

# The Murdock Weekly

## A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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everychild onevoice.

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### Week at a Glance

- 12/12 Monday • 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 12/13 Tuesday • School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM
- 12/14 Wednesday • Spirit Day  
• School Store 3-5 7:25-7:50AM  
• 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club 2:30-3:30PM  
• YMCA Skating Party 2:45-4:45PM  
• MESF Dominos Pizza Night
- 12/15 Thursday • 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 12/16 Friday • Chess Club

### Looking Ahead...

- 12/19 • Class Holiday Parties 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- 12/20 • School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM  
• Class Holiday Parties K and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- 12/21 • Class Holiday Parties 3-5 grade  
• School Store 3-5 7:25-7:50AM  
• 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Soiree 1PM
- 12/22 • Yearbook Pre-Sale Ends
- 12/23 • Winter Holidays NO SCHOOL! See you on January 9<sup>th</sup>!

### Word of the Week!

Kindness – Being gentle, willing to help, friendly, courteous and considerate.

### Parent Checklist

- ✓ Send in gift cards to help make the holidays special for some deserving Murdock families.
- ✓ Take a break from cooking and order pizza on Wed.
- ✓ Make sure to pre-order yearbooks!

### FYI!

- ❖ **Yearbooks** are on sale! Don't forget to purchase your copy today. The cost is \$23 for hard cover and \$20 for soft cover. If you need an additional order form, you may download one from [www.murdockpta.com](http://www.murdockpta.com). The last day for presale pricing orders is December 21st.
- ❖ **PTA Gift Card Drive**  
The PTA Gift Card Drive will be wrapping-up on Tuesday, Dec. 20! We are still looking for gift card donations from local merchants (Target, Wal-mart, Publix, Kroger, etc.). Any amount would be appreciated. Donations can be sent in an envelope with your child or can be dropped-off in the Murdock main office. Please write the amount on the actual card with a Sharpie. Please help a Murdock family in need. If you are a Murdock parent/family with special needs, please contact one of our Murdock counselors via phone or email. Your communications will be held in strict confidence. Our counselors are: Cathy Fogel [Cathy.Fogel@cobbk12.org](mailto:Cathy.Fogel@cobbk12.org) 770-971-7441 or Brinne Pruett [Brinne.Pruett@cobbk12.org](mailto:Brinne.Pruett@cobbk12.org) 770-509-5071 Ext 241
- ❖ Holiday Reading Challenge is coming...It is a program for all grades to show their commitment to reading! Look for information in the Murdock Weekly next week and a flier to go home as well! I wonder what great incentive will go to all students who MEET THE CHALLENGE???

*All Day*  *Every Day*

For the week of 11/17-11/30:

We had no Hot Hot Hot awards for this week.

**Classes Most on time students: All had no tardies:**  
K-Moore Peck, 1st none, 2nd - Bourne Case, Lazarus, 3rd - Bold, 4<sup>th</sup>, none, 5th none.



## LOG ON to ...TECHNOLOGY NIGHT.

The PTA is hosting Murdock's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Technology Night on February 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30pm. Teachers will be demonstrating the many ways they are using technology in your child's classroom. Students will be presenting projects during the evening. Centers will be set up throughout the school to allow your students to showoff their computing expertise and explore new technologies. Everyone present will be eligible to win door prizes such as free software and gift certificates. Make plans to participate in this great event!

As part of this event, we are looking for Murdock students to showcase projects they have done using various hardware and software technologies. Laptops will be provided that evening. These projects can include stories written and illustrated using programs such as StoryBook Weaver, PowerPoint slide presentations, newsletters written and edited in an appropriate software, short videos edited on the computer, computer assisted musical compositions, digital photography, graphic arts, etc. If your child is interested in presenting a project please fill out and return the participation form sent home with your child. If you need a new form or have any questions please contact Elizabeth Stevens (Murdock Instructional Lead Teacher) at [Elizabeth.Stevens@cobbk12.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Stevens@cobbk12.org) or Laura Wheeler (PTA) at [law9@bellsouth.net](mailto:law9@bellsouth.net) for more information. All student presentations must be approved by the school.



Cobb County is once again participating in the NORTH METRO REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY FAIR. This technology-focused science fair is open to all students, grades 3-12 in Cobb County. The registration fee for all Murdock participants is being paid for by the PTA. Groups of up to two students can compete in most categories. We encourage all interested students to participate. Registration is due December 21<sup>st</sup> online. The fair is Saturday, January 21 at Pitner Elementary in Acworth. Parents must accompany students at all times. If your child is interested or you would like more information, please go to <http://www.cobbk12.org/~techfair/index.htm> or contact Elizabeth Stevens (Murdock Instructional Lead Teacher) at [Elizabeth.Stevens@cobbk12.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Stevens@cobbk12.org).

### From the Media Center

\*\*Please remind your students turn in all library books by Friday, December 6th. Returning books before the break helps us maintain the Media Center inventory and complete necessary administrative tasks. Students can continue to read by choosing books from their classroom libraries, bringing a book from home, or visiting the public library. Thank you for your help. Happy Holidays and Happy Reading!

### Spread some warmth during the winter holidays and help decorate the Media Center Mitten Tree! How can you do this?

1. Bring a new pair of gloves or mittens, hat or scarf to the Media Center to donate to a child who may not have any.
2. Hang the gloves, mittens, hat or scarf on our tree.
3. Put your name on one of our paper mittens, decorate it with a little glitter, and hang it on our garland.
4. Feel warm and fuzzy inside because you have made someone else warm and happy!

### Carpool Safety

In the wintertime we have may more car riders. Of course, the line is very long and people become impatient. We have successfully resolved the issue at the front of the line and we don't have any cars passing other cars unloading children. We have also improved the time it takes for each car to unload. One problem that still exists is parents dropping children off on Murdock Road to walk "the rest of the way". this is a SAFETY HAZARD! If your child is not a WALKER, they need to be dropped off at the front of the building or take the bus. If you see parents dropping a child off anywhere but the front of the building, please let them know that it is DANGEROUS. We want to have a safe and happy winter season and we need your help!

### Parent Lending Library

The following new books have been added to Murdock's Parents Lending Library: Raising Healthy Eaters 100 Tips for Parents, "I'm Like, So Fat!", Easing the Teasing, Raising Kids Who Can Protect Themselves, Talking to Tweens, and Test Anxiety and What You Can Do About It. The variety of topics should appeal to our parents. The books will be available for sign-out in the small conference room just off the media center. Thank you to Angela Carter, Parent Involvement chair for purchasing these new books.