

MurrENEWS – August 27, 2010 Back In School Edition
Murray City School District, Murray, UT
Meeting the Needs of All Kids!

MurrE-QUOTE :

"The man (*woman or child*) who does things makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all ... doing nothing."
– Benjamin Franklin

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‘BACK IN SCHOOL’ MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT RICHARD R. TRANTER ...

Welcome Back to Murray City School District Schools! It is hard to believe summer break is over, and the new school year is underway. While I hope you and your family have had a great summer, I look forward to welcoming all of our students back. Our staff has been working hard to have things prepared and our united goal is to serve all students in the Murray City School District and provide them the very best education possible.

In the Murray District, we believe that communication is an important key to serving our educational community. We have several methods that we use to share information for students, teachers and patrons, including:

1. Murray District website – a great source for calendar, special activities, forms, curriculum info, HR, nutrition and so much other information. It changes often, so keep checking it out! We also send out "Twitter" updates every day on district events. Follow us at Twitter-name MurraySchoolsUT.
2. “Your Murray Schools” district newsletter – published 6 times a year in the locally distributed, free Murray Journal, including our Murray Community Education insert.
3. Murr-ENEWS – an electronic publication which goes out regularly to all Murray District employees and by request. If you would like to sign up for informative email, just send a request to info@murrayschools.org
4. We have a good relationship with local newspapers, radio and television organizations, so watch for coverage of our Murray Schools activities.

If you are new to our district, you may want to be aware that our Board of Education generally meets on the second Wednesday of each month and visitors are welcome.

We hope that this information will be beneficial to assist you in becoming more acquainted with MCS D as we begin the new school year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at the District Offices, located at 147 East 5065 South, 801-264-7400). Our staff receptionist, Sharon Knapp, will be happy to direct your calls, or feel free to ask for our Public Information Specialist, D. Wright.

From all of us at the Murray City School District, we hope you have an outstanding 2010-2011 school year!

NEW EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

An extra- special welcome goes out to all new employees in the district:

- **New Teachers**

Jennifer Axelgard – Speech Language Pathologist, Parkside/Viewmont Elem

Denise Carter – Art Teacher, Hillcrest JH

Aaron Daniels – Science Teacher, Murray High

Colby Ford – Science Teacher, Murray High

Eric Himle – Art Teacher, Murray High

Samuel Jewkes – Instrumental Music Teacher, Hillcrest JH

Anne Kjar – 5th Grade Teacher, Longview Elem

Megan Kjar – 6th Grade Teacher, Parkside Elem

Natalya Lakhtakia – Speech Language Pathologist, Horizon Elem

Annie Livingston – 2nd Grade Teacher, Grant Elem

Claire Meier – 5th Grade Teacher, Parkside Elem

Allesandra Meyer – 4th Grade Teacher, Longview Elem

Stacey Murdoch – School Counselor Murray High

Starlyn Nackos – Social Studies Teacher, Murray High

Sandra Rivera – 2nd Grade Teacher Duel Immersion (Spanish), Horizon Elem

Amber Rogers – Social Studies Teacher, Murray High

Kelsey Sorensen – 3rd Grade Teacher, Liberty Elem

Christina Taylor – Kindergarten Teacher, Horizon Elem

Erica Walker – 6th Grade Teacher, Parkside Elem

Samantha Walters – Kindergarten Teacher, McMillan Elem

Marce Wilson – PE Teacher Hillcrest, JH

Jessica Wright – 1st Grade Teacher, Parkside Elem

Natalie Young – 1st Grade Teacher, Viewmont Elem

- **New Classified Staff**

Claudia Aragon – Education Aid/playground, McMillan Elem

Wendy Arnold – Music Instructor, Liberty Elem

Sarah Buck – Spartan Station Manager, Murray HS

April Carter – Cook, Murray High

Michael Cohoe – Technology Specialist, District

Perry Fullmer – Custodian, Murray High

Carrie Gregersen – Music Instructor, McMillan

Linda Hankins – Cook (on call), District

Shayli Iosefa – Volleyball Asst. Coach, Murray High

Kimberly McKenna – Teaching Aid/reading & playground, Grant Elem

Richard Morrey – Night Supervisor, Murray Community Education

Cheryl Myers – Cook (on call), District

Ben Pierce – Custodian, Horizon Elem

Michael Solomon – Custodian, Viewmont Elem
Christopher Stephan – Custodian, Murray High
Sherry Sterling – ISS, Riverview JH
Kara Walker-Lyon – Teaching Aid, Parkside Elem
Nathan Washington – Football Asst. Coach, Murray High
Jordan Waterman – Custodian, Parkside
Jennifer Wissler – Cook (on call), District
Larry Zimmer – School Police Officer, Riverview JH
Michelle Zur – Cricket Care Aide, Creekside Program

YEARBOOK REQUEST

If you have old Murray High or other Murray schools yearbooks, we would be glad to give them a home. Our archives are missing a few years of MHS volumes, and we are trying to build duplicate sets. Drop them by the District Offices from 7:30 AM-4:30 PM, Mon-Fri, or email info@murrayschools.org and we will arrange to pick up. For questions, call 801-264-7400 and ask for Sharon or D.

MURRAY SCHOOLS IN THE NEWS:

Coverage of “Cricket Care,” the new district Early Childhood Headstart Program at Creekside:
Channel 4 http://www.abc4.com/news/local/story/Murray-gets-Head-Start-facility/qqN_AOZZKEyFPkK6GAtQQg.cspX

Fox 13 <http://www.fox13now.com/news/local/kstu-free-day-care-facility-offered-to-help-teen-parents,0,433765.story>

Hillcrest JH featured on 8/23/10 Fox 13 TV Back-to-School story:
<http://www.fox13now.com/news/kstu-back-to-school-education-funding,0,7271515.story>

WATCHING WEIGHT?

At Work Weight Watchers, held at Liberty Elementary, has a new fall session beginning Wednesday, September 8th. The group is always looking for new members and must have 12 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 in the Liberty Media Center with weigh-in from 3-3:15; class is about 45 minutes. The group is supportive, dedicated, successful and lots of fun! For more information, contact Leslie Campbell at Liberty Elementary, lcampbell@murrayschools.org

RESOURCES FOR MURRAY FAMILIES: click on links to see more information

[Walk 4 Hearing](#) – August 28, 2010

[Kamp Kostopulos After School Program](#) – through December 17, 2010

[Children with Autism Special Concert featuring Utah Opera](#) – January 20, 2011

MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TWITTERS!

Follow Murray City School District on Twitter! Along with current happenings at MCSD, you'll receive lots of other district information and educational retweets. Join us and invite your friends!

<http://twitter.com/MurraySchoolsPR>

DISTRICT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES *(individual school websites also post school activities)*

See the Entire calendar online at 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:

- NO Current Openings

CLASSIFIED OPENINGS:

- [TA II - Indian Mentor Advocate](#) - (8-10 hrs/wk)
- [TA III - Music Instructor](#) - Horizon Elementary (19 hrs/wk)
- [Security Mentor](#) - MHS (35 hrs/wk)

The MurrENEWS electronic newsletter is a Murray School District publication designed to share news and information. Please forward this email to anyone who may be interested. To submit an item or be added to mailing list, contact D. Wright, District Communications, 801-264-7400; dwright@murrayschools.org