games, booths and a great time. For more info, go to http://www.slcityevents.com/friday_night_flicks.htm

Movie Schedule:

June 5 – “Journey to the Center of the Earth” (in 3D), Liberty Park, 700 E 1000 S
June 12 – “Superman,” Lindsey Gardens, 9th Ave & M Street
June 19 – “King Fu Panda,” Jordan Park, 900 W 1000 S
June 26 – “Bill & Ted’s Excellent Adventure,” Reservoir Park, 1300 E South Temple
July 3 – “The Tale of Despereaux,” Constitution Park, 1300 W 300 N
July 10 – “The Wizard of Oz,” Fairmont Park, 900 E 2361 S
July 17 – “Madagascar 2,” Wasatch Hollow, 1700 S 1650 E

WATER SAFETY TIPS FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

When the temperature starts to soar; many of us look for the coolest place in town, the pool or the beach. But before you go, the American Red Cross in Utah wants to remind you to practice water safety: **Learn to swim and swim well.** One of the best things anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is learn to swim. No one, including adults should ever swim alone. Adults should practice "reach supervision" which means to be within arm's length of a child in case an emergency occurs.

Outfit everyone with the proper gear. Kids - and even adults - who are not strong swimmers or who appear to rely on inflatable toys for safety should use U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) whenever in or around the water. Everyone, including strong swimmers, should use an approved PFD when boating. When used properly, this lightweight plastic equipment can help save lives.

Always keep basic lifesaving equipment by the residential pool and know how to use it. A first aid kit, cell phone or cordless phone, phone list with emergency contact information, reaching pole and ring buoy with a line attached is recommended. First aid kits should contain plastic face shields, which can help prevent disease transmission. In addition, the Red Cross recommends that pools be surrounded on all sides by a fence that is at least four feet high.

Swim in supervised areas only.

Obey "No Diving" signs.

Watch out for the "dangerous too's." Take a break at the point of being too tired, too cold, or too far from safety, too much sun, too little hydration, too much strenuous activity.

Don't mix alcohol and swimming. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance, and coordination, affects your swimming and diving skills and reduces your body's ability to stay warm.

Pack a "safety" bag for a day at the beach or lake. Water-proof sunscreen with an SPF 15 or higher, water shoes to keep feet safe from the heat and sharp objects on land and plenty of water are musts. All containers should be plastic to prevent injuries from breaking glass. Also, a hat and sunglasses keep eyes safe from dangerous UV rays.

Pay attention to local weather conditions & forecasts. Stop swimming at the first sign of bad weather.

Learn Red Cross first aid and CPR. While the above tips can help prevent emergencies, it is important to know what to do if a situation arises. And all caregivers, including grandparents, older siblings and babysitters should have these lifesaving skills. To sign up for a class visit www.utahredcross.org and click on "Take a Class" or call 801-323-7000 during regular business hours.

DISTRICT CALENDAR LINK:

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

Here is a link for the complete schedule of this summer's MURRAY ARTS IN THE PARKS:

<http://www.murray.utah.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=809>

6/4 Viewmont Elementary School-wide Picnic, 11:30 AM

6/4 Hillcrest Junior High School Graduation, Hillcrest JH Aud, 7 PM

6/4 Riverview Junior High School Graduation, Murray High Aud, 7 PM

6/5 (Fri) Last Day of School 2008-09 School Year; 4th Term Ends (45 days)

6/5 No School for MHS sophomores & juniors

6/5 Retirement Faculty-Only Luncheon for Christine Snow/Horizon Elementary

6/5 Murray High School Graduation, Salt Lake Community College, 1 PM

6/5 MHS Graduation Celebration Party "Shine 2009" at MHS, 10:30 PM-4:30 AM

6/10 Murray Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM

6/22-7/1 Session 1: Kindergarten Readiness & Murray Childhood Education Center Summer Adventure Program. Call Murray Childhood Education Center, call 801-264-7404 for more info

6/26 Last day for MHS CUMULATIVE FOLDERS RELEASE: *Cumulative folders for MHS classes of 2003 & 2004 are being released in the school counseling center. Files will be destroyed after this date. Anyone picking up Folders must have proper identification; parents picking up folders must also have a letter of permission, birth date and contact info from the student. Donna West, MHS Registrar, 801-264-7464.*

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: None at this time

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

- [Americorp Volunteer/Math](#) – McMillan Elementary
- [Americorp Volunteer/Reading](#) – McMillan Elementary
- [TA III - Title 1](#) – Parkside Elementary
- [Girl's Head Soccer Coach](#) – MHS
- [Technology Specialist I](#) – DO

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