



# The Murdock Weekly

## A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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**every child one voice.**

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**SURVEY!** Share feedback to help us plan for our next school year on the CCSD School improvement survey! Click the link (top right corner) at [www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org). Watch for an online school survey during conference week for feedback on Murdock PTA, MESF and school events. **THANK YOU FOR MAKING MURDOCK THE BEST SCHOOL EVER!!!!**

### WORD OF THE WEEK! "Initiative / Effort"

Proactive; thinking and taking action on your own; industry.

### FYI ...

- ✓ Purchase yearbooks online by 2/17 at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)!
- ✓ Complete your online CCSD survey at [www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org)
- ✓ Remember, Conference Week is EARLY RELEASE each day 1/25-1/29!

❖ **WILD ABOUT READING** deadline is A LITTLE OVER ONE WEEK AWAY! Each student who completes 6 hours of recreational reading before February 1, 2010 receives a ticket to participating Six Flags parks. Forms are on Murdock's website. Encourage your child to get wild about reading and reach this goal by February 1, 2010! Feel free to use the NEW e-books to meet the 6-hour Reading Challenge!  
[www.tumblebooklibrary.com](http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com) USER NAME: murdockelem PASSWORD: books

❖ **SEWELL MILL RD**, between Murdock and Johnson Ferry will be closed 1/18/10 through 5/7/10 for road construction and bridge replacement. This WILL affect our buses and commuters. Detour route from Sewell Mill Rd at Murdock Rd will be: Sewell Mill Rd (west) to left on Old Canton Rd (south) to left on Roswell Rd (east) to left on Johnson Ferry Rd (north). Detour route from Sewell Mill Rd at Johnson Ferry Rd will be: Johnson Ferry Rd (south) to right on Roswell Rd (west) to right on Old Canton Rd (north) to right on Sewell Mill Rd (east). For more info, call Cobb County DOT at 770.528.1653.

❖ **PARENTS NEEDED** - We are looking for people to "step up" and volunteer for a variety of leadership opportunities for 2010-11: PTA or MESF board member, PTA or MESF committee chair, School Council member, Room Mom and many other informal roles within the classroom. We want parent leaders that are passionate, committed, organized and invested in school improvement. Please take a few minutes to let us know your level of interest in volunteering at Murdock for the 2010-11 school year at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Murdock\\_Leadership](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Murdock_Leadership). On behalf of the CHILDREN- **THANK YOU!!!!** Murdock could never be the TOP NOTCH school that it is without YOUR HELP!

❖ **SPELLING BEE** - Congratulations to Grant B, for winning the Murdock Spelling Bee on December 18th. Sarah S. is our runner up. Grant will compete in the Cobb County Spelling Bee on January 30. We are proud of all our participants!!!

❖ **CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WRITING** Society of Cobb Co. presents a new program for kids, grades 2-5. Both EXCITED WRITERS and RELUCTANT WRITERS will meet Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 or 4:30-5:30 for 5 weeks beginning Jan. 26. Lori Sugarman, children's creative writing teacher in Cobb County & Roswell facilitates a program to encourage writing opportunities for children's natural imagination. Workshops take place at La Madeleine French Café in the Home Depot Shopping Center on Roswell Rd. Parents may stay during the workshop, or use the hour for local shopping & errands. \$60/5 week session. Info/register: Lori at 770-518-9124, or [infullblume@gmail.com](mailto:infullblume@gmail.com).

❖ **NET CETERA** - The Internet offers students a wealth of opportunities to communicate, socialize, and explore the world. But these benefits come with certain risks. Net Cetera: Chatting with Kids About Being Online is a new guide with practical tips to help parents help their kids navigate the online world. It's produced by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and covers a variety of topics – from cyber bullying to using mobile phones safely. A booklet came home with your student in early January.

❖ **TENNIS DYNAMICS**- After school Spring tennis lessons start Fri. 1/29, 5:15-6:00, Murdock gym. More information call (678) 687-5662 or visit [www.tennisdynamics.net](http://www.tennisdynamics.net).

❖ **BLOOD DRIVE** - Dodgen Middle School hosts a Blood Drive, 1/26, 2:30-7:30pm in the school cafeteria. Contact Marge Cavitt for info at [vicepresident@dodgenpts.org](mailto:vicepresident@dodgenpts.org).

### WEEK AT A GLANCE...

- 1/20 • School Store (3-5) 7:25-7:50 am  
Wed • 5th Grade Book Club 2:30 pm
- 1/21 • 100th Day of School  
Thur
- 1/22 • MBC  
Fri • Spirit Day-wear your Murdock shirt  
• Friday Session Kid Chess Begins
- 1/25 • Birthday Book Celebration 7:30 am  
Mon • Monday Session Kid Chess Begins  
• Murdock online survey begins  
• EARLY RELEASE 12:25 pm
- 1/26 • School Store (3-5) 7:25-7:50 am  
Tues • EARLY RELEASE 12:25 pm

### LOOKING AHEAD...

- 1/27 • School Store (3-5) 7:25-7:50 am  
Wed • EARLY RELEASE 12:25 pm
- 1/28 • EARLY RELEASE 12:25 pm  
Thur
- 1/29 • MBC  
Fri • Spirit Day-wear your Murdock shirt  
• MESF Dollar Doughnuts  
• Teacher FUNRAISER forms due  
• EARLY RELEASE 12:25 pm
- 2/1 • "Wild About Reading" Deadline  
Mon
- 2/2 • Groundhog Day  
Tues • School Store (3-5) 7:25-7:50 am

### WEEK OF 1/11 - 1/15

#### **HOT! HOT! HOT! Classes (0 Absences, 0 Tardies):**

K-None, 1-None, 2-Baker,  
3-None, 4-None, 5-None

#### **HOT! Classes (0 Tardies):**

K-None, 1-None, 2-Lazarus, 3-James,  
4-Rhodes, 5-Parker, Thornton.

## Turn My Coke Rewards Points Into Rewards for Murdock!



We all know education plays a major role in shaping children's lives. That's why Murdock has registered for the *My Coke Rewards for Schools* program. Points are donated by registered My Coke Rewards® members and redeemed for a variety of rewards. By drinking the products that your family enjoys every day, you and your friends & family can donate points to provide Murdock with extra resources like playground equipment, art supplies, sports gear, educational items and much more.

Family, friends and others in the community can support us by signing up for My Coke Rewards® and donating their points to Murdock. The process is very easy.

1. Register to become a My Coke Rewards® member at [www.mycokerewards.com](http://www.mycokerewards.com).
2. Enter codes from your favorite participating My Coke Rewards® products including the 32 packs, 24 packs, 12 packs, 2 liter and 20/32 oz bottles. Enter the My Coke Rewards® code (NOT the UPC Code) found on the inside caps of the bottles or inside the cardboard or shrink wrap packaging.
3. Select the "Donate to Your School" option under "How to Spend Your Points", enter our zip code (30062), and select "Murdock Elem School" to donate your points. Check out Murdock's "Wish List" of items!

Browse the online catalog at [www.mycokerewards.com/schools](http://www.mycokerewards.com/schools) to see all the rewards available and spread the word about the program. Help others become My Coke Rewards® members, and suggest others donate points to Murdock. Please contact Cassie Rogers at 770-578-6547 or [cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com](mailto:cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com) with questions concerning this program.



## BIRTHDAY BOOK PROGRAM

Looking for the perfect way to honor your child's birthday and help the Murdock Elementary School Media Center?

Simply fill out the following information and send it to your child's teacher, along with a check for \$12, made out to the Murdock PTA. Please write "Birthday Book Program" on the memo line.

During a designated month, your child will be invited to a special reception for Birthday Book Program members, where your child can choose a book from a table, and a sticker will be placed in that book, saying that it was donated by your child. At a later date, your child can be the 1st student to check out that book.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle your chosen month for your child's celebration:**

February 22

March 29

April 26  
(Includes April &  
May birthdays)

Why wait? Enroll your child now, and you will be sent an invitation to remind you of the reception in your child's honor.

Note: Birthday Book celebrations are held ONLY on the dates listed above. Questions? Contact Amy Odom at [Amiodom1@yahoo.com](mailto:Amiodom1@yahoo.com), or 770.321.6861. Additional forms may be downloaded from: [www.murdockpta.com](http://www.murdockpta.com)

