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Murray Education Foundation

The Murray Education Foundation sponsors events and activities throughout the year, all for the single purpose of benefiting students and teachers in the Murray City School District. Each September, MEF kicks off the school year with the **Annual MEF Golf Tournament**. Money raised from this event provides much appreciated **teacher grants**. This year there were 123 applicants; 53 grants were approved:

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| Grant Elementary | Jennifer McLelland, Jeanne Simpson, Jennifer Simpson, Eva Bergius, Gaylene Seaman and Karen Brown |
| Horizon Elementary | Debra Croxton, Shanna Nava, Lindsey Romero, Linda Curtis, Darle Taylor, Meg Wongsuwan, Craig Butcher, Melissa Voorhees, Anne Renz, Reenie Stewart |
| Liberty Elementary | Judy Mahoskey, Michael Okumura, Stephanie Benware, Kristen Flower, Elnora Ferrero, Tracy Fullmer, Mary Ann Birch. Colette Smith, Kathleen Sheen, Kristina Leeflang |
| Longview Elementary | Gayla Lamb, Suzy Palmer, Joanne Brunetti, Jill Burnside |
| McMillan Elementary | Sandi Peck, Elizabeth Garrabrandt, Shauna Maughan |
| Parkside Elementary | Keri Hohnholt/Lindsie DePasquale/Cindy Durante, Lindsie DePasquale/Keri Hohnholt, Barbara Wall, Lisa Smith, Debra Dowd, Elizabeth Lyde |
| Viewmont Elementary | Victoria Krowell, Kathy Goddard, Carol Forsythe, Sarah Popa, Marsha Wallin |
| Hillcrest Junior High | Jewell Loveless, Heather Wihongi, Michelle Loomis, Carey Lippincott, Annie Draper |
| Riverview Junior High | Rebecca Ivory, Janet Wayman |
| Murray High School | Tricia Anderson, Leesa Lloyd/Alan Scott/Will Saxton/Rob Wilson, Ian MacDonald/Tricia Anderson/Scott Wihongi |

Many thanks to great Golf Tournament sponsors; Major Gold Sponsor/Pepsi- Cola Bottling Group; Bronze Sponsor/Workers Compensation Fund; Hole sponsors/Bank of American Fork, Educators Mutual, Pentalon Corporation, Wells Fargo Bank, Jordan Ridge Medicine, Select Health, Poole & Associates, Dahle Big & Tall, Entertainment Publications, Larry H Miller Honda, Key Bank, J-Tee's Dry Goods, Meridian Title Services, Feature Films for Families, Naylor Wentworth Lund Architects, Zions Bank, Tom & Lisa Harowitz, George K. Baum & Co, Phil McStotts, Mass Mutual/Todd Reid, Sodexo, Beacon Metals. This year's golf tournament winners were: 1st Place George K Baum/Matsumori Team of John Crandall, Tim Leffel, Jim Matsumori & Doug Hill; 2nd Place J-Tee's Dry Goods Team and 3rd Place Laurel Simmons Team.

The Kennecott Nature Center operates through the school year to benefit the students from both Murray and Granite School Districts with thousands of students visiting the Center each year for a unique nature experience. **The "Invest in a Kid" campaign** sends funding into a variety of programs and school needs across the District; and the **Summer Reading Program and Business Education Partnerships** meet directed needs that make a difference to many.

The culminating event of the year for the MEF is the **Pinnacle Awards** gala where five outstanding educators, one classified employee and one volunteer are recognized in a very special way. This year's Pinnacle Award winners are: Janet Anderson (Parkside), Rebecca Elder (McMillan), Carmen Fiori (Grant), Carrie Hartman MHS), Kay Lee Schatten (Longview), Margaret Lewis (Classified MHS) and Coco James (Volunteer).

Pinnacle Awards were made possible this year through the generosity of major table sponsors; Deseret News, Feature Films for Families and Wells Fargo Bank. Other great sponsors were: Dr. Maurice & Laura Baker, Beacon Metals, Cottonwood OB/GYN, Educators Mutual, Entertainment Publications, Get Away Today Travel, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Hill, IHC Health Services, Intermountain Health Care, Jenkins-Soffe Mortuary, Mr. & Mrs. Boyd Jensen, Key Bank, Larry H. Miller Honda, Meridian Title, Murray City School District, Art & Martha Pasker and John & Lauri Weston.



Horizon Elementary 2nd grade class of Linda Curtis at the Kennecott Nature Center to release butterflies hatched in their classroom. This activity was made possible through MEF grant money.



Pinnacle Awards presenter (and MHS alum) Greg Cope, Feature Films for Families



Pinnacle Awards presenter Diane Broadbent, Wells Fargo Bank

Murray Education Foundation would not be able to provide this broad spectrum of support without the incredible donors and volunteers stepping up to give money, services, products and time. **A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone working or donating on any level, for helping to make this another successful school year for the Murray Education Foundation!**

Graduation Information

Graduation is right around the corner and donations are being solicited for the Senior All- Night Party at MHS on graduation night. "Shine 2009" is this year's theme and this great event offers an alternative activity for students to choose to attend a party without alcohol. There will be lots of fun with food, games, prizes, and the new addition this year of a "cash cube." Donations of cash or prizes from parents and businesses are especially needed this year to help pay for the event, so if you or your employer can help out, please call Darleene Moller at 265-0338, email freakles13@gmail.com.

Murray High School Graduation
Friday, June 5, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
Salt Lake Community College

Hillcrest Junior High School Promotional
Thursday, June 4, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Hillcrest JH Auditorium

Riverview Junior High School Promotion
Thursday, June 4, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Murray High Auditorium

MHS CUMULATIVE FOLDERS RELEASED

Cumulative folders for Murray High classes of 2003 and 2004 are being released thru **June 26, 2009** in the MHS counseling center. Files will be destroyed after that date. Anyone picking up Folders must have proper identification; parents picking up folders must also have a letter of permission, birth date, and contact information from the student. Contact: Donna West, MHS Registrar, 801-264-7464.



Message from Superintendent Tranter

The 2008-09 school year has been one full of challenges and accomplishments for the Murray City School District. Current economic conditions have impacted educational services all over the country and have certainly been a consideration for us also, as we look at the cost of completing this school year and planning for the next. One of the advantages that we have here in Murray is the unique distinction of being part of a community that reflects small town values. We are extremely interactive with our community sharing many sports facilities and arts programs with the city, and benefiting from outstanding public support of our school activities.

Our schools are highly focused on offering rigorous academic options and this year, as usual, we have had a strong

showing of students participating in Concurrent Enrollment, AP classes and Honors classes, an exceptional number of students named as Sterling Scholar State Finalists and National Merit Finalists, recipients of awards in Future Business Leaders of America activities and many other academic and extracurricular competitions. We are also proud to have our second Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education winner this year. Jennifer Kranz, principal at Parkside Elementary school, was named as one of 10 Utah educators to win a \$10,000 cash award in this prestigious competition.

Since the Murray City School District's beginnings in 1914, we have always been committed to providing students with a quality education. We strive to help each and every student succeed in the class-

room, on the field or court, in the lab, on stage and as they proceed towards their adult roles in life. That will not change, no matter what financial or other challenges we face as a district, state or nation. We will keep moving forward with our high standards, while giving serious consideration of how to best manage our resources in order to keep providing all that we can for our students and staff.

In a small city like Murray, the school district represents more than just buildings or state rankings – it is the very heart of the community, and that is one of the immeasurable strengths of the Murray City School District. We pull together for the same purpose, which is simply to serve the children in our district. Thank you for your continued support of this common cause.



Superintendent Tranter speaking at spring PTA Installation Breakfast.

2008-09 MURRAY PTA AWARDS

Here are the names of the outstanding educators and volunteers recognized at the April PTA Presidents Installation and Awards Brunch. Congratulations to these individuals for their wonderful contributions to the Murray City School District!

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| Grant | Dana Snyder/educator; Stacey Abel/volunteer |
| Horizon | Melissa Skousen/educator; Rick & Dorothy Fletcher, Lynn Erickson/volunteers |
| Liberty | Courtney Greene/educator; Ken Chesire/volunteer |
| Longview | Nancy Haslam/educator; Leslie Stauffer/volunteer |
| McMillan | Sandra Peck/educator; Kellie Terry/volunteer |
| Parkside | Cal Beck/educator; Belinda Johnson/volunteer |
| Viewmont | Pam Hansen/educator; Stacy Otto/volunteer |
| Hillcrest JH | Jennifer Covington/educator; Dana Adams/volunteer |
| Riverview JH | Kathie Webster/educator; Fred Allen/volunteer |
| Murray HS | Leesa Lloyd/educator; Janet Peaden/volunteer |
| District | Connie Amos/educator; Mary Morris/volunteer |

Administrative Changes in Junior Highs

The Murray School Board of Education has approved administrative changes for the upcoming 2009-10 school year in the district's junior high schools. Riverview Junior High School was appointed a new principal following the retirement of the current principal Shauna Ballou. David Dunn will be moving from his current principal position at Hillcrest Junior High to become principal at Riverview Junior High. Jim Bouwman will continue as assistant principal at that school.



Jennifer Covington

Jennifer Covington will transition from assistant principal at Hillcrest Junior High to principal; and Murray High science teacher Scott Wihongi has been promoted to the assistant principal position at HJH. The board has confidence that this is a strong team that will do a good job in leading our junior high students through their transitions from elementary to secondary grades.



Scott Wihongi

Murray High Student Receives High ACT Score MHS 30-Plus Club Members Recognized



Murray High senior Tyler Wilcox received 36 composite score on his ACT College Entrance scoring test. This is the highest composite score possible. He was one of only six students in the entire state this year to attain that score and the first from Murray High for several years. Tyler is active in Debate Club as an event captain, qualified for Congress and placed in the top bracket at the Nationals. His debate coach Britany Wheeler, says, "He is a great critical thinker, which makes him very good in the public forum debate competition." Tyler also ran cross-country track this fall for the

first time and academically carried 3 AP classes, 1 concurrent enrollment and 1 honors class.

Murray High has the "30-Plus Club" in recognition of any student who scores 30 or above on their ACT tests. This represents the top 4% student ACT scores in the nation and with the number of students who qualify to be part of this group at MHS the school has a much higher statistical rate than the nation. Here are this year's MHS 30-Plus members: Alan Brinkerhoff, Monica Draney, Russell Griggs, Ryan Horne, Christian Hunter, Danica Johnson, Jason Lee, David Merchant, Kelsey Owen, Austen Paulsen, Dylan Payne, Susan Peterson, Johnathan Powell, Krista Purser, Jackson Pyle, Zachary Roach, David Rosen, Erik White, Tyler Wilcox and Taylor Yates.



Award recipients at the MHS VIP breakfast.

**6th Annual
MHS Arts Fest**

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**Friday May 15th
The Murray High Plaza
9:00 - 3:00**