



# 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](http://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...

- 3/17 • 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

### LOOKING AHEAD...

- 3/24 • School Store (3-5) 7:25-7:50am  
Wed • 5th Grade Book Club 2:30pm
- 3/25 •  
Thur
- 3/26 • MBC  
Fri • Spirit Day - Wear your class t-shirt  
• 5th grade Panoramic photo day
- 3/29 • Birthday Book Celebration 7:30am  
Mon
- 3/30 • School Store (K-2) 7:25-7:50am  
Tues

### WORD OF THE WEEK!

**MOTIVATION** - The desire to move towards a goal.

### WEEK OF 3/8 - 3/12

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

**HOT! Classes (0 Tardies):**  
K-Kantis 1-Kastner, Kingery 2-Bell 3-None  
4-Kranzlein 5-Parker, Van Nimwegen

### CRCT dates: 4/14-4/20 (makeup days 4/21-23)

#### FYI ...

- ✓ Check the Lost & Found for missing items BEFORE Thursday, April 1st!
  - ✓ Send in Food Drive products by Friday, March 19!
  - ✓ Sign up for Parents Night Out by Wednesday, March 24!
- ❖ **TEST ANXIETY?** Learn strategies to help reduce your child's worry/stress during CRCT testing! Thurs., 3/18, 8:15am, Murdock Teacher's lounge. Questions/info: school counselors, Cathy Fogel or Jessica Struletz at 770-509-5071
- ❖ **2010-2011 CLASS PLACEMENT** letters are on Murdock's website. Many factors are considered when placing each child. To give specific input into your child's placement, print out the form and send it to your classroom teacher or the Murdock office by April 13. No e-mails please, spam-blockers can sometimes prevent document transmission.
- ❖ **EVALUATE THE MEDIA CENTER** to improve its program by completing a short survey @ <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MediaCenter> or go to the Media Center blog and click on the survey link there. Thank you, parents, for your input!!
- ❖ **BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED!!** for MESF's Used Book Sale at the Spring Fling on 4/30. Bring book donations to the white collection bin in the front lobby. We accept both children's & adult books, CD's, DVDs, books on tape, etc.. All donated items will be sold for \$1, benefitting MESF. Questions or to volunteer to help [jennpalmer123@comcast.net](mailto:jennpalmer123@comcast.net).
- ❖ **ATTN PARENTS OF RISING 6TH GRADERS** attending Hightower Trail Middle School: There are a few spaces left in Hightower's fun, one-day Husky 101 Camp session, 6/7, 6/14, or 6/21. Registration form at [www.huskyfoundation.org](http://www.huskyfoundation.org). Send both payment and form to reserve a space. Questions? E-mail [pcohen1017@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcohen1017@bellsouth.net)
- ❖ **TRUE BLUE SCHOOLS** - Georgia Natural Gas donates \$40 to Murdock for each new customer, and \$5/month for each existing customer who registers and lists Murdock as their preferred school. Sign up and support Murdock at [www.trueblueschools.com](http://www.trueblueschools.com)
- ❖ **EASTERN COBB COUNCIL PTA** hosts a Community Health Fair, 3/21, 2-5pm at the Mountain View Community Ctr, 3400 Sandy Plains Rd. Cholesterol screening & blood drive, teen defensive driving, yoga, easy recycling, self-defense, babysitting certification, water conservation/home gardening, internet safety, trivia/scavenger hunt for kids, Open-Air Market, & more! Park at the Mtn. View Aquatic Ctr, Senior Ctr, library, or the school.
- ❖ **"HUSKY HUSTLE"**, 4/17 at Hightower Trail MS. 1 mile fun run, 8am, and 5K race, 8:30am. Students to age 18/\$12, adults/\$15. **ALL runners** will receive a "Husky Hustle" T-shirt. Forms/info at: <http://www.cobbk12.org/HightowerTrail/>.
- ❖ **POPE JR VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS**(current 5th, 6th, 7th grades) for 2010 Team & Clinic May 10th-13th. Clinic includes 4th & 8th graders too. This will be the **ONLY** tryout! Register at [www.popevolleyball.net](http://www.popevolleyball.net). Questions? [jennifer.weber@cobbk12.org](mailto:jennifer.weber@cobbk12.org)
- ❖ **POPE HS BOYS SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS**-June 7-10, June 28-July 1, July 19-22. For info contact Coach Abney @ [patrick.abney@cobbk12.org](mailto:patrick.abney@cobbk12.org) or 770-578-7920.
- ❖ **WALTON JR FOOTBALL**- for rising 5th & 6th graders, register 4/17, 10-2pm & 4/8, 2-4pm at Walton HS, Field House. First practice is 4/26. Info: [www.raidersfb6.com](http://www.raidersfb6.com)
- ❖ **CUB SCOUT PACK 815's** nonperishable food drive (3/12-19) supports Storehouse Ministries. Canned/dried food donations may be sent in with your student, or placed in the white bin in Murdock's lobby. Questions? [cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com](mailto:cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com)
- ❖ **NIKE REUSE-a-SHOE-DRIVE:** Nike collection bin is in Murdock's lobby. Any brand of worn out non-metal athletic shoe accepted (no sandals, flip-flops, or cleats). Shoes are recycled into Nike Grind, a material used to make athletic & playground surfaces.
- ❖ **CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS:** Spring contest, 3/22-4/23, bring ink cartridges, cell phones, cell phones, laptops, iPods, and PDAs to the bookshelf near Murdock's office, in a bag labeled with child's and teacher's name

# PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

**When: Friday, Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

**Where: Pope High School (3001 Hembree Road) Cafeteria (enter left side of school)**

**Hosted By: Pope High School Interact Club (Sponsor: Pam Kretzmer)**



The Pope High School Interact Club (a community service based organization sponsored by the Rotary Club) is offering a **BABYSITTING** service! Parents, it's your chance go out and have some fun while your kids play with Pope students! The night will be fun filled with dinner, snacks, movies, activities, games in the gym and more. If you are interested, please fill out the lower half of this form and return to **THE MAIN OFFICE** at your child's school, or the Pope main office, no later than March 24<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$20 for one child, \$25 for two or \$30 for three or more children. Children must be in grades K-5 but potty trained siblings are allowed. You must prepay to reserve your spot! Limit, first 40 responses. Make checks payable to Pope HS. Refunds require a 24 hour cancellation notice. All proceeds go toward our local and international service initiatives.

Questions? Please contact our club sponsor Pam Kretzmer at (7) 578-7918 or email: pam.kretzmer@cobbk12.org

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Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions and/or Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Please have your valid photo ID available when picking up your child.**
- **Please pick up your child(ren) on time.**
- **Remember to turn in form by 3/24 so the club can plan for food, etc.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in activities provided by the Interact Club of Pope High School. I acknowledge that Pope High School will not be held liable in the event of any accident or injury involving my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_