

The Murdock Weekly

A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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Week at a Glance

- 4/17
Monday
 - CRCT Grades 1-5
 - 3rd Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 4/18
Tuesday
 - CRCT Grades 1-5
- 4/19
Wednesday
 - CRCT Grades 1-5
- 4/20
Thursday
 - CRCT Grades 1-5
 - Passover Ends
 - 3rd Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 4/21
Friday
 - CRCT Grades 1-5
 - Chess Club
- 4/22
Saturday
 - Earth Day Celebration

Looking Ahead...

- 4/24
 - CRCT Grades 1-5
 - Birthday Book Club(April-Jun) 7:30-7:50AM
 - 3rd Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 4/25
 - CRCT Grades 1-5
- 4/26
 - CRCT Grades 1-5
- 4/27
 - 3rd Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 4/28
 - 2006-2007 Class Placement Letters Due
 - 5th Grade Panoramic Photo
 - Chess Club
 - Progress Reports sent home to parents 1-5th grades

Word of the Week!

Perseverance – Working hard without giving up.

Parent Checklist

- √ Make sure your kids practice CRCT tests and get plenty of sleep this weekend for testing next week. Make sure to get your children to school on time!

FYI!

- ❖ **CRCT** - Please mark your calendars for the dates of the Georgia **CRCT** state testing schedule. The CRCT testing for first and second grades is April 17-19. Testing for third, fourth, and fifth grades is April 17-21. Please do not schedule any appointments for your child during these dates. Attendance and punctuality are extremely important. Children who are tardy will not be able to enter their classroom during the testing period and must make-up the testing at a later date. Research shows children do better on tests when they take them in their classroom with their classmates. Georgia law requires all students in grade 3 to pass reading in order to be promoted to grade 4. In addition, all fifth grade students must pass reading **and** math on the fifth grade portion of the CRCT in order to be promoted to 6th grade. Passing scores are defined by the state.
- ❖ The last celebration for this school year for the Birthday Book Program will be on April 24th. If your child has a birthday in April, May or a summer month, now is the time to sign up for the Birthday Book Program. Also, if your child's birthday has passed, you can still participate in this last celebration of the school year. Please get your order in as soon as possible, so that we can be sure that we have enough books from which the students can choose. Thank you for supporting the Murdock Media Center! If you have any questions, please call Sharon Melcher (770-509-1456) or email sharon@melch.net.
- ❖ If you were the winner of the trophy shelf from Mrs. Pitters' class at the gala, please contact Cassie Rogers at bc_rogers@bellsouth.net to arrange pick up of your item.
- ❖ **LAST CALL!!** There are just a few auction items remaining from the gala. Check out the MESF website at mesf.org for more info.

All Day  *Every Day*

For the week of 3/27-3/31:

Hot Hot Hot winners with no tardies or absences: Levinge

Classes with most on time students : K-None; 1-Fleetwood, Kingery, Provost; 2-CaseBourne, Lanford, Petka; 3-Bold; 4-Levinge, Taylor; 5- Grooms, Gutman

Parent's Night Out!

DON'T MISS OUT!!! Parent's Night Out w/ Mrs. Richman, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Taylor has several spaces available for Murdock students to come have a ton of fun and parents to have a night out. The date is set for Saturday, April 22nd, from 6:30 - 10:30PM. The cost is \$25 per student. If you are interested, please email Cassie Rogers at bc_rogers@bellsouth.net AND cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com to reserve your spot no later than Wednesday, April 19th.

Recycling Contest

This is a reminder that, In celebration of Earth Day on April 22nd, our school is having our 2nd Annual Class Recycling Contest along with a few other exciting opportunities! The contest will begin Monday, March 20th and conclude Friday, April 14th. Items may be dropped in the designated collection bag in each classroom. Ask friends, family, neighbors and local businesses to save them for our school, and the class with the most points will receive a \$50 check for a class celebration! Items are assigned the following point values:

Laser Cartridges: 1 point, Inkjet Cartridges: 2 points, Cell Phones: 2 points, Laptops: 10 points, PDA's: 10 points

For more information on any of these activities, please contact Cassie Rogers at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com.

Parents of Kindergarten Boys

If you have a son in kindergarten who wants to become a Cub Scout next year, he can get a jump start this summer by going to the Foothills District Day Camp or Twilight Camp. It is open to Cub Scouts of all ages, including those wanting to join in the fall. Both camps will be held on the property of First United Methodist Church in Marietta. Day Camp is June 12-16, 9 am-3pm. Twilight Camp is June 19-23, 6-9pm. Each rising 1st grader attending must have a parent with him the entire week. It is a very rewarding and educational experience for the boys and parents alike. You can find out more by visiting the district website at www.foothillsbsa.com. Click on "Camping." If you would like to register, please contact Sharon Melcher at 770-509-1456 or sharon@melch.net. Registration forms can be printed from the website and must be received by April 10.

Cotillion

If you will have a 5th grader or 6th grader next year (2006-2007) and would like to receive an invitation to the Dogwood Cotillion read on... Directors Joyce Morgan and Judy Houck will be instructing children in Etiquette and Dance. Classes are one hour and fifteen minutes.

5th Grade: Monday Nights 5:45pm – 7:00pm and will be held at the Pavilion in the months of October and November of 2006. If you would like further details please contact **Krista Porto** at portok@bellsouth.net or call 770-509-7610

6th Grade: Tuesday nights 5:45pm – 7:00pm and will be held at the Pavilion in the months of January and February of 2007.

For **6th Grade Boys** contact **Kim Smith** at 770-971-1088 or email kysmith@bellsouth.net

For **6th Grade Girls** contact **Marcia Railton** at 770-578-9924 or email marciarailton@bellsouth.net

5th Grade: **Dance:** Basic box step, Swing, Two Step, Cha-Cha, electric Slide and Bunny Hop
Etiquette: Introductions; Manners at home; Telephone manners; When to Stand; Table settings.

6th Grade: **Dance:** Box Step w/ female turn, Swing w/ 2 female turns, Cha-Cha w/ crossover turn, Tango, Rumba, Cowboy Cha-Cha, Cotton-Eyed Joe and more.
Etiquette: Dining out behavior, Table settings, How to eat certain foods, Being all you can be, Getting along with Parents; Computer etiquette & Safety; Mall manners and more.

Class Picture T-Shirts

Order Deadline: April 19th Help **support MESF** and have fun getting all your friends to sign your shirt. It's the cool t-shirt that shows off *your* class in full color!

Teacher's Name _____ Student's Name _____

Size: Small (6-8) _____, Med (10-12) _____, Lg (14-16) _____
Adult S _____, M _____, L _____, XL _____

\$15.00 Cash _____, Check # _____

Make checks payable to **MESF**

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