

The Murdock Weekly

A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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Week at a Glance

- 5/1
Monday
 - 3rd Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 5/2
Tuesday
 - School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM
 - Sneak-A-Peek (A-M) 8:30AM
 - 3rd Grade Chorus Concert 6:30PM
- 5/3
Wednesday
 - School Store 3-5 7:25-7:50AM
 - Sneak-A-Peek (N-Z) 8:30AM
- 5/4
Thursday
 - PTA General Meeting w/ Kindergarten Performance 6:30PM
 - 3rd Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 5/5
Friday
 - Volunteer Appreciation Tea 9-11AM
 - Chess Club

Looking Ahead...

- 5/8
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- 5/9
 - School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM
- 5/10
 - Spirit Day
 - School Store 3-5 7:25-7:50AM
 - YMCA Skating Party 2:45-4:45PM
 - MESF Pizza Night
- 5/11
 - Young Author's Tea 1PM
 - Moving up day
 - Family Mileage Award Celebration 6:30PM
- 5/12
 - Last day of "Early Bear Special" for Spanish donations!

Word of the Week!

Patience*/Moderation – The power to wait calmly without complaining; avoiding extremes.

Parent Checklist

- √ Please remember to send in your Spanish Donations for 2006-2007.
- √ All Volunteers – Please plan to attend Tea on Friday

FYI!

- ❖ **Volunteer Tea!** - Calling all parent volunteers! You are invited to attend the Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Friday, May 5, 2006 given by the faculty and staff of Murdock. It will be held in the Media Center from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. Please join us on this special day for food and fellowship in appreciation for all you do.
- ❖ **Gala Winner!** - The winning class with the most MESF GALA attendees was Mrs. Fraley's 2nd grade class. Mrs. Fraley received a \$25 Borders gift certificate to purchase items for her classroom. Many thanks to Mrs. Fraley and her class for their fantastic support of the MESF GALA!
- ❖ **Mark your calenders:** Thursday, May 18th 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 4th & 5th Grade Social at Pump It Up. Look for more details next week.
- ❖ **Lunchroom:** Just a reminder that each child needs a lunch from home or lunch money. There will be no charging lunches the last week of school (5/22-5/26).
- ❖ **FAMILY ACTIVITY CLUB YEAR-END AWARDS** - More than 130 teachers, students and family members stayed fit and healthy together this school year by being a part of the Murdock Family Activity Club. If you Participated in Family Activity Club at all -- whether you did it one week or all 20 weeks -- you earned prizes. Join us in the Media Center at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11 to collect your prizes. We'll also have fun activities and information about ways you can stay healthy this summer. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to renee@wonderpr.com.

All Day  *Every Day*

For the week of 4/17-4/21:

Hot Hot Hot winners with no tardies or absences: Davidson, Bourne, Lanford, Lazarus, Petka, Martin, Thornton

Classes with most on time students: K-Eubanks; 1- Davidson, Edwards, Provost; 2- Bourne, Case, Fraley, Greenwald, Lanford, Lazarus, Petka,; 3- Blalock, Bold, Brown, Pitters, Taub; 4- Kells, Martin, McRoberts, Taylor; 5- Grooms, Gutman, Thornton, Harris

"Early Bear Special"!

By now, each of you should have received your Spanish donation letters. We are excited to be able to offer you the "Early Bear Special" until May 12th. Those of you who send in your donations before May 12th will receive a plush bear as a thank you for your support. Additionally, those of you with multiple children will receive a 10% discount for each additional child after the \$50 donation is made for the first child. This fall we will all have lunch money, t-shirts, PTA memberships, etc. to pay for. Why not get a jump on things and get this out of the way! In addition to learning another language, we expect that our students will experience academic growth in reading comprehension, vocabulary, as well as mathematics even with just one year of instruction. The Spanish curriculum also includes exposure to other cultures that can broaden a student's world view. Your support ensures the future of Murdock's Spanish program.... Please send your donations in today!

Birthday Book Program

The Birthday Book Program received donations for 121 new books for the Media Center for this school year! In addition, the committee donated a book for each of the following in honor of their summer birthdays: Mrs. Richman, Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Lynch. Also, the committee donated a book in honor of each of the following classes as a reward for having the most students who donated to the Birthday Book Program: Ms. Bourne's class, Ms. Davidson's class and Ms. McRoberts' class. Thank you to all who donated a book this year! We were able to replace many books that were falling apart, as well as add some new books to the Media Center!

Legislative

Please visit the Georgia PTA website to see a summary of all of the legislation concerning education that was passed this session. It's www.georgiapta.org. You need to click on an icon to the left called "Capitol Watch."

School Store

SCHOOL STORE NAMING CONTEST

We are looking for a name for Murdock's School Store. Entry forms for the contest will be sent home in backpacks on Friday, 4/28 and must be returned by Friday, May 5th. Entries can be returned to your teacher or dropped in the contest box in the school office. The winner will be announced on May 19th. The student with the winning entry will receive a gift certificate to the school store!

TEDDY BEAR RAFFLES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

For the first 3 weeks in May, the school store will issue 1 raffle ticket to any student who spends \$1.00 or more for that week. At the end of each week, there will be a raffle for a stuffed teddy bear based on raffle tickets received for that week only. Happy shopping and good luck!

FROM THE DODGEN ADMINISTRATION FOR RISING 6TH GRADE STUDENTS 2006-2007

Welcome New Dodgen Parents:

We are looking forward to meet you and welcome you to Dodgen. If you would like to share information about your child that may assist us with scheduling for next year, please feel free to drop us a note before May 12, 2006. Please DO NOT request a particular teacher or team of teachers for next year since we are unable to honor ALL special requests.

Parents of rising Hightower 6th grade Students

Hightower Trail PTSA is seeking individuals to serve as Committee Chairpersons for 2006-2007 school year. We have many positions available, for more information or questions contact, Co-Presidents for next year Kathy Hempel 678-352-8118 kathyhempel@bellsouth.net - Beth Wortham 770-552-7708 ehwortham@bellsouth.net New Website www.hightowetrailptsa.org

Earth Day

Congratulations to Mrs. Blalock's 3rd grade class for winning the Cartridges For Kids Recycling Contest. For their hard work toward maintaining a cleaner environment, they will receive a \$50 check for a class celebration. The 2nd Place winner is Ms. Davidson's 1st grade class, and the 3rd Place winner is Mrs. Edwards' 1st grade class. Many thanks for all your efforts!

The winners of the CFK "Be Good to the Earth By Recycling Us!" coloring sheet contest are as follows: K: Rachel Geller - Laverty
2nd: Kayla Welte - Greenwald, 4th: Emily Casazza - Kells

Winners will receive a special "Earth Saver" wristband. Thanks to everyone who participated!