



The Murdock Weekly

A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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every child one voice.

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**CRCT challenge is NOW through 3/31! at www.georgiaoas.com.
Take 20 tests to be part of the challenge, 40 tests, and you can be on Murphy's Wall of Fame!!**

WEEK AT A GLANCE...

- 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
6:30pm in Murdock's cafeteria
- 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

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 3/17 • School Store (3-5) 7:25-7:50am
Wed • St. Patrick's Day
- 3/18 • MESF Board Meeting 6:30pm
Thur
- 3/19 • MBC
Fri • MESF Dollar Doughnuts
• Spirit Day - Wear your Murdock shirt
• Report cards sent home
- 3/22
Mon •
- 3/23 • School Store (K-2) 7:25-7:50am
Tues

WEEK OF 3/1 - 3/5

HOT! HOT! HOT! Classes
(0 Absences, 0 Tardies): K Eubanks 1-None, 2-None, 3-None, 4-None, 5-None

HOT! Classes (0 Tardies): Harris, K-None 1-Kingery, Lane 2-None 3-Dang 4-None 5-Contat, Parker

WORD OF THE WEEK!
RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
The conservation and care of your surroundings and planet earth.

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

- ✓ Check the Lost & Found for missing items BEFORE April 1st!
 - ✓ Daylight Savings Time is Sunday 3/14 - Set clocks ahead 1 hour!
 - ✓ Send in your Pennies for Patients by Friday 3/12!
 - ✓ Book Fair ends Friday 3/12 at 11:30am!
- ❖ 4th & 5th GRADE FINAL CHORUS CONCERT - This Thursday, March 11, 6:30pm, in Murdock's Cafeteria. All Murdock families are welcome to attend! Admission is FREE!
- ❖ TEST ANXIETY? Come find out strategies to help reduce your child's worry and/or stress during CRCT testing! The counselors will help you support your student(s) during CRCT week. Thursday, March 18, 8:15am, in the Murdock Teacher's lounge. For questions or other information, contact the school counselors, Cathy Fogel or Jessica Struletz at 770-509-5071. We look forward to seeing you!
- ❖ THANKS!!! To all parents and students for making our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser such a HUGE success. We set our goal at \$4000.00 and with your support, we raised \$10,162.25!!!! This AMAZING response could not have done this without YOU!!!! Join us for the Jump Rope event March 11-12 in the gym during normal specials times. THANKS AGAIN FOR MAKING THIS FUND-RAISER AMAZING...MURDOCK ROCKS!! ~ Marc Renna, Murdock Physical Education Teacher
- ❖ RISING 6th GRADE DODGEN STUDENTS - Dodgen PTSA sponsors a Parent Get-Together, Tuesday March 16, 9:15-10:30 a.m. at La Madeline in Providence Square Meet principal, Robin Lattizori & current Dodgen parents, to ask questions about middle school. Questions? contact Stephanie Holden at parentinvolvement@dodgenptsa.org.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE! Friday, April 30, Murdock's SPRING FLING!! Come experience fun for the whole family with all of your Murdock friends. Murdock's PTA sponsors this yearly school festival with games, inflatables, crafts, and more!! Admission is ABSOLUTELY FREE for the entire family!!! Bring a picnic, or purchase a **Varsity meal** at the event. There will also be **carts selling funnel cakes, cotton candy and Rita's shaved ice!** (No meal prepurchases this year!) Watch for more details in the April edition of the Murdock Weekly newsletter! Questions: Dana Mizelle d3mizelle@msn.com
- ❖ AND, Everyone is invited to help clean-up the grounds at Murdock on Sat. 5/1 (weather-permitting), 8:30-9:30am, following the 4/30 Spring Fling event. No heavy work! A great opportunity for community service projects for scouts, or families who want to help support our school! Questions? Donna Sprecher djsprecher@earthlink.net 770-973-1975
- ❖ MURDOCK-SPONSORED CUB SCOUT PACK 815 will have a nonperishable food drive, commemorating BSA's 100 Years of Scouting. Our Pack supports Marietta's Storehouse Ministries, and food will be collected in the large white bin in the Murdock lobby March 12-19. Suggested items: peanut butter, jello, canned vegetables, canned meat, granola bars, canned soup, spaghetti, cereal, pop tarts, oatmeal, crackers, cookies, boxed juice, macaroni & cheese, cornmeal, rice, sugar and flour. Thank you for your support to our community. Questions: contact cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com

❖ EARTH DAY IS 4/22. To recognize Earth Day, we are holding 2 recycling drives:

➔ Nike Reuse-a-Shoe Drive: A large Nike collection bin will be in Murdock's lobby. Any brand of worn out, non-metal athletic shoe are accepted (no sandals, flip-flops, or cleats). They will be recycled into Nike Grind, a material used to make athletic & playground surfaces, and other Nike products.

➔ Cartridges for Kids: Spring contest, 3/22-4/23, send in your ink cartridges, cell phones, laptops, iPods, and PDAs. Ask friends, family, neighbors and local businesses to donate too! Bring items to the bookshelf near the Murdock office, in a bag labeled with child's and teacher's name. If we collect 100 cell phones, the classroom donating the most items receives \$50 for a celebration or to make a purchase for their classroom. Questions on the recycling drives, contact cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com.

MEDIA CENTER PARENT SURVEY ~ Please take a moment to fill out this survey, & return it to homeroom teachers. Your input is needed as we strive to continually improve the Media Center program and meet the needs of our students.

1. Does your child enjoy his/her visits to the Media Center? _____
2. Does your child visit the Media Center as often as he/she likes? _____
3. Does your child receive prompt and courteous help from the Media staff? _____
4. Do you have computer access at home? _____
5. Which sites do you typically use to assist your child with research? _____
6. How often do you use the Cobb Virtual Library? _____
7. Which resources do you find most helpful in the Cobb Virtual Library? _____
8. Do you and/or your student know where to find the CVL passwords? _____
9. Are you aware that you can use Destiny (our library catalog) at home to help your child select books from our media center? _____
10. Are you aware that Destiny also contains a web search function that returns web pages evaluated by professionals? _____
11. What features of the library are most helpful to you and your child? _____
12. Please provide suggestions as to how we can make the library program more effective. _____

Thank you for your help!

BIRTHDAY BOOK PROGRAM
CELEBRATE SUMMER BIRTHDAYS & HONOR YOUR 5th GRADER !!

April 26 will be the last Birthday Book Program Celebration for the year. If your child has a summer birthday, celebrate it at this time or wait until the Fall. NEW THIS YEAR...the April celebration will feature a NEW program to honor our graduating 5th graders!!

FOR MARCH OR APRIL BIRTHDAYS: 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.

The last Monday of March or April, your child will be invited to a special reception for Birthday Book Program members. Your child can choose a book, and a sticker will be placed in that book, stating that it was donated by your child. At a later date, your child can be the 1st student to check out that book.

NEW THIS YEAR! Donate a book to honor 5th graders graduating from Murdock. He or she will choose the book at our 4/26 celebration. A label will be placed in it which reads, " *In honor of (your child's name) Graduating class of 2010*". Fill out the Birthday Book Program form and write "Legacy" on the form where it asks for your child's birth date, and include the \$12 payment. All forms are due by 4/16. Your child will be remembered at Murdock for years to come!

Child's Name: _____

Child's Birth Date: _____

Child's Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Place a check mark next to your chosen month for your child's celebration:

____ March 29 ____ April 26 (Includes April, May, Summer birthdays AND 5th Grade legacy students)

Note: Birthday Book celebrations are held ONLY on the dates listed above. Questions? Contact Amy Odom at Amyodom1@yahoo.com, or 770.321.6861. Additional forms may be downloaded from: www.murdockpta.com