

The Murdock Weekly

A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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Week at a Glance

- 10/16
Monday
 - 7:30 – 4 Book Fair
 - Chorus
 - **Early Release** 12:25 pm - Conferences
 - Pick up you Sally Foster order at your conference this week!
- 10/17
Tuesday
 - School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM
 - **Early Release** 12:25 pm - Conferences
- 10/18
Wednesday
 - School Store 3-5
 - 5th Grade Drama Club
 - 7:30 – 4 Book Fair
 - **Early Release** 12:25 pm - Conferences
 - Spirit Day/ Pizza Night/ Skating Party
- 10/19
Thursday
 - 7:30 – 4 Book Fair
 - **Early Release** 12:25 pm-Conferences
 - Chorus
- 10/20
Friday
 - 7:30 – 4 Book Fair
 - **Early Release** 12:25 pm-Conferences
 - Square 1 Art orders Due
 - Chess Club
 - WaMu Savings Deposits- in front of Media Center 7:25-7:50 am
- 10/21
Saturday
 - Pack 815 Raingutter Regatta 8:30 – Noon Murdock Covered Play Area

Looking Ahead..

- 10/23
 - Chorus
 - Red Ribbon Week (10/23-10/27)
 - Report cards sent to parents not attending conferences
- 10/24
 - School Store K-2 7:25-7:50 AM
 - Young Rembrandts
- 10/25
 - School Store 3-5
 - 4th Grade Drama Club
 - 5th Grade Book Club
 - Reflections Awards Program at 8:15 am, Murdock Cafeteria, winners will be notified
- 10/26
 - Chorus
- 10/27
 - Morning Goodies Bake Sale
 - WaMu Savings Deposits- 7:25 – 7:50 am

Word of the Week!

Accountability: Being responsible for your decisions and actions; dependable.

Parent Checklist

- ✓ Donate socks to Red Ribbon Week Outreach!!
- ✓ Don't forget Family Portraits Oct 21-22!!
- ✓ Make arrangements for **Early Release all week!!**
- ✓ Attend your teacher conference this week!!
- ✓ Turn in Square 1 Art Orders by 10/20!!

FYI!!

❖ Red Ribbon Week/Donate SOCKS for Outreach Project: This year's theme is "Sock it to Drugs!". We are asking for donations of one or more pairs of socks, any size (babies to adults). Donations will be accepted during Parent-Teacher conference week, October 16-20. Socks can be placed in baskets near the front entrance of the school. Students will have a chance to guess how many pairs of socks are in the baskets during their weekly visit to the media center. The winning guesser will be awarded a \$5 gift certificate to the Mustang Market. All socks will be donated to MUST ministries. Thank you in advance for your support.

❖ **Staff Appreciation Days:** On October 16, Bosses Day, we want to honor Natalie Richman & Vicky Stasiak for all their hard work. October 23 is Bus Driver, Crossing Guard & Custodian Appreciation Day. Let's remember to thank them for all they do for our children each day!

❖ **Corrections to the Directory:** Please make the following corrections in your Murdock Directory:
Chris & Debbie Kline 2810 Regents Park Lane, Marietta, GA 30062 678-560-6928.
JoAnne Siska 4506 Spring Creek Lane, Atlanta, GA 30350 404-313-4398 Please contact Meg Fisher with any directory corrections at meg.fisher@nelsonmullins.com.

❖ WaMu savings applications are still being collected. Stop by the savings tables in front of the Media Center, starting October 20th, to pick up or drop off your application.



For the week of 10/2 – 10/6:

We had no **HOT, HOT, HOT classes:** (no absences, no tardies) for this week.

"Hot Classes" (with no tardies):

2 - Case, Dobkin, Greenwald; 3 - McConkey, Reeves, Brown/Smith; 5 - Taylor

Help Wanted: Substitute Teachers and Substitute Teacher "Volunteers"

Have you ever wanted to see what it is like to be in the classroom? Here is your "Golden Opportunity". We are trying to recruit a group of parents who will volunteer their time when teachers have short(1-2 hours) trainings throughout the year. We are also looking to have additional regular (paid) subs as well. The good news is-this training allows you to be BOTH!!! On October 30 @ 8:15, there will be a 2.5 hour training for ANY Murdock parent that would like to help out by subbing in a classroom for just an hour or two (with no pay) or all day(for pay). It will be AT MURDOCK! Everyone who participates in this training will have a background check and fingerprinting completed by the school district. This training will qualify you to be a sub in ANY Cobb school. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN! **What to do next:** Call and reserve a spot in the training (770)509-5071. Let Karen know if you want to be a volunteer sub, regular sub or both. Fill out an employment application at www.cobbk12.org. Come on October 30. This is a great opportunity to volunteer if you have preschoolers and can only work certain days or times. Questions? Email Natalie Richman at natalie.richman@cobbk12.org

SMOOCH! SMOOCH!

The MESF Kiss a Pig event raised \$620.34! Mr. Tighe was the lucky winner who got to Kiss the Pig at the Fall Festival, much to the delight of students and parents. Many people were curious to know how close the race to "pucker-up with the pig" went. Here is the breakdown on the voting: Mr. Tighe: \$384.64 Mr. Renna: \$141.35 Mrs. Richman: \$94.35 Pig proceeds will be used for curriculum and technology items for Murdock students. Thanks so much for your support and spare change - every little bit adds up to benefit our school!

Halloween Stuffed Bear Raffle

The Mustang Market will be holding a raffle for a stuffed Halloween bear! On Tuesday 10/17, Wednesday 10/18, Tuesday 10/24 and Wednesday 10/25, you will receive 1 raffle ticket for each day that you spend \$1 or more at the Mustang Market. The raffle winner will be announced on MBC on Friday 10/27.

Family Portrait Day – October 21 & 22

The sign up book is in the front office, so hurry on in and choose your sitting time! Remember to leave your \$25.00 dollar check in the large envelope. This holds your spot! Questions? Call Pamela Rasheed at 770-321-0277 or email me at pamelatrr@bellsouth.net. If you have photography questions, you may call Don Sutherland at 770-578-6002 or email him at sutherlandphotography.net.

Study Skills Workshop: Advances Study Strategies for All Students

Parents, educators, and students ages 10 and over are invited to attend a workshop presented by Cobb County Educator Brian Wilson at Dodgen Middle School Auditorium on October 19th at 7pm. This is a free event sponsored by the Exceptional Children Committees of Murdock Elementary and Dodgen Middle School.

Square 1 Art on the Way!

Sample items are on display near the front office at school. Order forms and money for orders are due back by **Friday, October 20th**. Your orders will be filled and distributed to you before the Thanksgiving holiday. Questions? Contact Michelle Hession at 770-977-1718 or mhesh@comcast.net.

Birthday Book Club reminder

If you would like to donate a book to the Media Center for the Birthday Book Program in honor of a child with a birthday in October, please send in your order form and check for \$12 ASAP. A celebration will be held on Monday, October 30 at 7:30 a.m in the Media Center, when those who have made a donation can come and choose a book to donate. They will also receive a goodie bag, and their name will appear on the wall outside of the Media Lab. The order forms may be found on the PTA website or outside of the school office. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Melcher at 770-509-1456 or Margaret Eves at 770-955-6254.

MESF Bake Sale – Yummmmmm!

Don't miss Murdock's First Sweet Shop Bake Sale! We have a treasure trove of bakers who have been working hard to create scrumptious treats! Come and be "treated" to benefit our school. When: Friday, October 27th 7:25-7:55am Where: Murdock's "Sweet Shop" & Cafeteria Treats will cost 50¢ - \$1.00 (cash only please) *Some items will be specially labeled for those with food allergies*

"Gently-Loved" Used Book Sale needs your books!

During the Annual PTA Turkey Trot Fun Run on November 4th, you will have a fabulous opportunity to purchase gently-used books for just \$1.00! **We Need Your Books!** If you have any children's books or adult's novels you would like to donate to the sale, simply send them to school with your child before Monday, October 30.

Start Your Treasure Hunt for Cartridges !

Did you know that Murdock recycles empty inkjet, laser, fax and copier cartridges, as well as used cell phones, laptops, palm pilots and iPods as a year-round fundraiser? To help get you excited about saving our Planet, we are offering a special **Treasure Hunt Contest** to get you started! The Treasure Hunt will begin Monday, October 16th and conclude Friday, November 10th. The Hunt will take you all around the map to locate items that can be recycled to reduce our landfills and keep our planet Earth clean. Please bring your items to school and drop them in the designated collection bag in your classroom. The Murdock class with the most points will receive a \$50 check for a class celebration! In addition, if our school earns the most money per student in all the Atlanta area, Murdock will win a treasure chest filled with enough prizes for each student at school! Questions? Please contact Cassie Rogers at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com.

