

# The Murdock Weekly

## A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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everychild onevoice.

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### Week at a Glance

- 3/6  
Monday
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus 1-5PM @ Dodgen
- 3/7  
Tuesday
- School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM
  - Chorus Concert 7PM Dodgen
- 3/8  
Wednesday
- Spirit Day!
  - School Store 3-5 7:25-7:50AM
  - YMCA Skating party 2:45-4:45PM
  - MESF Dominos Pizza Night.
- 3/9  
Thursday
- PTA General Meeting and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade performance 6:30PM
- 3/10  
Friday
- Chess Club

### Looking Ahead...

- 3/13
- 3/14
- Purim
  - School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM
- 3/15
- School Store 3-5 7:25-7:50AM
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club 2:30-3:30PM
- 3/16  
3/17
- St. Patrick's Day
  - Staff Appreciation Luncheon
  - Chess Club

### Word of the Week!

Courtesy/Civility – Polite, civil and courteous behavior towards others in words and action.

### Parent Checklist

- ✓ Take a night off from cooking and order Domino's on Wednesday night!
- ✓ Plan to attend PTA general meeting on Thursday

### FYI!

- ❖ **Recycling Update** - "Due to construction" is the catch phrase we have been hearing lately at Murdock and unfortunately, it has caught up with our recycling efforts too. Since parking spaces have decreased and land use is limited, the recycling bins have been hauled off the property until further notice. Currently, the closest location that accepts newspapers, magazines, and aluminum is Hightower Middle School. The bins are located just left of the entrance towards the designated bus area. Please continue your recycling efforts by dropping off our recyclables at the Hightower location. Thank you for your support and effort in keeping our world a bit cleaner.
- ❖ **Spring Clean-up Day** - Due to construction, the Spring Clean-up Day scheduled for March 18th has been postponed. Please watch for updates as the need arises for future work days. Any one interested in helping the Grounds Beautification Committee please contact Donna Sprecher at 770-973-1975 or [djsprecher@earthlink.net](mailto:djsprecher@earthlink.net).
- ❖ **Disabilities Awareness Week Presentation at Tritt Elementary** - March 8th from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the Media Center - Mark your calendar now and join us in "Celebrating Abilities" with a special presentation by Brad Cohen, award-winning author and Tritt 2nd grade teacher. All Murdock families are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Tonia Pondiscio [pontonia@bellsouth.net](mailto:pontonia@bellsouth.net).
- ❖ Just a reminder that the school bell rings at 7:25. There is no supervision available for students dropped off before 7:25. Please do not drop your child off, as we can not manage the safety of children before the bell rings. As always, the safety and learning of all children is our #1 priority.

*All Day*  *Every Day*

For the week of 2/21-2/24:

**Hot Hot Hot** winners with no tardies or absences: Eubanks and Lanford

### Classes with most on time students:

K-Eubanks; 1<sup>st</sup>- none; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Lanford, Petka; 3<sup>rd</sup>- Blalock, Bold  
4<sup>th</sup>- Levinge, McRoberts; 5<sup>th</sup> - Grooms, Gutman, Thornton

## Construction Update!

As most of you have seen Murdock is "under construction". As the plans indicate, we will have new classrooms, new offices and several art and music spaces to enhance student learning. Many of you have asked, "What does this mean for this year?" It means that we will have a change in our carpool line. The approach will be shorter and the drop-off will be limited to fewer cars. If your child can ride the bus, please help us by doing so. In addition, parking will be VERY LIMITED during the school day. Please consider a carpool, park at a neighbor's, ride your bike or walk. We love our volunteers and want you to come. Any suggestions you have would be welcomed. For the summer, the building will be closed most of June and July. That means no summer camp for Murdock this year. We will be using our state funding for tutoring throughout the rest of the year. Our plan is to begin fall tutoring as early as possible to assist students that need additional support. Thank you for your support as we build an "even better" Murdock Fernandez at 770-578-9501.

## Class Placement Letters for 2006-2007 School Year

It is that time of year already. As the flowers begin to bloom and the days get longer, Murdock teachers and administrations will begin thinking about class placement for the 2006-2007 school year. Once again, we will offer you, our partners in learning, an opportunity to give us feedback on your child's placement. We ask that you NOT NAME A SPECIFIC TEACHER. Instead, let us know the environment that your child will thrive in. One exception to that is siblings. We encourage you to share with us your thoughts on a sibling's experience with a teacher in the same grade level. Please know that teachers have not yet been placed in their 2006-07 grade level items. Therefore, it is impossible to honor specific name requests. The deadline for placement letters is April 28. Feel free to send a letter to school with your child or email us at [natalie.richman@cobbk12.org](mailto:natalie.richman@cobbk12.org) or [vicki.stasiak@cobbk12.org](mailto:vicki.stasiak@cobbk12.org).

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