

# The Murdock Weekly

A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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## Week at a Glance

- 3/13  
Monday
- MESF board elections 6:30PM
- 3/14  
Tuesday
- Purim
  - School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM
- 3/15  
Wednesday
- School Store 3-5 7:25-7:50AM
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club 2:30-3:30PM
- 3/16  
Thursday
- 3/17  
Friday
- St. Patrick's Day
  - Staff Appreciation Luncheon
  - Chess Club

## Looking Ahead...

- 3/20
- Book Fair 7:30AM-4PM
  - Conference Week- Early Release 12:25PM
- 3/21
- Book Fair 7:30AM-4PM w/ family night 5:30-7:30PM
  - Conference Week- Early Release 12:25PM
- 3/22
- Book Fair 7:30AM-4PM
  - Conference Week – Early Release 12:25PM
- 3/23
- Book Fair 7:30AM-4PM
  - Conference Week – Early Release 12:25PM
- 3/24
- Book Fair 7:30AM-12 Noon
  - Conference Week – Early Release 12:25PM
- 3/25
- MESF Rummage Sale 8AM-1PM

## Word of the Week!

Respect for the Environment – The conservation and care of your surroundings and planet earth.

## Parent Checklist

- ✓ Start preparing for conference week's early release
- ✓ Plan to attend Book Fair

## FYI!

- ❖ **Murdock Drama Club** - The Murdock PTA Drama Club is proud to present its first ever live performance, featuring our very own Murdock Students! The performance is set for Saturday, March 25 at 7:00. Please mark your calendar, & look for ticket information in the upcoming Murdock Weekly!
- ❖ **Girl Scouts** - To honor Girl Scout Week, the Soaring Spirits Service Unit is providing free ice cream to our elementary school Girl Scouts who wear their uniform on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, during lunch. Girls must be in Uniform (Tunic, Vest, Sash, or Pins) to get free ice cream.
- ❖ **March "Mathness"** - March is Math Month at Murdock!!!! Go to the Murdock home page and click on the Math Month Link: <http://www.cobbk12.org/~murdock/> for the following:
  - 1) Information about Publix Math Challenge: If your student has lost their Publix Math form: parents can go here to download a copy. (1st and 4th please send me a copy of your form)
  - 2) Favorite Math Links for all grades
  - 3) Math Fact Power Point Drills
- ❖ **Pennies for Patients** - The grand total for the Pennies for Patients fundraiser is: \$2469.44! A big THANKS to all of our parents, students and staff who gave so generously to this worthy cause.
- ❖ Hightower Trail Middle School Rising 6th Grade Summer Program letters have been given to students slated to attend Hightower. If you have not received your letter, please contact Brinne Pruett at 770-509-5071, ext. 241.

All Day  Every Day

For the week of 2/27-3/03:

**Hot Hot Hot** winners with no tardies or absences: None

## Classes with most on time students:

K-Peck; 1<sup>st</sup>- Kingery, Provost; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Fraley, Greenwald; 3<sup>rd</sup>- Blalock, Bold, Pitters; 4<sup>th</sup>- McRoberts Taylor; 5<sup>th</sup> - Gutman

## Legislative News

Last week the Georgia House passed House Bill 1358, which, if passed in the Senate, will limit the class sizes for mathematics, science, social studies and language arts, beginning with the school year 2006-2007 as follows:

Kindergarten without a full-time aide - 18  
Kindergarten with a full-time aide - 20  
1st grade through 3rd grade - 21  
4th grade through 8th grade - 28

The Georgia PTA supports the lowering of class sizes but thinks this should be regulated by the Department of Education, where necessary changes may be made more quickly. To learn more about the Georgia PTA's opinions on pending legislation, or to learn how to contact your senator or representative, please go to [www.ciclt.com/gapta/main](http://www.ciclt.com/gapta/main).

## 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).

## Officer Search for Hightower Trail Middle School

The nominating Committee is looking for individuals to fill several Officers positions on the 2006-2007 PTSA Board. The positions available are two Co-Vice-Presidents and a Corresponding Secretary. If you have a rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader and want to get involved, please contact Sue Mitchell [subaru@bellsouth.net](mailto:subaru@bellsouth.net).

## Parenting Seminar

John Rosemond, author of eleven best selling parenting books, is coming to Cobb County. He is syndicated in approximately 225 newspapers nationwide, including the Atlanta Journal Constitution. He is scheduled for two 90 minute speaking engagements in the sanctuary of Mt. Bethel Church on Lower Roswell Road. For more information or tickets, go to the website at [www.mtbethel.org](http://www.mtbethel.org) or purchase tickets at the Mt. Bethel church bookstore - 770-971-2880. The first session is Sunday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. entitled "ASSUMING THE POWER OF PARENTHOOD". The second session is Monday, March 13, 10:00 a.m., entitled "TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FAMILY, TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR CHILD". Come to one or come to both, the price is the same: \$15.00 - includes both sessions.

## Pump It Up "The Inflatable Party Zone"

**4th & 5th Grade Social Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 7:30pm Tickets: \$8.00 per student**

- **Contest between 4th Grade and 5th Grade for the highest attendance!**
- **Many of the teacher's are planning to attend the event.**
- **Pizza & drinks available at the concession table. \$3 Pizza/Drink/Chip Combo.**
- **No drop-offs allowed. A responsible adult must be present for every student.**
- **Waiver form must be completed at the event to participate in activities.**
- **Questions? Contact Dana Mizelle/ [d3mizelle@msn.com](mailto:d3mizelle@msn.com)/ 770-977-5344**

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