

# The Murdock Weekly

## A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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everychild onevoice.

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### Week at a Glance

- 2/6  
Monday
- 4/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 2/7  
Tuesday
- School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM
  - Technology Night 6-7:30PM
- 2/8  
Wednesday
- Spirit Day
  - School Store 3-5 7:25-7:50AM
  - YMCA Skating Party 2:45-5:45PM
  - MESF Domino's Pizza Night
- 2/9  
Thursday
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30 PM
- 2/10  
Friday
- Chess Club

### Looking Ahead...

- 2/13
- 4/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 2/14
- Valentine's Day
  - School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM
- 2/15
- School Store 3-5 7:25-7:50AM
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club 2:30-3:30PM
  - Progress Reports Mailed to Parents Grades 1-5
- 2/16
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30 PM
  - MESF Chuck E. Cheese Night 4PM- Close.
- 2/17
- Student Holiday – Professional Learning Day.

### Parent Checklist

- ✓ Make plans to attend Technology Night on Tuesday.
- ✓ Come out and join your friends for the skating party at the YMCA.
- ✓ Take a break from cooking and order Pizza and support Murdock on Wednesday!

### FYI!

- ❖ Are you a natural born leader? Do you have talents and skills that others admire? Are you a regular classroom volunteer? If you answered yes to any of the questions, the nominating committee would like to consider YOU for a PTA Officer position for next year! Please email any of the nominating committee members (by 1/30) if you would like to be considered or you know of a great candidate. Thanks so much! Natalie Richman [natalie.richman@cobbk12.org](mailto:natalie.richman@cobbk12.org) Jenny Smith [jennyof3@comcast.net](mailto:jennyof3@comcast.net) Dana Mizelle [d3mizelle@msn.com](mailto:d3mizelle@msn.com) Julie Pitts [juliepitts@bellsouth.net](mailto:juliepitts@bellsouth.net) Patrice Arnold [ateam@mindspring.com](mailto:ateam@mindspring.com)
- ❖ Hightower Trail Middle School will be hosting Post 5 School Board Member Johnny Johnson's Annual Community Forum on February 13th, 7:30-8:30 am. Cobb County School Superintendent Fred Sanderson will also be attending. A light breakfast will be served. RSVP by February 9 to Donna Rumrill, Secretary, Hightower Trail, 770-578-7225 or [donna.rumrill@cobbk12.org](mailto:donna.rumrill@cobbk12.org)
- ❖ Congratulations to Lucas Valdarama for being selected as the East Cobb Council Reflections winner in the area of music. Way to go Lucas!
- ❖ Young Rembrandts Club - Dianne Fonseca has stepped up to be the PTA Young Rembrandts chairman. If you need her you may e-mail: [diannefonseca@comcast.net](mailto:diannefonseca@comcast.net)

*All Day*  *Every Day*

For the week January 23rd through January 27th:  
There were no "Hot Hot Hot" winners this week.

### Classes with most on time students:

K – Laverty; 1st - Provost; 2<sup>nd</sup>- Case; 3rd - None; 4th –None; 5th - Thornton

### Word of the Week!

Self-reliance – Relying on one's own abilities, efforts, or judgments.



### 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

### Let The Construction Begin!

Construction will be beginning this week. The contractor selected for this project is Nix-Fowler Construction. The addition has an expected completion date of 12/18/06. It consists of 17 classrooms, an administrative and staff wing, and an enclosed hallway that will connect the main building to the new building and existing annex. The plans are displayed outside the front office. Please feel free to call the Murdock office with any questions.

### Student Council Project – Pennies for Patients

The Student Council is organizing an important fundraiser at Murdock, benefiting the Georgia Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The program, entitled "**Pennies for Patients,**" will take place **February 6-13, 2006**. During these dates, we are asking your child to contribute pennies, spare change, or any amount possible to assist us in our fundraising efforts. Cash and checks are also welcomed. Checks should be made payable to **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**. Thanks in advance for your participation in this important program.

There will be a forum for the Wheeler cluster of schools on Wednesday, February 15 at East Cobb Middle School cafeteria. The focus will be on the Wheeler cluster schools, but this is an opportunity to ask questions of our new superintendent, Fred Sanderson, as well as Cobb School Board member, Kathie Johnstone. There will be an Open House from 6 pm to 7 pm, with the forum beginning at 7 pm.

### Spring cleaning? Please read:

Before you begin, Murdock's Special Needs Preschool classroom needs some "dress-up" clothes or costumes (size 3T- 5/6; small/medium). If you have such items to spare, please drop them off in the box marked, "Preschool Donations" in the school entrance foyer. Additionally, if anyone works in shipping/receiving & can easily donate a bag of "packing peanuts", we would greatly appreciate those as well! Thanks so much for your support! Should you have any questions, please contact Donna Fernandez at 770-578-9501.

### Black History Month

We will be celebrating Black History during the month of February. Each morning, we will share a fact on the announcements. Bring your interesting facts to the box in the office. If your fact is chosen and read on the announcements, you can come up to the office to get a pencil!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

A Black History fact I would like to share  
is \_\_\_\_\_

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