

MurrENEWS – 09/29/09
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
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MurrE-QUOTE

“Life is a choice. You choose to watch TV instead of walking, or to de-stress by eating instead of talking to a friend. Try to deal with setbacks head on so you don’t end up paying for them later.

- SPARKPEOPLE, a healthy lifestyles website (<http://www.sparkpeople.com>)

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FACES AND VOICES OF REFUGEE YOUTH EXHIBIT AT MHS

Murray City School District and the Center for Documentary Arts are hosting an exhibit which portrays aspects of the history and culture Salt Lake City’s refugee children and sheds light on their social networks, school life, and cultural and religious activities. It is being held at the Murray High School Media Center, 5440 South State Street. Murray School District high school students, 9th and 6th graders will have the opportunity to view the exhibit during school hours. The exhibit will be Open for Free Public Viewing during the following times:

- Oct. 5 (Mon.), 6:30-8:30 PM
- Oct. 14 (Wed.), 7:30-8:30 PM
- Oct. 17 (Sat.), 2-4:00 PM
- Oct. 20 (Tues), 6:30-8:30 PM

This is a great visual presentation – BE SURE TO ATTEND!

MURRAY HIGH FUNDRAISER ON WEDNESDAY 9/30/09

The Murray High Girls Volleyball Team is working hard to earn money for a new volleyball net as their current one is held together with duct tape. On Wednesday, Sept. 30th, they are holding a fund raiser at the Panda Express on State Street and 5900 South. If you present a flyer from Murray High School, 20% of your purchase will be donated to this effort. You can pick the flyer up in the MHS office. The MHS

Girls Volleyball Team thanks you for your support!

MEF SEPTEMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Congratulations to the following golfers for their outstanding play and generous contributions at the Annual Murray Education Foundation Golf Tournament, held Sept 11 at the Murray City Golf Course. Money raised from the event goes to fund hundreds of grants to teachers in the Murray City School District. *(Names listed in alphabetical order.)*

- **First Place: Hello Communications Team**
Robbie Bosco, Jim Hamblin, Dave Rice, Barry Schenk
- **Second Place: Workers Compensation Fund Team**
Rey Butcher, Peggy Larsen, Brad Short, Eric Torgersen
- **Third Place: RW Lawn Care Team**
Bill Ekterncamp, Tracy Gallo, Josh White, Rick Wiles
- **Third Place: Laurel Simmons/Coldwell Banker Team**
Bart Simmons, Laurel Simmons, Linda Simmons, Richard Winterbottom
- Grand Prize/Colorado River Trip: LT Scales (with Larry H. Miller)
- Dell Computer Prize: Steve Bolanger (with J-Tee's Dry Goods)
- California Trip: Wes Parker (with Larry H. Miller)

BAND TOGETHER AGAINST DRUGS & VIOLENCE

Murray City School District 2009-10 Prevention Campaign assemblies are being presented in October for students and for families and community. Elementary School Assemblies will feature Steve James, a professional entertainer, song-writer and motivational youth speaker. Secondary School Assemblies focus on Rachel's Challenge, a program set up after the Columbine High School shootings in honor of the first student killed. Family and friends of Rachel Scott travel around the country to deliver a message that character counts and kindness makes a difference.

- 10/6 Horizon Elementary: 2 PM students; 7 PM community
- 10/7 Grant Elementary: 2:15 PM students; 7 PM community
- 10/8 McMillan Elementary: 2 PM students; 7 PM community
- 10/12 Liberty Elementary: 2 PM students; 7 PM community
- 10/16 Longview Elementary: 1:30 PM students; 7 PM community
- 10/19 Viewmont Elementary: 1:30 PM students; 7 PM community
- 10/21 Parkside Elementary: 2 PM students; 7 PM community
- 10/6 Hillcrest Junior High: 9 AM students; 6:30PM community
- 10/7 Riverview Junior High: TBA students; 7 PM community
- 10/15 Murray High: TBA students; 7 PM community

EXTENDED REGISTRATION FOR DISTRICT ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Classes are held from 7:30 to 8:15 AM at Hillcrest Junior High School for Beginning & Advanced Orchestra and Beginning Band for 6th graders. We are also taking applications for an orchestra teacher for this curriculum as there is a temporary teacher in place at this time. For more information contact

Mr. Earl at Hillcrest JH: cearly@murrayschools.org

EMPLOYEE FLU CLINIC FOR MURRAY EMPLOYEES COVERED UNDER SELECTHEALTH

Wednesday, October 14, 2009, from 1 – 4:00 p.m., Creekside School, RM 114 (east side of DO)

This clinic will be open ONLY to the Murray City School District staff and their families who are currently insured through Select Health. This can either be through Murray City School District or another entity. YOU MUST BRING YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE CARD TO THE FLU CLINIC IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE FLU SHOT. The flu shot will not be administered to anyone under the age of 18. If you have questions, call Denise McDougal, ext 5003, email dmcdougal@murrayschools.org

TWITTER WITH US

We post daily updates on activities and events on Twitter. Join us and keep up with Murray City School District happenings! <http://twitter.com/MurraySchoolsPR>

DISTRICT NEWS IN THE MURRAY JOURNAL

The *Your Murray Schools* district newsletter will be published every month during the school year in the Murray Journal. Watch for it on the last inside right page of the paper. **Link to Sept 2009 edition:** http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/communityrelations/yms/2009_may_yms_journal.pdf

Past MurrENEWS, district news releases and other information is also available online:

<http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/community.shtml>

VEHICLE DAY

Vehicle Day, a Career Exploration Event for all third grade students in the Murray Schools, was held last Friday, Sept. 25 at Murray High. Students enjoyed seeing a variety of employees present their vehicles, give information about their careers, demonstrate equipment and answer questions. Some of the great vehicles featured this year were: Two "Truly Nolan" Mouse Cars/pest control vehicles with ears poking up from the top; Meier Catering big bbq catering Chuck Wagon; hearses, police cars and motorcycles, an ambulance, maintenance vehicles and power trucks from Murray City and more.

MURRAY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR PARTICIPANT ON DISABILITY PANEL

Dr. Wendy Bills, Supervisor of Murray District At Risk Programs, was a panel participant at the September *Loud & Clear Voices From the Disability Community* special screening of an award winning film. The focus of the film, "Including Samuel," was on the family of a child with cerebral palsy. Dr. Bills was invited as a special education expert to share insight during the discussion segment of the evening.

MURRAY SCHOOLS IN THE NEWS:

Murray Elementary Kids Going Bilingual

09/10/2009 Salt Lake Tribune – It's been two weeks since Horizon Elementary School began its "dual language immersion" experiment, and the sponge-brained first-graders participating in the program ...

http://www.sltrib.com/ci_13301286?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com

Kids Go Green

9/15/09 Deseret News – Students at Viewmont Elementary School in Murray release green balloons on Monday to kick off the school's Green Ribbon Week. Before releasing the balloons ...

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705330143/Kids-go-green-for-safety-week.html>

Aquarium helps kids dive into science

9/19/09 Deseret News — It was a beautiful day in Salt Lake City — the sun was shining, the clouds looked tame — until, that is, the fourth grade at Longview Elementary got involved ...

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705331042/5th-graders-learn-life-lessons-from-refugee.html>

UTAH BUDGET CUTS IMPACT ELEMENTARY ARTS

Murray District Fine Arts Coordinator Denise Carter reminds that there is a new website designed to encourage support of keeping arts in the school. Call your legislator about this concern, and be sure to take a look at this website and the articles below regarding the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program which has provided funding for arts grants in our schools:

<http://artworksforkids.org/>

Philanthropist Tries to Raise Awareness of Arts

9/23/09 Deseret News: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705331882/Philanthropist-tries-to-raise-awareness-for-art.html>

Educators, Parents Rally to Save Arts Programs in Elementary Schools

9/23/03 Deseret News:

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705331865/Rally-to-save-fine-arts-programs.html>

Parents Rally to Save Arts Education Program

9/22/09 KSL TV 5: <http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=8018497>

Arts Program on the Budget Chopping Block

9/20/09 Salt Lake Tribune: http://www.sltrib.com/utah/ci_13388630

PREPAREDNESS WEBSITE

The Utah "Be Ready Utah" web site is loaded with personal and family preparedness helps. It outlines 72 hour kit contents, drinking water preparedness, H1N1 flu updates, etc. This is a great resource for all.

<http://beready.utah.gov/>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES:

The Utah Central Credit Union Young Leadership Scholarship

Entries due 5 PM October 23, 2009 for these three scholarships: First Place \$1,000; Second Place \$500; Third Place \$250. All participants must write a 500-word essay on: "Who is your hero and why?" Scholarship competition is open to all middle school and high school students in Murray, Jordan, Salt Lake, Granite, and Carbon School Districts.

For more information, see https://www.utahcentral.com/docs/UCCU_Young_Leadership09.pdf

Create a Character for Book Contest

Frank Cole, author of "The Adventures of Hashbrown Winter" is visiting schools in Utah and inviting students in grades 1 to 6 may enter a creative competition with entries due by Nov. 15. He's asking students to create a character that would go to Pordunce Elementary, the school featured in his books.

The grand prize winner will get to see his/her character featured in the series' third book due out next year. The winner will also get a Barnes and Noble Gift Card and an advance copy of Cole's second book. <http://blogs.sltrib.com/education/index.php?p=3434&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1>

WELCOME AUTUMN: CUTE FALL CRAFT IDEA FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

http://www.enslow.com/htmlnasp.asp?file=R10_craft.html&utm_source=MagnetMail&utm_medium=email&utm_term=dwright@murrayschools.org&utm_content=R10_Sept_Principals&utm_campaign=September%20Newsletter%20from%20Enslow%20Publishers,%20Inc.



DISTRICT CALENDAR

9/29 MHS Girls Soccer vs West @home, 3:30 PM
9/30 Utah Public Education Summit, Spartan Cove, MHS, 3-8 PM
9/30 MHS Cross Country Meet, Murray @Granger, 3:30 PM
9/30 MHS Varsity Football @Hunter, 7 PM
10/1-2 (Thurs-Fri) Fall UEA Recess – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR TEACHERS

See the entire calendar online:

http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/spotlight_events.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: None at this time

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

- Early Morning Orchestra Instructor – Hillcrest Junior High
- TA II - Indian Mentor Advocate – Murray High
- Somalian/Arabic Translator – District
- On-Call Cook I

The MurrENEWS electronic newsletter is a Murray School District publication designed to share news and information. Please 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