

The Murdock Weekly

A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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Week at a Glance

- 9/19 Monday • 4th/5th Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
• CogAT/ITBS Testing(1,3,5)
- 9/20 Tuesday School Store K-2
- 9/21 Wednesday • School Store 3-5
• Early Release 12:25pm
- 9/22 Thursday • 4th/5th Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 9/23 Friday • Chess Club

Looking Ahead...

- 9/26 • Birthday Book Club 7:30-7:50AM
- 9/27 • School Store K-2
• Curriculum Night 6:30-8PM
- 9/28 • School Store 3-5
• 5th Grade Book Club 2:30-3:30PM
- 9/29 4th/5th Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 9/30 • School Pictures
• Reflections' entries due by 7:50AM
• Chess Club

All Day  *Every Day*

Our classes receiving a "Hot, Hot, Hot" certificate for having no tardy and no absent students this past week: Eskridge, Eubanks, Peck, Fleetwood, Kingery, Provost, Blalock, Kells, Grooms, Edwards, Petka, Blalock

Classes with no tardies w/o 9/8-9/14

k - Burke, Eskridge, Eubanks, Lavery, Peck
1st - Davidson, Fleetwood, Kastner, Kingery, Provost
2nd - Lanford, Lazarus
3rd - Blalock, Bold, Brown, McConkey
4th - Kells
5th - Grooms, Gutman, Thornton, Harris

Word of the Week

Self-Control- The power to direct or regulate your actions and emotions.

Parent Checklist

- ✓ Show up 10 minutes early for family portrait sitting.
- ✓ Order arm bands for Fall Festival
- ✓ Send in Hurricane relief donations
- ✓ Don't forget to vote on the SPLOST election Tue 9/14

FYI!

- ❖ Thank you to all the families who signed up for Family Portrait Day. Remember to bring in your prepaid package envelope with you when you come to your sitting. If you have any last minute questions, please call Pamela Rasheed @ 770-321-0277.
- ❖ **Murdock PTA – Community Outreach**
URGENT - Join the Murdock hurricane relief effort two ways! Parents are invited to support to the Red Cross relief effort via Murdock. Checks are payable to the American Red Cross and should be sent in child's backpack marked "Hurricane Relief". Students are encouraged to bring in spare piggy bank change in an envelope marked with their name, their teacher's name and "Hurricane Relief". All students who give to the relief will get to wear a hat on Sept 23 for "Hat Day". All donations will go to the American Red Cross. We can make a difference. Please contact Nicole Zegers with any question at niczegers@bellsouth.net or 770-565-3602
- ❖ **Attention 1st, 3rd and 5th grade Parents!** Please mark your calendars for the dates of the ITBS and COGAT testing schedules. First, third and fifth grade students will be tested on the COGAT. Testing dates are Wednesday, September 7, Thursday, September 8 and Friday, September 9, 2005. The third and fifth grade students will take the ITBS on Monday, September 12th through Friday, September 16th. **Please do not schedule any appointments 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 they will need to make-up the testing at a later date. Research shows children do better on tests when they take them with their classmates.
- ❖ **Greeters Needed!** Greeting volunteers are needed to man the table inside the front doors, making sure that visitors sign in and out. There are still some time slots that need to be filled. If you can help, please contact Lindy Husney at 770-971-9463.

- ❖ **Don't forget to vote on the SPLOST election next Tuesday 9/20.** If this passes, Murdock has a lot to gain including a portion of the 5 million dollars in matching state and federal funds projected for Cobb County, improved access and turning lanes. Log on onto www.CobbCIP.org.

Murdock Spanish Program

The Murdock Spanish Program is looking for a few volunteers. No Spanish speaking background necessary!!!! Just a desire to see our Spanish Program grow and be the best in Cobb County. These volunteers will assist Senora Curry with lesson material production and special Spanish celebrations. If you are interested in helping out please contact Christy Wahn (dcmwahn@yahoo.com). Gracias!

Parent Note Reminder

Please help us follow through on your requests. Notes sent in by parents for their children need to include first and last name of child, date and teacher name. Notes can get separated from teacher files and students' materials

MESF Gala Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for something fun to do in your spare time? The Gala Solicitation Committee is looking for some motivated people to help solicit nearby shopping centers for the Foundation's main fundraiser, the 2006 Gala and Silent Auction, to be held on Saturday, February 25th. All it takes is for you to visit the businesses in an assigned shopping center and ask them to make a donation to Murdock. Soliciting is an *easy and fun* way to help ensure that the fundraiser is successful so that we can continue to provide tools to the school that will enhance the learning experience of our students. If you can help out, please contact Lindy Husney at 770-971-9463 or Marge Goodman at 770-579-8005.

PTA Membership

Congratulation to Ms. Case's second grade and Ms. Eskridge's kindergarten class for reaching 100% PTA Membership! Thanks to all of the staff and families who have joined PTA, and to those who sponsored memberships and brought in partnership members, we have reached our goal of 884 members. But we still need you!!! Over 100 families have yet to join PTA. Memberships are only \$6.00. Please support your children and join today.

HELP WANTED!

The following committees could use your help! HEARING AND VISION needs volunteers to run children from their classroom to testing on Sept. 27,28, and 29. The LEGISLATIVE committee would like additional volunteers. TECHNOLOGY NIGHT committee would also like some help for their event taking place on Feb 7. If you can help please contact Volunteer Coordinators Michelle Bugbee (770-977-7428) or Donna Fernandez (770-578-9501). Thanks for all you do to support the Murdock PTA!

Ice Cream Social

With the help of great weather and great teachers, a crowd of 400 parents, students, and siblings attended the K/1st Grade Ice Cream Social at Calico Creamery on September 1st. Kindergarten and 1st grade teachers provided a strong arm in scooping up oodles of ice cream and fun for Murdock families. Hool-Hoops, jump rope, and chalk drawings galore were a side treat for those that wanted to hang out and enjoy the activities with their friends. A surprise visit by the "Pick Pocket Parent" provided students with a prize as they were leaving this "sweet" event. Thank you to all that came out and supported our Kindergarten and 1st grade teachers. Your support at this MESF sponsored event was a great kick-off to a new successful school year!

School Store Back in Business!

The School Store will resume it's normal operations on Tuesday 9/20 and Wednesday 9/21. Look for cool, new Halloween items!

New Earning Plus Learning Offer From Kroger!

Please enroll in the Kroger 2005-2006 Earning Plus Learning Educational Incentive Program. Murdock will receive 4% of purchases if you enroll. How do you enroll? Just take your Kroger Earning Plus Learning flyer that was sent out this week, to your nearest Kroger. This flyer has Murdock's bar code on it. Upon checkout, after they have scanned your Kroger Plus Card have them scan the bar code on the bottom of the Kroger flyer. Now your Kroger Plus Card is enrolled in Earning Plus Learning Educational Incentive Program. Every time you shop at Kroger, Murdock will receive 4% of your eligible purchase. Additional information on this program is available at Krogerearningpluslearning.com. Thanks for your support!

I Wonder Why . . .

DON'T FORGET – Reflections entries are due by 7:50 am on September 30, 2005 in the Murdock cafeteria. "Reflections" is an arts contest sponsored by the National PTA. This year's theme is **I Wonder Why**. . . Contact your child's teacher for the Official Entry Form and rules. Encourage your little artist to participate! There will be fun prizes and the winning entries have the possibility of competing at the council, state and national level. Please call Veronica Medina(678-560-5595) or Julie Pitts(678-560-1773) with questions.