

The Murdock Weekly

A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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Week at a Glance

- 8/12 Monday • **TONIGHT!!** Back to School Barbecue 6:15–8:15 Ride Shuttle from Hightower
- 8/15 Monday • PTA Newsletter deadline
- 8/16 Tuesday • 7:27–7:50 School Store open for K-2
- 8/17 Wednesday • 7:27–7:50 School Store open for 3-5
• 6:30-8PM PTA Mtg/Open House (3-5)
- 8/18 Thursday • 6:30-8PM PTA Mtg/Open House (K-2)
- 8/19 Friday • Chorus Forms Due

Looking Ahead...

- 8/22 • 4th Grade Chorus Begins
- 8/24 • 2:45-4:45PM YMCA Skating Party
- 8/25 • 5th Grade Chorus Begins
• 7PM School Night for Scouting
- 8/26 • MBC Begins
• PTA Volunteer/Welcome Back Coffee

Back to School Picnic

Rain or shine, come and celebrate our fantastic first week back to school!

Friday, August 12th 6:15-8:15 PM

Murdock Elementary Track/field or Gym

Music and entertainment from Dano the DJ.

Food from Varsity Jr to purchase..... or bring your own.

Don't forget your chairs and blankets.

Please park at Hightower and ride the shuttle buses.

Parent Checklist

- √ Sign and return the white form that was a part of the Cobb County folder ASAP

FYI!

- ❖ Take a look at the exciting Sally Foster catalog! Prizes are awarded to everyone who participates. Sell \$450 and win a trip on The Fur Bus! If you have trouble registering for Sally Foster online, drop the first 0. You may have two sellers in one family and one seller will register with a 0 and the other without. Good Luck and SELL SELL SELL!
- ❖ School Store will be open on Tuesday 8/16 and Wednesday 8/17 from 7:25-7:55 to sell **BASIC** school supplies and recorders. Normal school store operations will begin on Tuesday 8/30 for K-2 and Wednesday 8/31 for 3-5.
- ❖ Don't forget to order your NEW Murdock Spiritwear! Sale runs until 8/19. Additional order forms are outside the Front Office. Fill it out and put it in the Spiritwear PTA mailbox in the media lab.
- ❖ Murdock's 1st skating party this year will be Wed, 8/24 from 2:45-4:45 at the Northeast Cobb YMCA, 3010 Johnson Ferry Road. Bring your skates, as you will not be able to rent them at the facility. Also, bring your completed coloring sheet for a chance to win a prize! Classes with the best attendance win the "Golden Skate Award". The cost is \$1.00 for members, \$3.50 for non-members. See you there!
- ❖ **School Night for Scouting – New Cub Scout Sign Up!** Bring your 1st-5th grade son to the cafeteria on Thursday, 8/25, at 7PM to learn about the Murdock-sponsored Cub Scout Pack 815. Monthly Pack meetings are Tuesdays at 7PM. If you can't come but want info, call Cassie Rogers, 770-578-6547, or e-mail cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com. (Returning Scouts need not attend.)
- ❖ Murdock PTA Volunteer Welcome Back Coffee-- We want YOU! The annual Murdock PTA Volunteer coffee will be held on Friday 8/26 from 9:30-11AM in the Media Center. Find out what volunteer opportunities exist for YOU within the PTA! Come & volunteer for the PTA- the Nation's largest child advocacy group! Meet the officers, chairs, & new friends! Everyone is welcome!
- ❖ Kindergarten and First Grade invite children and parents of all ages to **CALICO CREAMERY** on **THURSDAY, 9/1 from 3-6PM**. Your favorite kindergarten and 1st grade teachers will be there meeting, greeting, and scooping up delicious ice cream flavors for you More details to come!

Word of the Week

Respect for Others – Concern for and motivation to act for the welfare of others.

AUGUST PHONEBOOK RECYCLING

Most of us have received our new 2005/06 Cobb County phonebooks so gather up your old phonebooks and bring them on over to Murdock to be recycled. The Environmental and Recycling Committee is collecting phonebooks throughout the month of August. You may bring them with you when you come to Open House or any other time in August. Thank you for helping make our community a cleaner place to live.

STRANGER DANGER

Due to the strong turnout and interest in the Stranger Danger Parent Ed Night last spring, the PTA is sponsoring a Stranger Danger Kid Safety Night in the Media Center on Tuesday, 8/30 from 6-8PM. This year's compelling program, designed for children and their families, will provide helpful information including tactics and resources that can help ensure your child's safety. We are in need of volunteers to help with the event. Please contact Lisa Waller at 770.321.0782 or lisawaller@hotmail.com for more information or to help.

Birthday Book Program

Please consider honoring your child's birthday by making a book donation to the Media Center. You may choose from a book from the Birthday Book Wish List (on the PTA website or outside the office), fill out the order form, and send it in with your child. On the month of his/her birthday, he/she will be invited to a celebration in the Media Center at 7:30AM, where goodie bags are handed out, and your child can be the 1st one to check out the donated book. If your child has an August birthday, please get your order in by 8/15. Visit the Birthday Book table at Open House for more info or call Sharon Melcher at 770-509-1456.

Pike Family Nurseries Greenback Program

The program is simple - when you shop at Pike, save your receipts. Drop the original* white register receipts in the Greenbacks box outside the office (next to the General Mills Box-Tops box). Pike will donate 7% of the cash value of receipts back to the school in the form of a Greenback credit that can be used for flowers, plants, shrubs, trees, gardening materials and tools etc. Please help us beautify the school by saving your Pike receipts all year! Pike will accept receipts from any time (no matter how old) and from anyone (you don't have to be connected with the school), so ask your friends, neighbors, and family to save them for you. With school-wide participation, it won't take long for our credit to really add up, so remember to SAVE THOSE RECEIPTS!

Murdock Minutes

Whether you're new to Murdock or an old friend, the Murdock Minutes monthly newsletter needs your time and talent. We're looking for writers, editors, and people to help with distribution. Volunteering your time on a PTA committee is a great way to get involved at Murdock, and most of these jobs take only about 1-2 hours per month. Please call Renee Kopkowski 770-578-4337 or Julie McCann 678-560-7249 if you'd like to volunteer.

Drama Club - Attention 4TH & 5TH Grade Murdock Students!

The Murdock PTA will be starting a Drama Club for 4th & 5th graders. It will meet at 2:30 monthly on Wednesdays at Murdock. There will be an informational meeting for both parents & students on August 24th from 6:30-7:30 at Murdock. Please return this form to your teacher by August 22 if you are interested in being a part of the 2005-2006 Murdock Drama Club:

____ I am interested & I will be at the August 24th 6:30-7:30 meeting at Murdock.

____ I am interested but will be unable to attend the informational meeting.

____ Please circle one: I am in 4th / 5th grade

Student Name Phone Number