



The Murdock Weekly

A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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every child one voice.

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NEWCOMER'S COFFEE & CONVERSATION is for **parents of students in Grades 1-5 who are new to Murdock School**. Your child will bring an invitation home after his/her first group visit with the Counselors who serve their grade level. Newcomer parents will meet on Wednesday, August 26, 8:15-9:15am in the Media Center. You will have a chance to learn more about Murdock and have your questions answered by our administrators or counselors and you will meet our PTA Co-Presidents. Please return the green form to the school counselor who supports your child/ren, Cathy Fogel (K-2) or Jessica Struletz (3-5). We look forward to meeting our 57 new parents!

**RSVP FOR: PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT:
"Olweus Bullying Program" Thursday, August 27, 7:00 pm**

Child's name _____ Grade _____

Name(s) of parents attending: _____

Detach this form and return to Murdock by Wednesday, August 24th

WORD OF THE WEEK! "Respect for Authority" Respect for those individuals who are in positions of responsibility.

WEEK AT A GLANCE...

- 8/19 • School Store (3-5) 7:25-7:50 am
Wed • MESF Pizza Night
• Spirit Day - Wear your Murdock shirt
• No Lunch Visitors
- 8/20 • School Night for Scouting 7pm Cafeteria
Thur • No Lunch Visitors
- 8/21 • School Picture Day
Fri • Spirit Day - DRESS UP!
• No Lunch Visitors
• Chorus Forms Due (4th & 5th Grades)
- 8/24 • Birthday Book Celebration 7:30 am
Mon Media Center
- 8/25 • School Store (K-2) 7:25-7:50 am
Tue

FYI

- ✓ Remember your lunch money!
- ✓ Don't forget school pictures on Friday, 8/21!

❖ **ATTENTION ALL MURDOCK PARENTS!** Information Night, Thurs. Aug. 27, 7-8 pm in the Media Center to learn about our new Olweus Bullying Program. Dr. Patti Agatston, Prevention Intervention Specialist leads the program/discussion to raise parent awareness about this concern. Questions? contact either counselor, Cathy.Fogel@cobbk12.org or Jessica.Struletz@cobbk12.org

❖ **VOLUNTEERS!** - We are very excited to announce our newest classroom volunteer opportunity. Classroom VIP's will come into the classroom once each month for 2 hours and allow teachers "release time" to receive valuable classroom training. Each grade level has requested times for VIP's to come & all activities and materials will be provided. VIP's will work in teams of 2. Dates will be announced each month (September-April). VIP's are required to participate in training. The 1st training date will be on 8/31 at 8 a.m. Support our school and help save \$\$\$\$. Contact your room parent to be included in the schedule. Questions? email Natalie.richman@cobbk12.org or Peggy.fleming@cobbk12.org.

❖ **SUBSTITUTE TEACHING!** - Do you want to be a Cobb County Substitute Teacher? We will be offering training AT MURDOCK on 8/26 at 8 am. This is the only training that will be offered this year. You must RSVP by 8/24 (Noon) to brenda.holmquist@cobbk12.org or call Murdock @ 770-509-5071. When you RSVP, we will give you all the information that you will need to bring with you on 8/26.

❖ **DID YOU KNOW?....**that your PTA membership will pay for itself? Your \$6 membership gives you discounts/coupons from local merchants, discounted tickets to: Hawks & Thrashers games, Fernbank, Atl. History Center, Chattahoochee Nature Center, Zoo Atlanta, and national discounts from Barnes & Noble, MetLife, H-P products, Sharp office products, SW Airlines Vacations, T-mobile (includes EXISTING accounts), and more. Use the login/password on your membership card, and go to: <http://www.georgiapta.org/membership-benefits.html> Still need to join the PTA? Contact your teacher, the school office, or e-mail jnnifrs@bellsouth.net

❖ **NEW CUB SCOUT SIGN-UP!** - Bring your 1st thru 5th grade son to School Night for Scouting in the Murdock Cafeteria on Thurs, 8/20, 7 pm, and learn more about the Cub Scout program. If you can't attend the meeting but wish to join Cub Scouts, contact Cassie Rogers at 770-578-6547 or cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com. This is for NEW sign-up only.

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 8/26 • School Store (3-5) 7:25-7:50 am
Wed • Newcomer Social 8:15 am Media Center
• 5th Grade Book Club
• Substitute Teacher Training (Registration Required) 8:15 am Training Room 1
- 8/27 • MESF Carvel Ice Cream Social 3-6 pm
Thur • Parent Night "Bullying Program" 7-8 pm
- 8/28 • Sunshine Math Sign Up Due (1st-5th)
Fri • Anti-Bullying Kickoff
• MBC
• Murphy's Birthday
• Spirit Day - Wear your Murdock Shirt
- 8/31 • V.I.P. Training (Volunteers in
Mon Partnership) 8:00 am Media Center
- 9/1 • School Store (K-2) 7:25-7:50 am
Tue

School Night for Scouting

Parents, you are invited to attend *School Night for Scouting*
& learn more about Murdock's Cub Scout Pack 815.
This is for **PROSPECTIVE NEW SCOUT PARENTS ONLY** –
CURRENT SCOUTS NEED NOT ATTEND!



Murdock Elementary School Cafeteria
Thursday, August 20, 2009
7:00 p.m.

BSA Atlanta Area Council Foothills District Web Site: www.foothillsbsa.com
For more information, contact Cassie Rogers at 770-578-6547 or cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com



MESF Ice Cream Social!

Come see some of your favorite Murdock Staff scooping Ice Cream and
celebrate Murphy's Birthday!

Thursday, August 27th 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Carvel Ice Cream

Kroger Shopping Center @ Johnson Ferry/Shallowford Rd.

Questions? Contact Patricia Kramer
patricia.kramer@mirant.com or (678) 921-2547

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