



The Murdock Weekly

A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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every child one voice.

March 24, 2010

CRCT dates: 4/14-4/20
Makeup days 4/21- 4/23

WEEK OF 3/15 - 3/19

HOT! HOT! HOT! Classes (0 Absences, 0 Tardies): None
HOT! Classes (0 Tardies): K-None 1-None, 2-Dobkin, Lazarus 3-Bold 4-None 5-Parker

WORD OF THE WEEK! "LEADERSHIP" The ability to take on every task with a sense of purpose and caring for those around them.

WEEK AT A GLANCE...

- 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

FYI ...

- ✓ Hand in your CRCT challenge forms by Wednesday, March 31!
- ✓ Sign up for "Parents Night Out" by Wednesday, March 24!
- ✓ Send in your 2010-2011 Class Placement Letters by April 13!

❖ APRIL is NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. Safepath Children's Advocacy Center invites you to the Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick Off, 736 Whitlock Ave. Suite 600, on 4/1, 8:30am. RSVP to crystalrosser.safepath@cobbcounty.org

❖ LAST CHANCE to claim Lost & Found items is Wednesday, March 31!! On April 1, all unclaimed property will be sent to the Salvation Army. Please check one last time!

❖ THANK YOU !! to the 2009-2010 PTA officers for their time and dedication to our Murdock students and families: Donna Sprecher, Stephanie Freitas, Jenny Smith, Gaye Cross & Lisa Rowling. For 2010-2011, we welcome Nicole Williams & Missy Benjamin as Co-Presidents, Tracy Lacasella will return and will work with Lisa Hatch & Jennifer Katz as VP's. Rebekah Moshiri will be secretary and Sharon Hembree will serve as a treasurer.

❖ PARENTS' HELP IS NEEDED and greatly appreciated in our media center, 7:30-8:00am ANY DAY OF THE WEEK, & various shifts ANY Thursday or Friday. Parent volunteers scan & shelve library books, and assist students with their book searches. Come in once a month, once a week, or whenever your schedule permits! Contact Paulette Church at gpaulette@yahoo.com or 770-321-1471 to support our Media Center!

❖ CONGRATULATIONS to 3rd grader Christopher L!! Christopher attended the state PTA Reflections award ceremony at the High Museum, and placed FIRST in photography in the intermediate division (3rd, 4th, 5th graders). He now advances to the national PTA contest, representing Murdock and the state of Georgia. Way to go Christopher!!!

❖ THANK YOU for your generosity in the "Pennies for Patients" drive. \$3049 will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma society for research & patient services. Murdock can not accept any more donations toward this program for 2010

❖ BOOK DONATIONS STILL NEEDED for MESF's Used Book Sale at the 4/30 Spring Fling event. Please bring children's & adult's books, CD's, DVD's, & books on tape to the white collection bin in Murdock's lobby. Donated items will be sold for \$1, benefitting MESF.

❖ SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE IS EXTENDED TO 3/26. Pack 815's nonperishable food drive for Storehouse Ministries requests donations of: peanut butter, canned meat, soup, or vegetables, cereal, pasta, crackers, sugar, cornmeal, rice, flour, etc. to be sent in, or placed in the white bin in Murdock's lobby. Thank you for your support.

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 3/31 • School Store (3-5) 7:25-7:50am
Wed • New Kindergarten Registration
- 4/1 • PTA Committee Meeting 7:30am
Thur
- 4/2 • MBC
Fri • Spirit Day - Wear your class t-shirt
• Sunshine Math Cycle 4 Due
• Murphy's CRCT Extravaganza
- 4/5 • SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL !!
Thru 4/9
- 4/12 • Back to School!
Mon
- 4/13 • School Store (K-2) 7:25-7:50am
Tue • GECKO last Meeting 2:30
• School Council Meeting - Noon

Counselor Talk - Make time to listen. Take time to talk.

By Cathy Fogel and Jessica Struletz, Murdock Guidance Counselors

March Character Words: Commitment, Courtesy/Civility, Dedication/Loyalty, Respect for the Environment, Leadership

► Do you know what commitment means? Ask your parents, 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 you or someone else 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?

- ❖ DODGEN SPRING PLAY - "Cinderstein", a hilarious twist on the classic fairy tale! 3/26 & 3/27 @ 7:30pm at Dodgen. Reserve \$7 tickets at kloess@bellsouth.net .
- ❖ POPE SUMMER SOCCER CAMP - for 5-13 year olds. June 21-25, \$100 per player. Info and registration: www.popesoccer.org.
- ❖ POPE GIRLS JR BASKETBALL CAMP - June 21-24, 9am-4pm, ages 7-15. For more info and camp registration, download the forms at www.popejrbasketball.com.
- ❖ 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 . Questions? 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 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
- ❖ WALTON GARAGE SALE, 3/27, 8am-3pm. Books, clothing, electronics, furniture, sports/fitness equipment, household items, garden tools, toys; sale benefits Walton HS Band.



Celebrate Earth Day and Recycle!



To help commemorate Earth Day on April 22nd, we are conducting a **Cartridges for Kids (CFK)** Contest through April 23. Inkjet, laser, fax and copier cartridges (no toner bottles or ribbon cartridges), cell phones, laptops, palm pilots, digital cameras, game consoles, DVD games, GPS and iPods (including power cords and accessories) will be accepted. If we collect at least **100** cell phones OR generate \$200 in proceeds during the contest, the Murdock classroom with the most points at the end of the contest will receive **\$50** toward a class celebration, or to purchase something special for their classroom. The runner-up classroom will receive a special item from Murdock's **My Coke Rewards for Schools** wish list. **NOTE:** Please remember to register to become a My Coke Rewards® member at www.mycokerewards.com, and donate your **My Coke Rewards** points to Murdock!

Ask friends, family, neighbors, parent's work, doctor/dentist offices, banks and local businesses to donate, and bring your items to school in a bag **CLEARLY LABELED** with the child AND teacher's name and drop them on/near the bookshelf down the hall adjacent to the office before **April 23**. Items are assigned the following point values:

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| Laser Cartridges: | 1 point |
| Inkjet Cartridges: | 1 point |
| DVD Movies: | 1 point |
| Digital Cameras: | 5 points |
| iPods: | 5 points |
| PDA's/Palm Pilots: | 10 points |
| Global Positioning Systems: | 10 points |
| Laptops: | 10 points |
| Video Game Consoles: | 10 points |
| Cell Phones: | 15 points |

Last year, the CFK program earned over **\$900** for our school – roughly the amount of money needed to purchase 60 dictionaries for 3rd grade. For more information, please contact Cassie Rogers at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com or visit www.cartridgesforkids.com to learn how to become a business sponsor and to see what specific cartridges are accepted and/or the amount of money that Murdock receives for each item.



Spring Clean & Donate your old Athletic Shoes!

Start your spring cleaning and bring in your family's worn out athletic shoes. A large black Nike Reuse-a-shoe collection bin is located in the Murdock lobby adjacent to the large white bin until April 23. Any brand of non-metal athletic shoe will be accepted, but no sandals, flip-flops, or cleats. The shoes we recycle for Nike will be turned into Nike Grind which is a material used in making athletic and playground surfaces, as well as some Nike products. Since 1990, Nike has recycled over 21 million pairs of shoes and used the foam, fabric and rubber to make sport surfaces for kids worldwide. Questions: please contact Cassie Rogers at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com.