



# The Murdock Weekly

## A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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**every child one voice.**

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### WEEK AT A GLANCE...

- 3/3 • School Store (3-5) 7:25-7:50 am  
Wed • 5th Grade Writing Assessment  
• No Lunch Visitors
- 3/4 • PTA Committee Meeting 7:30 am  
Thur • 5th Grade Writing Make-up  
• 3rd grade Performance & Art Show  
Following PTA Meeting 6:30 pm
- 3/5 • MBC  
Fri • Book Fair Grand Opening 5:30-7:30  
• Book Fair Dress Up Day  
• Last day for "Gimme 5 for  
Education Day"
- 3/8 • Book Fair 7:30am-4:00pm  
Mon
- 3/9 • No School Store  
Tues • Book Fair 7:30am-4:00pm  
• GECKO Meeting 2:30  
• School Council 7:00am  
• Book Fair Family  
Fun Night 5:30-7:30 pm

### LOOKING AHEAD...

- 3/10 • No School Store  
Wed • MESF Pizza Night  
• Book Fair 7:30am-4:00pm  
• EARLY RELEASE - 12:25 pm
- 3/11 • Book Fair 7:30am-4:00pm  
Thur • 4th & 5th grade final chorus concert
- 3/12 • No MBC  
Fri • Book Fair 7:30am-11:30am  
• Spirit Day - Wear your Murdock shirt  
• Last day for "Pennies for Patients"
- 3/15 •  
Mon
- 3/16 • School Store (K-2) 7:25-7:50am  
Tues

### WEEK OF 2/22 - 2/26

**HOT! HOT! HOT! Classes (0 Absences,  
0 Tardies):** Harris, 1-Kastner, 5-Parker

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Kantis1-Fleetwood/Case/Bell, Kingery,  
Reibel, 2-Becker, Dobkin, Baker 3-Dang,  
James, McConkey, K.Smith 4-Kells,  
Kranzlein, Reeves, 5-Van Nimwegen

### WORD OF THE WEEK!

**DEDICATION / LOYALTY**  
Sense of commitment and duty.

### FYI ...CRCT dates changed to 4/14-4/20 (makeup days 4/21-23)

- ✓ Make arrangements for 3/10 - EARLY RELEASE - 12:25pm!
  - ✓ Take Murdock's CRCT challenge!
  - ✓ Attend the Tuesday, 3/9 Book Fair Family Fun Night!
  - ✓ Daylight Savings Time is Sunday 3/14 - Set clocks ahead 1 hour!
- ❖ FOR A \$35 DONATION TO MESF the Murdock Marquee is available Apr 5-9 & Apr 12-16 for a birthday or other message! E-mail [cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com](mailto:cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com) if interested.
- ❖ CRCT challenge is NOW through 3/31! Take 20 tests on [www.georgiaoas.com](http://www.georgiaoas.com) to be part of the CHALLENGE. Take 40 tests, and you can be on Murphy's Wall of Fame!!
- ❖ I'M LOST! Please FIND me! - Our lost & found is overflowing! All items marked with the child's name are always returned to their classroom, but unclaimed items will be sent to the Salvation Army **on April 1st**. If you cannot get to the school, send an e-mail to [carolyn.waldrop@cobbk12.org](mailto:carolyn.waldrop@cobbk12.org), give the child's name, his/her teacher's name, & describe the item (color, size, type of clothing, etc.). If the item can be located, it will be returned to your child's classroom. Please ask your kids to check the lost & found one more time!
- ❖ Join MADD and the ATLANTA HAWKS for the 2nd Annual Teen Symposium & Safe Driving Day! Wed., 3/24, 3-5pm at Philips Arena, followed by the Hawks and Magic tip off at 7pm. \$20/person, registration deadline MONDAY, MARCH 1. Its not too late to sign up!!! Please call 404-878-3463 for more information!!
- ❖ Friday, 3/5 is "GIMME 5 FOR EDUCATION" DAY in our schools!! New this year, your school receives a portion of what you raise!! All schools participating receive 25% of what is collected at your school. Schools with 75% of staff & students participating will receive 50% of what is collected at your school!! Help local schools meet local needs. The past 5 years, the Cobb Schools Foundation has provided \$30,000 in ASP scholarships to students in-need, \$80,000 in grants to Cobb County teachers and \$120,000 in college scholarships to graduating seniors in our high schools. "Gimme 5 for Education" campaign helps fund these programs, and much more! Raise \$5 for each student and employee in Cobb County School District. Give a little, help a lot!
- ❖ CONGRATULATIONS to the 253 students still working on their Sunshine Math packets! You are only ONE packet away from finishing! Way to go!!
- ❖ PENNIES FOR PATIENTS! 3/8-3/12 Send your spare change to the classroom to help the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society provide patient services & research to find cures for leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, Hodgkin's and non-Hodgkin's diseases.
- ❖ POPE HS ELECTRONICS RECYCLING & "on-site" document shredding. Sat., 3/13, 9am-4pm (rain or shine). Min donation, \$10. Shredding \$5/file storage box, TV's \$5.00 Ea. (Sorry, there is no demand for old TV's), Drop off equipment at Pope High School, 3001 Hembree Road. Questions? Contact Brad Roberts 770-565-1194 [nilesrob@gmail.com](mailto:nilesrob@gmail.com)
- ❖ THANK YOU TO EVERYONE for the quick and generous shoe donations! We collected 246 pair of shoes in a very short time for the people of Haiti! What a win/win effort for everyone!
- ❖ TRUE BLUE SCHOOLS Program - Through this exciting new program, Georgia Natural Gas will donate \$40 to Murdock for every CURRENT and NEW customer who enrolls and picks Murdock as their school of choice. AND, Georgia Natural Gas will pay an additional \$5 per month for each month that person stays a customer of Georgia Natural Gas. That's a total of \$100 per customer in just one year! It takes only seconds to sign up at: [www.trueblueschools.com](http://www.trueblueschools.com). Let's see how many Murdock families and staff members we can enroll!

## **COUNSELOR TALK: Make time to listen. Take time to talk.**

**By Cathy Fogel and Jessica Struletz, Murdock Elementary School Counselors**

MARCH CHARACTER WORDS: COMMITMENT, COURTESY/CIVILITY, DEDICATION/LOYALTY, RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, LEADERSHIP

- Do you know what commitment means? Ask your parents and then discuss how you show that you are committed to finish what you start. Do you stick with things even when it gets hard or do you try to quit?
- Give an example of a time when someone or you showed leadership. Were you proud of yourself? How do your parents show leadership at home or at work? Do you respect others when they show leadership? If you could sit down with the president of the United States and give him advice, what would that be?
- Why is it important to respect the environment? How can you help at home and at school? Do you know what the Murdock GECKO Club does to help Murdock?

Dear Parents and Families,

You are invited to our Scholastic Book Fair, an exciting, fun-filled event for students and families! Please stop by for our Grand Opening on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30pm or during Book Fair Week, March 8<sup>th</sup> – March 12<sup>th</sup> to see what we've cooked up!

A Book Fair connects students with books at affordable prices and makes reading a positive experience. Children are more likely to read the books they personally get to choose. It's one of the best ways to get more kids reading and kids reading more.

Besides making reading a family affair, our book fair supports Murdock's Media Center programs, including guest authors, exciting new books, database subscriptions, and curriculum support. We are able to do so much more for our students thanks to family and community support.

Thanks in advance to our dedicated PTA Book Fair volunteers! They work tirelessly to make the week a special time for students and families.

Please join us to make this Book Fair the BEST our school has ever seen. I look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair Diner!

Sincerely,

Barbara Schmidt  
Media Specialist

### ***Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read***

3/8 – 3/11 Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

3/12 Friday morning 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Special Events: Friday's Grand Opening, 3/5, 5:30-7:30pm  
Tuesday's Family Fun Night, 3/9, 5:30 – 7:30pm

