

The Murdock Weekly

A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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Week at a Glance

- 9/26
Monday
- Birthday Book Club 7:30-7:50AM
 - 4th/5th Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
 - Family Mileage Club Starts
- 9/27
Tuesday
- School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM
 - Curriculum Night 6:30-8PM
- 9/28
Wednesday
- School Store 3-5 7:25-7:50AM
 - 5th Grade Book Club 2:30-3:30PM
- 9/29
Thursday
- 4th/5th Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 9/30
Friday
- School Pictures
 - Reflections' entries due by 7:50AM
 - Chess Club

Looking Ahead...

- 10/3
- 4th/5th Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM
- 10/4
- School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM
- 10/5
- School Store 3-5 7:25-7:50AM
 - Early Release 12:25PM
- 10/6
- 4th/5th Grade Chorus 2:30-4PM **Time Change!**
- 10/7
- Chess Club
 - PTA Fall Festival and MESF Teacher Outing Auction 5-8PM Chorus at 7PM

All Day  Every Day

For the week of 9/15-9/21:

"Hot, Hot, Hot" classes with no tardy and no absent: Burke, Eskridge, Fraley, Levinge, Taylor and Gutman

Classes with no Tardies :

K - Burke, Eskridge, Laverty, 1 - Davidson, Edwards, Kastner, Provost, 2 - Case, Fraley, Lazarus, Petka, 3 - Bold 4 - Levinge, Martin, Taylor 5 - Gutman, Laettnr

Word of the Week

Justice/Fairness- Correct, proper and reasonable treatment of behavior and viewpoints of others.

Parent Checklist

- ✓ Purchase arm bands for Fall Festival
- ✓ Get child's hair cut for pictures!
- ✓ Start walking and log it!

FYI!

- ❖ **Notes sent by parents** – In order to be able to appropriately mark excused absences and input other information in the computer we need first and last name, teacher name and date to which the note is referring. Thanks for your help!
- ❖ **Recycle your phonebooks!** The Recycling Committee has extended the collection dates until the end of Sept. We will be collecting phonebooks by the front entry until Friday, September 30th.
- ❖ **Birthday Book Program:** If you donated a book in honor of your child and his/her birthday is in Aug or Sept, please be sure that your child attends the celebration on Monday, September 26 at 7:30 am. Your child needs to choose a book to donate, as well as pick up a goodie bag! Parents don't have to attend, but they are welcome to do so. Also, if your child's birthday is in October and you would like to donate a book to the Media Center, please get your order in by October 10th. Order forms are at the front entrance of the school or on the PTA website. Thank you to all who have already placed orders! If you have any questions, please call Sharon Melcher at 770-509-1456.
- ❖ **Our Student Achievement Goal** for the 2005-2006 school year is: Students will write across the curriculum for a variety of purposes at or above grade level standards. Join us on Tuesday, September 27th to learn more about the strategies implemented in your child's classroom for written communication.
- ❖ **Buy your Tailgate Raffle Tickets** for the Make A Wish Foundation. 1 for \$1 or 5 for \$3. Checks payable to Make A Wish and all donations are tax deductible. For more information call Amy Gaunt 770.565.0519 PTA Community Outreach Chair.
- ❖ **Murdock PTA - School Directories Coming Soon!** Murdock Directories will be distributed by Friday 9/30. If you are a PTA Member (or have paid for a Directory separately) and do not receive a Directory by 9/30/05, please contact Meg Fisher at meg.fisher@nelsonmullins.com. **THANK YOU** to Meg Fisher and her team (Jennifer Lindsey & Teresa Kout) for their work on the Directory.
- ❖ **The September 29th Parent Ed Night has been re-scheduled for October 25 at 7:00 pm.**

Fall Festival Snow Cone Event

Back by popular demand! Anyone can get a snow cone for the price of a can of food or a donation of any amount. All the food and money collected will go directly to the Cobb County "Women Making a Change" Organization. This is a local charity that helps moms and their children get back on their feet after escaping abusive situations. Our efforts made a difference last year. Let's dig deeper and see if we can do even more this year. Any questions contact Amy Gaunt 770.565.0519.

Georgia House Resolution 58 has the potential to dramatically lower the amount of school funding we receive in Cobb County as well as the state. The Georgia PTA stands in opposition to this proposal. The state legislature is holding hearings all over the state to hear from parents regarding this proposed amendment. To voice your opinion, or to find out more, please attend the hearing on September 28, 2005 at 7 pm at the Dorothy Benson Senior Center, 6500 Vernon Woods Drive, in Sandy Springs.

ENJOY HEALTHY, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND EARN PRIZES!

The Murdock Family Activity Club Kicks Off on Monday

Starting Monday, September 26, you can earn weekly rewards and qualify for an end of year party and prizes just by spending time as a family doing a healthy activity! Just look out for the Family Activity Club Exercise Log coming home in your child's folder (or check out the Murdock PTA website to download a copy). Then, track every time the student completes a healthy exercise activity with a parent or family member for at least 15 minutes. You can walk, ride bikes, roller blade, swim, scooter, run, play soccer or baseball...you name it...anything that gets you moving as a family.

Each Friday, turn in the log to your child's teacher. The next week your child will receive a new log and a Toe Token (a colorful token that can be used as shoe charms, to make key chains and more). Throughout the year, we'll keep track of your participation, and those families who exercised together at least 3 times a week for at least 20 weeks of the school year will enjoy an end-of-year party and additional prizes.

Fall Festival Fun Night

Friday, October 7th 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Make plans today! Don't miss all the fun! ...Jump & Slide Inflatables, games, crafts, prizes, entertainment and various "kid-tested & approved" track & field events! Enjoy fresh popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, other delicious concessions, as well as dinners (on a preordered basis). Bid on "Teacher Outings." Our faculty has donated their time so that each highest-bidding student will join teacher/staff for a favorite pass-time, such as bowling, skating, etc. Mrs. Richman & Mrs. Stasiak have planned a very exciting "outing" for 8 students including a **limo ride!** (Proceeds from "Teacher Outings" bids will benefit MESF's fundraising goals).

A \$3/pre-purchased armband gives each student **unlimited** access to all activities. Siblings, 4 and under, are **FREE**. For your convenience, pre-ordered dinner info is included on form below so that one check handles everything. **Reminder: Each student has been asked to donate a specific food/ beverage item** (see last week's yellow flyer for item assigned to each grade level). **Please send items by Wednesday, October 5th**. Room parents have sign-up sheets for volunteers throughout the evening. Please give an hour (or split a shift/30 min.) to help with your class activity/event. We appreciate your support!

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE will be provided from Eastminster Presbyterian Church (Sewell Mill & Old Canton Rds) starting at 4:45pm, every 15 minutes. **Parking will not be permitted at Murdock.** Questions/comments, please contact Fall Festival Co-Chairs: Donna Fernandez 7-578-9501 dandff@bellsouth.net or Dana Mizelle 7-977-5344 d3mizelle@msn.com.

Please attach this portion with your check (payable: Murdock PTA) in an envelope marked: Fall Festival. *(Please identify student with whom you wish to have all armbands sent home.)* **Deadline for preorders: Friday, September 30th.**

Child's name _____ Child's teacher _____
Armbands are \$3 per student. # armbands ___ x \$3 = \$ _____
Siblings (4 years old & younger) are FREE. # siblings ___ x \$0 = \$ 0.00
Dinner tickets/options include:
1. Chic-fil-A® sandwich, chips, cookie & drink (\$4) How many? ___ x \$4 = \$ _____
2. Chic-fil-A @ 6-piece nuggets, chips, cookie & drink (\$4) How many? ___ x \$4 = \$ _____
3. Hot dog, chips, cookie & drink (\$3) How many? ___ x \$3 = \$ _____
Total # dinners ordered ___ Meal total \$ _____
Check/cash total \$ _____ Check # _____ Armband #'s _____