

MurrENEWS – March 17, 2010 “Your Murray Schools” Edition
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
Meeting the Needs of All Kids!

MurrE-QUOTES

**May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light,
May good luck pursue you each morning and night.**
– Irish Blessing

**May your blessings outnumber
The shamrocks that grow,
And may trouble avoid you
Wherever you go.**
– Irish Blessing

“Your Murray Schools” DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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FULL STORIES WITH PICTURES MAY BE SEEN IN THE COLOR EDITION OF “YOUR MURRAY SCHOOLS” (published in the Murray Journal) by going to this link:

http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/communityrelations/yms/2010_mar_yms_journal.pdf

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MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE

Schools will be closed Monday through Friday, March 29 to April 2 for Spring Break. Students will also be out of school on Friday, March 26th all day for Teacher Work Day; teachers will work ½ day that morning. The District offices will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29, 30 and 31 during regular hours, but closed all day on Thursday and Friday, April 1st and 2nd. *Have a great Spring Break!*

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT FOR MURRAY HIGH STUDENT

Tyler Wilcox, a senior at MHS, earned a perfect 36 on the ACT. The Utah ACT State Organization will be honoring him at a luncheon/conference on March 24. MHS Principal Scott Bushnell has also been invited to attend the recognition luncheon at Utah Valley University, along with State Supt of Education Larry Shumway and the State Commissioner of Higher Education.

After being graduated from MSH, Tyler plans to attend USU with a dual major in political science and aerospace engineering. His favorite class at MHS, for the teacher, is US History with Mr. Keith Wood. His favorite class for the content is Calculus BC. If you see Tyler, be sure to tell him "Congratulations" for this amazing accomplishment!

MEF PINNACLE DINNER THANK YOU

The March 11th Murray Education Foundation Pinnacle Awards Gala Dinner was a terrific event for the 7th year in a row. KSL Television meteorologist Kevin Eubank did a great job as the evening's emcee and presenters and recipients all gave wonderful comments. The DVD, produced by Joe Fowler and Feature Films for Families, was well done and insightful, the food and food service excellent, and the musical and theatrical entertainment by MHS students outstanding and fun. Enormous thanks to the amazing Pinnacle Committee and all of the evening sponsors and donors for their generous contributions!

MURRAY PARENT FAMILY LINKS CONFERENCE

For parents of Murray students with disabilities, Utah's 15th Annual Statewide Conference is being held Fri. and Sat., Mar. 19-20, 2010 at Murray High, 5440 South State Street in Murray. On Saturday, there will be sessions that are specifically designed 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, an Exhibitor Fair and more. For more info, contact Lisa Adair in the Murray District offices, 801-264-7402; or see the Conference website <http://www.utahfamilylinks.org/>

ENGINEERING CAREER FAIR FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Wasatch Front Consortium Engineering & Education Partnership is sponsoring the 1st Annual Engineering Career Fair, Friday, March 19 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., Science Bldg., Salt Lake Community College Redwood Campus. Participants will include 400 high school students interested in engineering as a college major. Student participants are from Canyons, Granite, Jordan, Murray, Salt Lake and Tooele School Districts. Also participating will be partners and contributors from local companies. For more information, contact Glo Merrill, Chair/ Engineering Career Fair and Murray City School District Director of Curriculum & CTE 801-264-7400, email gmerrill@murrayschools.org

AUGUMENTATIVE /ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SHOW & TELL WORKSHOP

Open House for Murray School District Parents, Teachers & Para's
Tuesday, March 23rd, 3–4:30 PM; Murray District Office Board Rm
Guest Presenter: Scott Baggaley, UAAACT (Utah Augmentative Alternative Assistive Communication and Technology Teams Utah State Office of Education & Utah State Office of Rehabilitation)
Info regarding Special Ed & Regular Ed Technology; for more info, call Joelle Rasmussen 264-7434 x6130

MURRAY CITY CAUCUS NIGHTS

This is an important election cycle and Caucus Nights will be held for both parties on Tuesday March 23, 2010. Everyone is welcome to attend: Democrats 6:30 PM at Murray High; Republicans 7 PM at Riverview Junior High.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES:

Braille Course – USDB (Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind) is partnering with the University of Utah to provide a Braille course designed for general ed teachers, Paraeducators, parents and family members, and others who wish to learn the Braille alphabet in a fun, easy course. The course will be held June 14-17 (M-TH), 9-12:30 at USDB's Libby Edwards Campus. The cost is \$60 for one credit University of Utah continuing education; there may be stipends available for some qualifying. The fee will cover all books, materials, a slate and stylus, with no additional costs. More teachers are needed in this field as there are currently very few qualified. Info: Janice Wiggins, Multi University Consortium, 801-585-3925.

Salt Lake County 2010 Commission on Youth Awards – If you know of a group or individual that has gone the extra mile, nominate them for these awards. Categories include: Adult Individual; Adult Group; Youth Individual; and Youth Group. These awards are sponsored by the Salt Lake County and Youth Services. The deadline for nominations is April 1st; download form at <http://www.youth.slco.org/html/coyawards.html>

Camp Kostopulos Send a Kid to Camp Dinner and Auction to Benefit People with Disabilities – This worthwhile event takes place Friday, April 23 from 6-10 PM at the panoramic Tower at Rice Eccles Stadium, University of Utah. Join host Mary Nickles of KUTV and Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker to help raise funds for camper scholarships, enabling low-income youth and adults with disabilities to attend a week of Summer Camp. For more information, contact Cheryl Smith, 80-1-582-0700, ext 105, or email csmith@campk.org

DISTRICT CALENDAR

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

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 go directly to support programs for all children. Donation form link http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/districtoffice/mef_donforminvestkid_opendate.pdf

3/16-18, Murray Community Winter Series, Cinderella Fairy Tale Ballet, Ballet Center, 7 PM

3/17 Liberty Elementary Science Fair, K-4 during school

3/17, 18, 19 Hillcrest JH musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie," 7 PM

3/18 McMillan Elem Maturation Program, morning

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3/18 MHS Boys Tennis @Cottonwood, 3:30 PM
3/18-19 Baseball/Softball Tournaments, St. George
3/19 Liberty Day Fundraiser, Murray Village Inn, 6-9 PM
3/19-20 Murray Parent Family Links Conference, MHS; *info online* <http://www.utahfamilylinks.org/>
3/20 Utah PTA Battle of the Bands* competition, West Jordan Middle School, 7550 So. Redwood Rd, 7:00 PM (*MHS/RJH "Back In Five" band competing)
3/20 Murray Community Winter Series, Murray Symphony, MHS, 7:30 PM
3/22 MHS Boys Tennis @Hunter, 3:30 PM
3/23 Viewmont PTA Skate Night, 6-9 PM
3/23 Murray Caucus Night: Democrats 6:30 PM at MHS; Republicans 7 PM at RJH
3/24 Riverview JH Percussion & Jazz Concert, 7 PM
3/24 Parent's Speak Up! meeting, Murray Library, 7 PM
(For more info, contact Mary Ann Kirk 801-264-2638; www.4parents.gov)
3/25 End of 3rd Term (46 days)
3/25 MHS Boys Tennis vs Skyline @home on Cottonwood HS courts, 3:30 PM
3/25 Riverview JH Percussion Ensemble & Jazz Band Concert, 7 PM
3/26 Teacher Work Day – No school for students
3/29 MHS Boys Tennis @West, 3:30 PM
3/29-4/2 (Mon-Fri) Spring Break NO SCHOOL
JOIN US on TWITTER where we post daily updates! <http://twitter.com/MurraySchoolsPR>

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:

- Speech Language Pathologist 2010-11 school year (Itinerate position/travels among schools)

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

- Math Tutor – Hillcrest Junior High, part time (35 hrs a wk)
- Assistant Cheer Coach – Murray High, part-time begins in June for 2010-11 school year
- Copy Center Aide – Murray High, part time
- Indian Mentor Advocate – Murray High, part time (4 hrs a wk)
- Child Nutrition Program On-Call Cook 1

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