



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...

5/5 • School Store (3-5) 7:25-7:50am
Wed • Cinco De Mayo
• New Kindergarten Sneak-a-Peek

5/6 • PTA breakfast meeting 7:30am
Thur

5/7 • No MBC
Fri • Spirit Day-Wear your Murdock shirt
• 5th Grade Field Trip

5/10 • Volunteer Appreciation Week
Mon • Monday Kid Chess Trophy Day

5/11 • School Store (K-2) 7:25-7:50am
Tue

LOOKING AHEAD...

5/12 • School Store (3-5) 7:25-7:50am
Wed • Spirit Day at East Lake Chick-Fil-A,
5-8pm, wear black & white

5/13 • Field Day Opening Ceremonies
Thur • K-2 Field Day
• MESF Board Meeting 6:30pm

5/14 • MBC
Fri • MESF Dollar Doughnuts
• 3-5 Field Day
• Spirit Day-wear your class t-shirt
• Friday Kid Chess Trophy Day

5/17 • 5th Grade Picnic
Mon • Author's Circle

5/18 • No School Store
Tue • Author's Circle

Counselor Talk

Make time to listen. Take time to talk.
Character Words: Wisdom & Character

Superheroes show character traits. Have you nominated someone else? What does it mean to show good character in everyday life? Do your parents/guardians show good examples of character? How can their good character help you to change your behavior?

How much wisdom did you gain this year? Is wisdom more than what you learn in class?

Ask a grandparent how he/she would describe wisdom.

HOT! HOT! HOT! (0 Absences, 0 Tardies): Harris 2-Lazarus

HOT! Classes (0 Tardies): K-Eubanks, Kantis, McKenzie 1-Kastner, Kingery, Moore, Reibel 2-Baker, Bell, Dobkin 3-James 5- Davis

WORD OF THE WEEK! CHARACTER

Reflect on your Understanding (Thinking), Caring About (Feeling), and Acting Upon (Behavior) in becoming a good example of positive character this year. A summary.

FYI ...

- ✓ Remember your lunch money!
- ✓ Check the lost & found for missing items!
- ✓ For Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, thank a Murdock employee for making a difference!

❖ **SPANISH PROGRAM** - After careful assessment of historic economic conditions along with Murdock community feedback and current curriculum demands, the MESF board of directors has voted not to support the Spanish program for the 2010-11 school year. Spanish has enriched our curriculum the past five years and we thank all those who worked so hard to make this program successful, especially Sra. Georgiou and Sra. Curry. You will be missed. Currently the MESF board is evaluating curriculum needs brought on by budget cuts. The board is working to determine where the remaining funds will best be spent in order to maintain the level of excellence that Murdock students and parents have come to expect. We will keep the Murdock community apprised of all decisions that are made and as always, we thank you for your support and welcome your feedback.

❖ **ALL MURDOCK LIBRARY BOOKS** are due back by this Friday, May 7. The Media Center needs all checked out materials turned in so that we have time to complete our inventory. Thank you parents for helping students meet this important due date by Friday!

❖ **MURDOCK'S 1st SPRING FLING** was held on April 30. Over 1000 people attended! The event was a huge success thanks to co-chairs Dana Mizelle & Joyce Kiernan. As we plan for school year 2010-2011, we would love your feedback! Please answer a short survey about this event at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Spring_Fling (or click the link on the Murdock website). Thank you parents for a night of fun, and for your input!

❖ **CHICK-FIL-A Spirit Night!** Join us on Wednesday, May 12 from 5-8 pm for a fun-filled night at the East Lake Chick-Fil-A. You don't want to miss some of Murdock's teachers and staff being dunked in the Dunk Tank!! Enjoy some dinner while raising funds for MESF! Mark your calendar...more information to follow soon!

❖ **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!** If you would like to be a Room Parent for the 2010-2011 school year, please email your name to Sally Allison at murdockmama@msn.com.

❖ **WANTED: Kid Chess parent helper** for 2010-2011. Receive 1st hour Monday chess for your child for FREE! Work 2:20-3:35pm on Mondays. NO chess experience necessary. If interested, please e-mail Missy Benjamin at missy_benjamin@yahoo.com.

❖ **ATTENTION 5th GRADERS** attending Hightower Trail: Purchase books for summer reading lists at Hightower's book fair, 8:30am-5pm daily, May 10-14 in the 8th Grade Commons. Printed copies of the Summer Reading Lists are available at the Fair.

❖ **THANK YOU** Post Oak Recreation Association, 3499 Post Oak Tritt Rd, who will host a 5th grade pool party event. Details will be sent home with 5th graders. For info on the swim/tennis facility visit www.postoakrecreation.com or Chris Disser @ 770-321-4543.

❖ **DOGWOOD COTILLION 2010/2011!** Register rising 5th & 6th Graders at www.dogwoodcotillion.com/schedule.htm or contact patricia.kramer@mirant.com (678) 641-0969, amyodom1@yahoo.com, or missy_benjamin@yahoo.com (770) 977-5421 by 5/18.

murphy's Travel Blog

Murphy is becoming quite the globe trotter these days!
He even has his own travel blog!

If you haven't already checked it out, then check it out using the following web address: http://murdock10.typepad.com/murphys_travels/
On his blog you can find out about his most recent adventures as he traveled all over the world with Murdock staff & their families over Spring Break. Now Murphy is ready to begin making his summer vacation plans!

*Do you want to take (mini)Murphy
on vacation this summer?*

Applications are now being accepted! If selected a parent will need to sign out & pick up a Murphy in the front office between Fri., May 21st & Tue., June 15th. Summer office hours will be M-Th from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Families taking Murphy on vacation will need to take a picture of him with the children in the family & send in it an email to Murphy's Travel Blog. Simple directions for how to do this will be provided when a Murphy is signed out.

Cut off application below & return to the front office on or before Wed., May 19th at 8:00 am.

The _____ Family would like to take Murphy on our summer trip to _____ (one or more places). We know that we must take great care of him and make sure he doesn't get lost. He doesn't like water much as he is not a very good swimmer. We know we have to be sure and take a photo of him with the children in our family and send it in an email to Murphy's Travel Blog using the simple directions we will be provided with. Print names (and teachers) of all Murdock Students in your family:

Signature: _____

Date: _____