

MurrENEWS – May 27, 2010
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
Meeting the Needs of All Kids!

MurrE-QUOTE :

“People populate the world. Teachers civilize it.”

– Greg Henry Quinn

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MURRAY DISTRICT RETIREES

The following employees were honored at a Retirement Dinner on May 19th. District administrators and Board of Education members were invited, and a media program in the retirees honor was presented by Dr. Hirase (see <http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/multimedia/Retirement%2010.mov>). Members of the Hillcrest JH Orchestra, under the direction of Chris Earl, performed two beautiful selections.

THANK YOU to these dedicated employees for many years of service to our students and community:

- **Michael Cline**
Art, Hillcrest Junior High
Teaching years 28/In Murray Schools 26
- **Marilyn Dillard**
Speech/Language, McMillan & Viewmont Elementary
Teaching years 32/In Murray Schools 20
- **Janet Hancey**
Art, Murray High (winter retirement)
Teaching years 21/In Murray Schools 1
- **Patricia Hansen**
2nd Grade, Grant Elementary
Teaching years/All in Murray Schools 26

GRADUATION & PROMOTIONS

Murray High School

SLCC, Lifetime Fitness Center

Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 1:00 PM

(Northwest corner of campus)

No tickets necessary, doors will open at 12:00 noon

Handicapped accessible seating on Level 2, in the front

Hillcrest Junior High School

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Hillcrest JH Auditorium (school dance to follow at MHS)

7:00-9:30 PM

Riverview Junior High School

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Murray High Auditorium

7:00-9:30 PM

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL & OTHER

The last day of classes for the Murray City School District students is Thursday, June 3, 2010.

Monday, May 31 is Memorial Day and the district will be closed.

Murray District Offices will be closed on Fridays, July 2, 9, 16 & 23.

Next year's 2010-2011 school year Murray District calendar is available online

http://www.murrayschools.org/wworks/pdf/districtoffice/2010-11_district_calendar.pdf

OUTBACK IN MURRAY

Mrs. Drecksel's 4th grade class at Parkside had special visitors on Monday as two 5-day old African goat were brought to the classroom by Mrs. Susan Reese. The class invited their 2nd grade buddies in and made a circle around the energetic animals as they proceeded to butt heads, "talk," jump and walk around to greet the humans. Mrs. Anderson took a picture of each of student holding a "kid". The next day, the group got together again to play with a four-month old male kangaroo; a diaper wearing Joey. The class will now fill out Graphic Organizers to compare similarities and differences between goats and kangaroos. This experience has been very exciting for the class and they love their animal friends!

MURRAY HIGH HAPPENINGS

- The MHS ProStart team won three top awards in the Utah State Culinary Competition: 5th Place in State with the team of Malorie Smith, Trek Kryger, Clayton DeMann, Andrew Nadauld, alternate Lanie Smith; Best Teamwork for 2010, and a \$10,000 SYSCO scholarship awarded team captain Malorie Smith. There is only one of these scholarships given in Utah every year and a MHS student has won it for two years in a row!
- MSH Ladies Golf Team finished 2nd Place in Region. Three members also finished in the top ten individual play in Region to go on to State competition. Congrats to the Team and Coach Andy Hokanson! Team members: Measha Meier (top ten), Jamie Bills (top ten), Candace Prestwich (top ten), Callie Wall, Taylor Peacock, Jessica Thompson, Sara Ng and Kylie Nelson.
- The Murray High Lacrosse team took 2nd place in their region and advanced to playoffs.

- Creekside students have been working hard on a terrific outdoor mural in Walden Park, 1070 West 5400 South, east wall of the underpass. The art work is petro glyphs and original by students, under the supervision of Jim Rogers and Denise Carter. Stop by and check it out!
- MHS Summer Drivers Ed Schedule
First Session: June 7- June 25; Second Session: July 26 – Aug 13
Monday thru Friday 8 am to 10 am with driving time before 8 AM or after 10 AM; the teacher will call and let students know scheduling. Participants must have learners permit by the first day of school and are expected to attend all classes to pass.

MURRAY SCHOOLS IN THE NEWS:

- **Murray Students Growing Their Own Garden – KSL Radio**
<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=10940200>
- **MHS Baseball – Salt Lake Tribune**
http://www.sltrib.com/midvalley/ci_14930218
- **Parkside Elementary Reading – Salt Lake Tribune**
http://www.sltrib.com/ci_15113473?IADID=Search-www.sltrib.com-www.sltrib.com
- **Spanish Language Competition Awards for Murray Students – Salt Lake Tribune**
http://www.sltrib.com/education/ci_15051121

WATCHING WEIGHT?

At Work Weight Watchers, held at Liberty Elementary, has a new session beginning Wednesday, June 16th. The group is always looking for new members and must have 12 new or returning members registered and paid by June 9th in order to continue the onsite classes. Registration is \$135 for new members and \$115 for current members. Classes last 12 weeks and will meet at Liberty through the summer from 3- 4 PM on Wednesdays. The group is supportive, dedicated, successful and fun! For more information, contact Leslie Campbell at Liberty Elementary, lcampbell@murrayschools.org

MURRAY MILESTONES

In the upcoming 2010-11 school year, we will be instituting a new district communications feature called Murray Milestones. Each Wednesday, an email will go out to everyone in the district asking for dates of any activities for the following week. The information will be compiled and on Friday afternoon sent out to media contacts as “good news” suggestions for their story searches. We also invite suggestions or reports of interesting activities taking place in your schools, along with recognitions, accomplishments and just about anything else that you think might make a nice “good news” or human interest story for the Murray City School District. Remember, we all need to be thinking a week ahead, so something happening this week would probably be considered for news coverage, unless an ongoing situation.

UTAH POST-HIGH SCHOOL OUTCOMES SURVEY

The Murray City School District is working with the Utah State Office of Education to study the post high school outcomes of former students. The former students who are being interviewed are students who have recently exited from a Utah Public School. The study will meet the federal and local data collection requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). These survey results will assist the State Educational Agency and local school districts and charter schools in improving post high school outcomes. School districts and charter schools will use local data to identify strengths and weaknesses in their instructional programs, establish performance standards, and improve the transition planning

process for students. During this time, a representative of the school district or charter school will be calling the alumni to ask them about their experiences with employment, post-secondary education or training, and other daily living activities. All survey responses are confidential. Please contact Dr. Wendy Bills at the Murray City School District if you have any questions regarding this survey.

RESOURCES FOR MURRAY FAMILIES

Summer Music Classes in Murray Schools

String classes now open to 5th - 9th graders in Murray

DATES: July 26 through August 12th

TIMES: Beginning Strings: 9:25-10:00 M-F; Intermediate Strings: 10:05-10:40

COST: \$40 Payable to Murray Community Schools

LOCATION: Hillcrest Jr. High School Band, Orchestra Room

Enrollment through Murray Community Education

To register, email teacher Chris Earl at Hillcrest JH cearl@murrayschools.org

Free Summer Meals

Free summer meals will be available to all children ages 18 or younger, from June 9 – August 19, 2010. There is no fee, no registration; just show up, but all free meals must be eaten on site. For more information, call the Salt Lake City School District 801-974-8386. Meals will be served Monday through Friday. The closest locations to Murray are: Taylorsville Millrace Park, 1150 West 5400 South; east side by Murray Robert Fitts Park, 3000 South 500 East.

At-Home Preschool Program

Upstart, a free at-home preschool program for Utah children is taking registration applications for this fall. The state-subsidized computer-based program is for children ages 4 and 5 who aren't yet in kindergarten, helping them develop reading, math and science skills. Parents who enroll in the program must commit to working with their child for at least 15 minutes per day, five days per week. This program is designed for families of any income, but low-income families may qualify for the use of a free computer and Internet service. For more info <http://www.utahupstart.org/>

DISTRICT CALENDAR

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

FOLLOW MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ON TWITTER!

If you are a social networker, you can follow Murray City School District on Twitter! Along with current happenings at MCSD, you'll receive lots of other district information and educational retweets. We have 272 followers already, so join us and invite your friends! <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:

- Elementary Gifted & Talented Coordinator (hourly, 19 hrs/wk) – Itinerant, District Office
- School Counselor – MHS
- Art Teacher – MHS

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

- Americorp Volunteers - Math & Literacy (for 2010-2011 school year) – McMillan Elem

- Full time Contract Custodian – Riverview JH
- On-Call Cook I

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