

MurrENEWS – February 26, 2010
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
Meeting the Needs of All Kids!

MurrE-QUOTE

“There are only two options regarding commitment.
You’re either IN or you’re OUT. There’s no such thing as life in-between.”
– Pat Riley

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PINNACLE WINNERS NAMED BY MURRAY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Congratulations to the following amazing Murray educators, employee and volunteer, named as this year’s Pinnacle Award honorees:

Dana Adams – MHS Volunteer
Scott Bushnell – MHS Administrator
Danielle Cowley – Parkside Classified
Linda Curtis – Horizon Elementary 1st grade teacher
Krystin Elder – Hillcrest JH choral teacher
Kristin Loulias – Viewmont 5th grade teacher
Cheryl Weiss – McMillan 6th grade teacher

MURRAY HIGH KIDS RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

- National Merit Scholar Finalists: David Kartchner, Tammi Seamons
- Murray High Sterling Scholars:
Nathan Curtis – math
Monica Draney – speech & drama
Zachary Gibbs* – computer information (*finalist, proceeding to state competition)
Nicole Jensen – visual arts
David Kartchner – social science
Jael Lewis* – dance (*finalist, proceeding to state competition)
Harmony Nipper – family and consumer science
Kelsey Owen – music

Pilar Pappas – English

Dylan Riedell – trade & technology

Chelsea Thompson – world languages

Tyler Wilcox –science

- ProStart Class Competition in Regional FCCLA competition: 3 Murray teams earn Silver Awards!

Team 1: Aimee Camp, Laine Smith, Andrew Nadauld

Team 2: Taylor Denning, Eric Phillips, Harry Sandstrom

Team 3: Alex Castillo, Derek Sandoval, Andrew Goss

- MHS Robotics Team is headed to nationals: After winning Regional Robotics Competition at USU, the team of Cody Herndon, Brandon Barrows and Michael Luker will continue to national competition in Atlanta, GA. Murray District has not had a robotics team for about ten years. Students were coached by Quinn Drury and Paul Reynolds.
- Battle of the Bands “Back in Five” group from Murray High and Riverview JH won multi-regional PTA event and will go to state competition in March. They were one of three Murray groups competing. Members of the group are: Eduardo Martinez/trombone (MHS); Josh Nelson/drums (Riverview JH); Derek Harman/guitar & vocals (MHS); Dylan Cox/bass & vocals (Riverview JH), Jense Gray/trumpet (Riverview JH); Nefi Morales/tenor sax (Riverview JH).

AND...GREAT THINGS GOING ON IN OTHER MURRAY SCHOOLS:

- The Annual Longview Elementary Shakespeare Festival was held this week on Thursday and Friday with students performing impressive scenes written by William Shakespeare. Many of these vignettes will also be performed again at the Murray Shakespeare Festival in April.
- Horizon Elementary School Career Day, held on Feb. 26 at 1:30 PM, is always a highlight of the school year with outstanding community and professional participation.
- The McMillan 6th Grade Sock Hop was another huge success as 6th graders learned some great 60's dances and enjoyed snacks and fun at the school in early February.

MURRAY SCHOOL IN THE NEWS:

Take a look at this interesting article (with great pictures) in the Salt Lake Tribune. It highlights Murray District Speech Therapist Laurel Brown and her IPOD/Hearing “Love Your Ears” awareness campaign. Equipment she uses to assess sound levels was obtained through a Murray Education Foundation Grant.

http://www.sltrib.com/ci_14442144?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com

MARCH IS “INVEST IN A KID” MONTH

Donations made to the Murray Education Foundation (MEF) help provide additional support for school needs. Absolutely 100% of all donations collected go directly to support programs for all children at every grade level and in all schools. Gifts fund many different areas, including literacy, math and science, arts and music, and after-school programs. To participate in helping enhance the quality of education for our own Murray students and be a friend of public education, please contribute to the MEF “Invest in a Kid” fundraising campaign during the month of March. Download the Donation Form from the District website and mail the completed form and check as indicated, or bring it to the District Offices. You will receive a receipt for your tax deductible donation through the mail. *Donation form link* http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/districtoffice/mef_donforminvestkid_opendate.pdf

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY WEIGHT WATCHER MEETINGS

The current Liberty Elementary on-site Weight Watcher session ends soon. In order to resume classes on March 17th, 12 paid members are needed to be signed up by the final March 10 class. Cost for upcoming 12 week session is \$135 for new members (includes one-time registration fee and all materials); returning members \$115. There will be make-up meetings for spring break. Weigh-in begins at about 3:10 p.m.; meetings run from about 3:30 till 4 p.m. This group has had some really great successes and would love to have more people join. For more information, contact Leslie Campbell at Liberty; email lcampbell@murrayschools.org.

MURRAY PARENT FAMILY LINKS CONFERENCE

For parents of Murray students with disabilities, Utah's 15th Annual Statewide Conference is being held Fri and Sat, March 19 – 20, 2010 at Murray High School, 5440 So State Street in Murray. It will feature sessions on Saturday that are specifically for youth and adults with disabilities. Friday's Keynote Speaker will be communication and relationship expert Matt Townsend; Saturday's Keynote will be KSL's Amanda Dickson, also the mother of children with disabilities. The Conference will feature Breakout Sessions, Networking, Awards, Prizes, and Exhibitor Fair and much more. For more information, contact Lisa Adair in the Murray District offices, 801-264-7402.

MURRAY REGION PTA PARENTS SPEAK UP!

Wednesday, March 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Murray Public Library, discussions will be held regarding national public education campaign to provide parents with the information, tools and skills to help their teens make healthy choices. For kids to make the choices that will help them grow up to be healthy adults, parents need to talk with them about important topics like sex and relationships. 4parents.gov works to give parents information and guidance they need for having these conversations. For more information, contact Mary Ann Kirk at 801-264-2638, or go to www.4parents.gov

MISS TEEN MURRAY UTAH-WORLD 2011

Ticha Fukuda, an 8th grader at Hillcrest Junior High will was named Miss Teen Murray Utah-World 2011. In mid- June 2010 she will begin her time in this position. She has a 3.95 average GPA, has been the choir president for the last two years and will be running for 9th grade vice president here soon. One of her main goals is to bring awareness in education and social acceptance for children with disabilities within the school system. During her year as Miss Teen Murray she would like to be called upon to help out in the community, such as attending Murray City or school functions, grand openings, and other civic events. Contact Mary Ann Kirk at 801-264-2638 for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES:

Burt Brothers Teacher Who Does it Better Teacher Awards – Burt Brothers Tire & Service is joining with KSL 5 Television, KSL NewsRadio and others to honor three outstanding teachers in the Wasatch front. Three exceptional teachers will be awarded the following prizes:

1st Place – 2010 Nissan Rogue automobile for 2 yrs use; \$1,000 Visa card for classroom supplies

2nd Place – \$750 Visa card for classroom supplies

3rd Place – \$500 Visa card for classroom supplies

Submissions are due by March 5, 2010. For info go to http://www.burtbrothers.com/the_teacher.php

UNsung Heroes Awards – ING Unsung Heroes rewards educators who have inspired success in the classroom and impacted countless numbers of students. Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those chosen receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Application deadline is April 30, 2010; www.nea.org/grants/awards/11561.htm

NIA Newspapers in Education

Murray teachers, please be aware of the Newspapers In Education lessons available in the first quarter of 2010. Below is a list of upcoming lessons. To order any of these, all an educator has to do is set up an account at the website www.nowutah.com/education. These are all available at no cost to teachers and students in Utah and are delivered directly to the schools.

- **Heart Health** – Feb. 23, 2010

This insert provides excellent information about heart disease and stroke. Inside you'll find information on risk factors and how nutrition and exercise can reduce the chances of heart attack and stroke.

- **Nutrition Month** – March 16, 2010

March is Nutrition Month. Learn how to develop healthy habits, become fit, eat right and limit life's stress. This is a great resource for students and their families.

- **Bank On It: Focus On Finance** – March 23, 2010

Information on how to save money, earn money and make money grow; practical and fun lessons in financial literacy. Section helps meet objectives for Utah State financial literacy graduation requirement.

"Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" FREE Parenting Group

Washington Elementary School, 420 North 200 West, Salt Lake City

Tuesdays 5:00-6:30 p.m.; Starts March 2nd for 8 weeks. This group is provided by Valley Mental Health with funding from Salt Lake County Division of Substance Abuse Prevention and location provided by the Kearns Recreation Center. Call Karina Leetham at 801-263-7225 to sign-up or for more info.

NEA Lesson Plans...always feature timely ideas

<http://www.nea.org/tools/LessonPlans.html>

DISTRICT CALENDAR

See the Entire calendar online at http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/spotlight_events.shtml

2/25-26 Longview Elem Shakespeare Festival: Thurs 10 AM; Fri 1:15 PM)

2/26 (Fri) Secondary Teacher Comp Day – NO SCHOOL

2/26 Horizon Elem, Career Day, begins 1:30 PM

3/1-3/6 State Basketball Tournament 5A Boys High School

3/1-19 Direct Writing Assessment

3/2 Dr. Seuss "Read Across America" Day

3/3-4 (Wed-Thurs) Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

3/4-6 & 8 Murray Community Winter Series, "Up the Downstairs Case", Murray High, MHS, 7 PM

3/5 (Fri) Elementary Teacher Comp Day – NO SCHOOL

3/8 MHS Boys Tennis @Skyline, 3:30 PM

3/9 Longview Elem Maturation Program, morning

3/9 Horizon Elem Maturation Program, afternoon

3/9 MHS Boys Tennis @West, 3:30 PM

3/10 Murray Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM

3/11 MHS Boys Tennis @Cyprus, 3:30 PM

3/11 Riverview JH Beg Band/Percussion & Cadet Band Concert, 7 PM

3/12 Grant Elem Maturation Program, afternoon

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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:

- Elementary & Secondary School Administrators Open Pool for 2010-2011 school Year
- 2nd Grade Spanish Teacher/Dual Immersion Program for 2010-2011 school Year
- Speech Language Pathologist for 2010-2011 school Year

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