

MurrENEWS – August 16, 2009
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
Educating Murray since 1906!

MurrE-QUOTE

“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great ones make you feel that you, too, can become great.”

– *Samuel Langhorne Clemens aka Mark Twain (1835 – 1910), American author and humorist*

Murray City School District Employees & Patrons:
WELCOME BACK !

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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT DATES & TIMES

- Grant – Aug 26, Multi-Purpose Rm, 6:30 PM
- Horizon Elementary – Sept 3, Multi-Purpose Rm, 7 PM
- Liberty Elementary – Aug 27, Multi-Purpose Rm, 7 PM
- Longview Elementary – Aug 26, Multi-Purpose, 7-8 PM
- McMillan Elementary – Aug 27, Multi Rm, 6:30-7:30 PM
- Parkside Elementary – Aug 27, Multi-Purpose Rm, 7 PM
- Viewmont Elementary – Aug 27, Grades 1-6, Multi-Purpose Rm, 7 PM;
Kindergarten in classrooms at 6:30 PM
- Both junior high's have held their events; MHS has other arrangements

SUPERINTENDENT TRANTER NAMED MHS OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

Superintendent Richard R. Tranter was named by the Rotary Club of Murray and Murray High School as the 2009 recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award for Murray High School. This award is in recognition of his many accomplishments and service to the city of Murray and the educational community. Superintendent Tranter has been at the head of the Murray School District since 1998; prior to that he held various administrative and teaching positions within the district. He is a product of Utah schools, and more importantly, a graduate of Murray High. Congratulations Superintendent Tranter for this very well-deserved recognition!

WEB WOES

Due to server changes at the end of the last school year we have been experiencing District website management problems and we have not been able to update most information on the site since before school started. The exception is the HR area, which is housed on a different server. Please be patient and know that we will be updating just as soon as we can regain access.

PESONNEL ON THE MOVE: ADMIN, DO, TECH

Administrators

- Jennifer Covington – Hillcrest JH Principal, from Hillcrest JH Vice Principal
- David Dunn – Riverview JH Principal, from Hillcrest JH Principal
- Scott Wihongi – Hillcrest JH Assistant Principal, from MHS science teacher

District Office

- Colleen Smith – District Teacher Specialist, from Grant Elementary 6th grade teacher
- Darlene Evans – From District Office Supt. Admin. Secretary, to Horizon Title I Coordinator
- Joan Shuman, Murray Community Education Supervisor – Relocated from MHS to DO

Tech Dept Assignments

- John Nielson, Technology Administrator – Creekside School (office) & District
- Kristi Hankins – Creekside (office), DO, SIS Support, Help Desk, Software Supervision
- Brayden Cooper – Longview, Parkside, Riverview (office)
- Joel Kjar – Horizon, McMillan, Viewmont; office at Creekside
- Frank Sherman – MHS (office)
- Adam McDougal – Grant, Hillcrest (office), Liberty

District computer technicians have been moved into the schools in order to be able to deal with technical issues more quickly. Regular hours will be posted on the District Help Desk web area as soon as they are determined: <http://schools.murrayschools.org/schools/do/Support/index.htm>

HAND SANITIZERS

All lunchrooms in the Murray District are now equipped with Hand Sanitizer stations for students to use as they enter to for mealtimes. Students are encouraged to participate in this hand sanitizing effort as another layer of preparation in combating H1N1 Influenza concerns. The Hand Sanitizing Foam is not intended to be used as a permanent alternative to hand washing, which is still considered to be the best form of prevention for the spread of germs and should continue to be strongly encouraged.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES ONLINE ACCESS

All of the libraries in the Murray District schools may now be accessed online by going to <http://destiny.murrayschools.org/>, a site area called Destiny Quest. Students and teachers may reserve books online to “My Personal List” from home, and then see their list when they return to school. Some functions will need login and user information assigned through the schools, but general information is available to parents and guests. Access to the site can also be found on District website under the Schools tab> bottom of page. <http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/schools.shtml>

SL TRIBUNE ARTICLE FEATURE OUTSTANDING MURRAY STAFF

Educator by day, energy watchdog by night

His small acts save the district thousands of dollars

By Natalie Dicou, published 08/18/2009

By day, **Rock Boyer** is a mild-mannered counselor at Hillcrest Junior High and Liberty Elementary. But, under cover of night -- or at least after school hours -- he is the district's energy manager.

Story Continued http://www.sltrib.com/ci_13154784

Parenting one's way through homework Education

Experts and teachers chime in on how to help children with school assignments.

By Lisa Schencker, published 8/18/09

... **Judy Mahoskey**, a sixth-grade teacher at Liberty Elementary School in Murray, doesn't believe there's such a thing as helping elementary students too much with their homework.

Story continued http://www.sltrib.com/ci_13150727

Honorees speak up for special-needs families

Murray coach Jake Shewmake, autism advocate Leann Whiffen receive awards at Bees game.

By Melinda Rogers, published 07/08/2009

When Murray High School teacher and baseball coach Jake Shewmake received a \$1,000 award for being named an outstanding teacher, he didn't consider spending the money on himself. Instead, Shewmake used the Wal-Mart award money to foster relationships between Murray High School baseball players and the students with disabilities...*Story continued* http://www.sltrib.com/ci_12786920

BRING ON THE NEWS – THE “MurrENEWS”

The *MurrENEWS* electronic newsletter is a Murray City School District publication designed to share news and information. It is distributed to employees in the Murray City School District, media outlets and others in the community. We welcome suggestions and insights into happenings in the District, so please feel free to email back any information that you would like to have shared. Also, please feel free to forward this email to anyone you think may be interested. To submit an item for MurrENEWS or to have parents, community members or other names added to the mailing list, contact D. Wright, Public Relations Specialist at 801-264-7400, or email dwright@murrayschools.org

KSL RADIO STORY HIGHLIGHTS SOME GOOD PRACTICES FOR TEACHERS

Sexual harassment allegations worrisome for teachers

June 24th, 2009, 7:19 AM – By Mary Richards

SANDY -- It seems like there are more cases in the news about teachers sexually abusing students. Some are found guilty, others acquitted, and many teachers are worried about it.

Cal Evans talks to teachers all the time about how to behave and how to avoid being accused of something.

"Teachers are extremely concerned about being accused of inappropriate behavior with children," he says.

He's the assistant superintendent of compliance for the Jordan School District.

"I think in this day and age teachers appreciate the advice we give them about how to minimize exposure to this kind of thing."

The points he makes include:

- Don't do things with students outside of school.
- Have a window on your office/classroom. Don't cover the window with posters.
- Don't have a partition in front of your desk that you can hide behind and be accused of inappropriate behavior with a student.
- Don't have a disproportionate number of student aides in your room.
- Don't let students hang out in your room at times when they don't have a class.

- Don't transport kids in your car.
- Don't be alone with a student, one on one, unless you absolutely have to.
- It's not a good idea for teachers to do things with students after hours unless the principal is very aware of it and it is related to the classroom.
- Home visits are encouraged, but the principal needs to know about it up front.
Story continued <http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=6922224>

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/>

8/27 MHS Girls Soccer at Granger 3:30 PM

8/28 MHS non-region Varsity Football vs Hillcrest, 7 PM

8/31 First Day of School for Kindergarten

9/1 Murray Early Childhood Education Open House Registration, 73 W 6100 S; 9-11 AM & 6-8 PM

9/1 MHS Girls Soccer vs Cyprus, 3:30 PM

9/3 MHS Girls Soccer at West, 3:30 PM

9/4 MHS non-region Varsity Football vs Taylorsville, 7 PM

9/7 Labor Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL

9/8 Murray Childhood Education Center, Fall Classes begin this week, call 801-264-7404

9/8 MHS Girls Soccer vs Hunter 3:30 PM

9/9 Murray Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM

9/10 MHS Girls Soccer at Skyline, 3:30 PM

9/11 MHS Varsity Football at Cottonwood, 7 PM

9/14-10/2 Iowa Test of Basic Skills

9/15 MHS Girls Soccer at Cottonwood, 3:30 PM

9/18 MHS Varsity Football vs Granger, 7 PM

9/22 MHS Girls Soccer vs Granger, 3:30 PM

9/22-23 (Tues-Wed) Junior High Parent-Teacher SEOP Conf

9/23-24 (Wed-Thurs) High School Parent-Teacher SEOP Conf

9/24 MHS Girls Soccer at Cyprus, 3:30 PM

9/25 (Fri) Secondary Teacher SEOP Comp Day – NO SCHOOL

9/29 MHS Girls Soccer vs West, 3:30 PM

9/30 MHS Varsity Football at Hunter, 7 PM

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:

- Math Tutor – Hillcrest Junior High
- Mechanic Helper – Maintenance

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