

MurrENEWS – October 23, 2009
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“In our lives, we have two or three opportunities to be a hero, but almost every day, we have the opportunity not to be a coward.”

– Spanish proverb

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H1N1 UPDATE FOR MURRAY SCHOOLS

See the Murray City School District October 2009 H1N1 (Swine) Flu Protocol online:

http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/districtoffice/091016_h1n1-pandemicupdate_ohara.pdf

H1N1 MASS VACCINATION CLINICS INFORMATION

The Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) will hold H1N1 influenza mass vaccination clinics at four locations this Saturday, October 24th. The four mass clinics will run from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or until the 7,000 doses are gone. To date, the SLVHD has given over 16,000 H1N1 vaccinations using both the nasal spray and the injectable forms of vaccine. The health department has depleted its supply of the nasal spray vaccine but anticipates more in the coming weeks. Only the injectable vaccine will be available at Saturday's mass vaccination clinics. The vaccine is provided at no out-of-pocket cost to individuals at SLVHD's clinics, however those with health insurance are asked to bring their card. Individuals without health insurance will still receive the vaccination at no cost. Detailed information about H1N1 influenza and the October 24 mass vaccination clinics is available at www.slvhealth.org

H1N1 Vaccine Priority Groups:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
- Health care or emergency medical personnel
- Children age 6 months to 24 years of age
- Persons under the age of 64 with chronic medical conditions/higher risk of problems from influenza

SLVHD October 24th Mass Vaccination Clinic Locations:

- South Main Public Health Center, 3690 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115
- Ellis R. Shipp Public Health Center, 4535 South 5600 West, West Valley City, Utah 84120
- Salt Lake City Public Health Center, 610 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
- Southeast Public Health Center, 9340 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah 84070

RIVERVIEW RECOGNIZES

Terrific Kids – Courtney Beavers, Andrew Rietveld, Courtney Miller

Rebels with Honors – Kassie Killpack, Hope Carter, Rachel DeMann

Terrific Kids are chosen by their teachers for demonstrating respect, honesty, responsibility, tolerance and caring); Rebels with Honors recognizes students exhibiting good character.

YELLOW BRICK ROAD LEADS TO MHS

The beloved musical “The Wizard of Oz is the fall play to be presented at Murray High November 12, 13, 14, and 16 at 7 PM. Great set designs and the outstanding musical talents of Murray High School students will be showcased in this fun musical, which is part of the Murray Community Winter series. Tickets are priced at \$5 for students, \$6 for others if purchased in advance; or \$7 for at the door.

HARMONY 4 HUMANITY ACTIVITIES AT RIVERVIEW JH

The purpose of the Harmony 4 Humanity program is to connect RJH students with people around the world and show that they can *make a difference*, even half way around the world.

The Harmony 4 Humanity project video is finished for this quarter. The following link leads to the video of choirs singing the US National Anthem, as well as “God Bless America,” along with sharing about the foods that students consider to be both traditional and favorites in their locations.

http://teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?video_id=134031&title=Riverview_shares_food_and_Nat_I_Anthem_with_H4H&ref=rivory

Also, Riverview’s Harmony 4 Humanity friends in Indonesia have suffered a horrible earthquake recently, and due to the contact RJH students have had with these students from Indonesia over the past year, they have expressed strong desires to do something to help their friends from Padang. After speaking with Principal Dunn, they have decided to use the newly adopted “Friends of Rachel” program to raise money to send directly to friends in Indonesia. This project is in the planning stages, but the current plan is to sell doughnuts and hot chocolate to students before school each day out in front of the school, and also selling popcorn during lunch. More details will be sent as plans are firmed up, but if anyone has donation ideas or wants more info, contact RJH choral teacher, Rebecca Ivory, rivory@murrayschools.org

MHS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS

Four Murray High students did very well in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. All four are to be commended for their hard work and dedication. These academically talented high school seniors have been recognized at the following levels with Semi-Finalists continuing in the competition:

MHS National Merit Commended Students – Alexander Ulibarri; Tyler Wilcox

MHS High National Merit Semi-Finalists – David Kartchner; Tammi Seamans

MURRAY SCHOOLS PARAEDUCATOR ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, October 27, 3:30 PM for ice cream party; 4 PM for USU Information; MHS Spartan Cove Invited are Murray District Para educators – teaching assistants, Title I aides, other related service personnel, etc. are invited to attend. Come to connect with friends and make acquaintance. Please RSVP to Sharon Knapp, 801-264-7400, ext. 5000, sknapp@murrayschools.org

USOE SUMMIT AT MHS

The Utah State Board of Education hosted an education summit at Murray High School at the end of September. Gov. Gary R. Herbert stopped by and along with the Lieutenant Governor, others invited were the Senate President and Speaker of the House, the majority and minority leaders, chairs of the Education Standing Committee and Ed Appropriations Subcommittee, the Commissioner of Higher Education and some university presidents, some local schools boards presidents and district superintendents, the State Charter Board chair, and all State Board members. An excellent dinner was cooked and served by Murray High culinary students, under the direction of teacher Kay Morgan. The goals of the summit were to: Share information about reform efforts in Utah public schools; 1) Generate input from key policymakers on reform efforts; 2) Discuss how systems governance impacts student achievement; and 3) Develop a unified voice on goals for student achievement and school success. State Superintendent of Schools Larry Shumway chaired the meeting.

MURRAY SCHOOL IN THE NEWS:

Murray students learn about the kindness of strangers/Rachel's Challenge spreads message of love

For some students, assemblies are little more than an excuse to get out of class and chat with buddies. But during an assembly at Riverview Jr. High, an uncharacteristic silence fell over the auditorium. Students were moved by the Oct. 6 presentation against drugs and violence by Rachel's Challenge, a nonprofit organization started by family and friends of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine shooting. Some of them wept during the program. http://www.sltrib.com/education/ci_13553588

EDUCATIONAL COMPETITIONS:

Utah Central Credit Union Young Leadership Scholarship

Entries due 5 PM October 23, 2009 for three scholarships: 1st Place \$1,000; 2nd Place \$500. For more info see https://www.utahcentral.com/docs/UCCU_Young_Leadership09.pdf

Southerland Institute Scholarship Contest Open to All Utah High School Students

Utah high school students are encouraged to apply for one of five \$1,000 scholarships by participating in the Transparency Scholarship Essay contest. Entries must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2009. High School students (grades 9 - 12) may enter the contest by submitting an essay on how to use information available on the new state website, www.transparent.utah.gov, to improve Utah's schools. Students are to explain their experience using the website, how they believe the information on that website can lead to improving education, to include facts found on the site and tell how those facts have impacted their education. <http://sutherlandinstitute.org/newsletter/story.asp?n=147&s=361>

Utah Capitol Store T-Shirt Design Contest

The Utah Capitol store is holding a contest to select four new T-shirt designs to be sold in the store. The contest is open to all Utah high-school students. Designs should reflect the state Capitol or the various art pieces featured on Capitol Hill. <http://cli.gs/HATzaU>

Nominate Students for Volunteer Service Awards Program

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a 14-year-old awards program honoring middle and high school students for service to their communities. Applications for awards are being accepted through Monday, Nov. 2. If local honorees, who receive certificates, are selected as state honorees, they will receive a \$1,000 award, silver medallions and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C. with a parent from May 1-4, for recognition events. <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page>

U.S. Department of Education Launches Video Contest for Students

The U.S. Department of Education invites students to submit videos in a contest called "I Am What I Learn." Students are asked to lay out reasons why education is so important to their future by putting together a two-minute video. This is an opportunity for the students in your district to gain recognition individually and for your district, and offers a chance to win a \$1,000 grand prize. The deadline for submissions is Monday, Nov. 2. <http://www.ed.gov/iamwhatilearn/index.html>

Target Field Trip Grants Provide Support for Experiential Learning Outside the Classroom

Target stores offers a Field Trip Grants program online application initiative designed to promote learning outside of the classroom to educators and students across the country. This Field Trip Grants program will offers 5,000 grants with values up to \$800 to education professionals throughout the U.S. This could enable one out of every 25 schools in America to send a classroom on a field trip. Since the program's inception in 2006, Target has provided 7,400 grants benefiting more than 729,000 children nationwide. Applications are available online at Target.com/fieldtrips from August 5, 2009 through November 3, 2009. Grant recipients will be notified in early January 2010. Criteria includes: description of the field trip and its objectives; the benefits to students and the tie-in to the school curriculum; the number of students impacted; and the proposed use of funds. Funds may be used to cover the cost of transportation, entry fees, supplies and resource materials for the trip. <http://cli.gs/JWM9mG>

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

FREE CHILDHOOD CANCER SURVIVOR WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 29, 2009, Embassy Suites Hotel, SLC, 6-8 PM

The goal of this workshop is to educate school personnel and parents on the cognitive and late effects of childhood cancer treatment to improve the transition of childhood cancer survivors from clinic to classroom. This is a free professional education program especially for school teachers, nurses, social workers, guidance counselors and administrators. Parents are welcome. For more information, call 801-519-6600; online The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at www.lls.org

12TH ANNUAL POWER OF PREVENTION CONFERENCE

Friday, October 30th, 8:30 AM to 4:25 PM at the Utah Cultural Celebrations Center, West Valley City. For parents, teenagers, teachers, administrators, school counselors, youth leaders, anyone who has teens or works with them. There will be up to six classes being taught at the same time with separate tracks for youth. Keynote Speaker, Jason Hewlett, a one-man show with a great message for youth and adults. To register and find more information: <http://www.utahcrimeprevention.org/>

UTAH PARENT CENTER SURROGATE PARENT COURSE

The Utah Parent Center invites those interested to participate in a free Surrogate Parents training as defined in IDEA 2004. The training will include information on: Individualized Education Programs (IEPs);

Transition to Adult Life; Section 504; Communication Skills; and the Role of the Surrogate Parent. This training is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Summit Academy Charter School, 1285 East 13200 South, Draper, Utah. Pre-registration is required no later than Friday, November 6 at 5:00 p.m. To register, contact the Utah Parent Center, 801.272.1051, or email cassandra@utahparentcenter.org.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

Join us on TWITTER where we post daily updates! <http://twitter.com/MurraySchoolsPR>

10/23 MHS "Stomp" in the Commons, 7 - 10 PM

10/24 Murray Community Winter Series, Murray Symphony, HJH, 7:30 PM

10/27 Murray Schools Para-Educator Appreciation Ice Cream Social, MHS Spartan Cove; 3:30 treats, 4 PM USU info

10/28 Riverview JH Cadet Band, Jazz Band & Percussion Ensemble Concert, 7 PM

10/29 End of 1st Term (46 days); Early School Dismissal 1/2 day; Teacher Prof Development 1/2 day

10/30 Teacher Work Day

11/ 3 ELECTION DAY - Get out and vote!

11/4-5 (Wed-Thurs) Elementary Parent-Teacher Conf

11/6 (Fri) Elementary Teacher Comp Day – NO SCHOOL

11/7 Murray Community Winter Series, Murray Concert Band, HJH FREE, 7:30 PM

11/11 Veteran's Day - Federal (not school) holiday that celebrates the anniversary of the World War I Armistice between the Allied and Central Powers.

11/11 Murray Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM

11/12-14, 16, MHS Musical, "The Wizard of Oz," \$5 students/\$6 non-students/\$7 at door, MHS, 7 PM

11/15-21 American Education Week

11/19 MHS Career Day, AM classes, all students involved

11/25-27 (Wed-Fri) Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL

11/30 PTA Reflections Deadline (see Kim Kingery for more info)

See the full year 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:

- Americorp Volunteer/Math – McMillan Elementary
- Security Mentor (35 hours wkly) – Murray High
- Somalian Translator – District
- On-Call Cook I

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