

# The Murdock Weekly

## A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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### Week at a Glance

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| 10/3<br>Monday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM</li><li>• Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown</li></ul> |
| 10/4<br>Tuesday   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM</li><li>• Ramadan begins</li></ul>  |
| 10/5<br>Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Store 3-5 7:25-7:50AM</li><li>• <b>Early Release 12:25PM</b></li></ul>                              |
| 10/6<br>Thursday  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus 2:30-4PM <b>Time Change!</b></li></ul>                          |
| 10/7<br>Friday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chess Club</li><li>• PTA Fall Festival and MESF Teacher Outing Auction 5-8PM Chorus at 7PM</li></ul>       |

### Looking Ahead...

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| 10/10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus 2:30-3:30PM</li></ul>  |
| 10/11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Store K-2 7:25-7:50AM</li><li>• Reflections Awards 8:15AM</li></ul>  |
| 10/12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spirit Day</li><li>• School Store 3-5 7:25-7:50AM</li><li>• YMCA Skating Party 2:45-4:45PM</li><li>• MESF Pizza Night</li></ul> |
| 10/13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Direct Honors Chorus</li><li>• Yom Kippur</li></ul>   |
| 10/14 | Student Holiday   |

### Word of the Week

**Cheerfulness/Positive Attitude-Good humored, bright and pleasant. Realistic positive confidence of feeling toward one's self.**

### Parent Checklist

- ✓ Purchase arm bands for Fall Festival
- ✓ Start walking and log it!
- ✓ Make plans for Early Release

### FYI!

- ❖ **Publix makes a contribution** to Murdock each time you scan your **Publix Partners card** with a purchase. Publix will be offering TRIPLE points for Murdock when you scan your card at the checkout now through October 29. If you do not have a Publix Partners card, you can pick one up outside the office. There is no registration required, and the program is free to use.
- ❖ **Make sure you sign up for the 2nd Annual MESF Father/Son Event at the Atlanta Thrashers vs. New Jersey Devils game!** It will be on Saturday 10/22 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$17.50 each, which includes an entry into the raffle. Deadline for ticket purchase is Friday 10/7. Make checks out to MESF and note "Thrashers" on the envelope. Call Stephanie Pokowitz at (770) 579-1138 with questions.
- ❖ **Conference week is coming!** This is an excellent opportunity to learn about your child's progress this year. Please use this time to listen to teacher feedback and ask important questions. Unless specifically requested by the teacher, we ask that students do not attend conferences. Often, things need to be discussed that are not necessary for the child to hear. In addition, younger siblings attending the conference can cause a distraction and interfere with the main purpose of the conference-"helping you understand how we can all work together to make your child successful". Please do not allow students to attend the Book Fair or go to the playground during conferences unless they're accompanied by an adult. If you are not able to arrange childcare, they may read quietly outside of the classroom while you conference. Thanks for your help and support in making this the best conference week ever!!!!
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Fall Book Fair-Get ready to Enter the Kingdom of Reading** at Murdock's annual Fall Book Fair. October 17th - 21st Check your Murdock PTA calendar for exact times. If you can volunteer to help, contact Kathy Wardlaw at [kasjw@bellsouth.net](mailto:kasjw@bellsouth.net).

### 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.

### Media Center Volunteers Needed!

Murdock students are reading like crazy! As a result, we need help in the Media Center checking books in and out and re-shelving books. We also need help with special projects. If you've got time to volunteer, just stop by the Media Center or contact Joy Llewallyn at [joylynn@mindspring.com](mailto:joylynn@mindspring.com) and she'll add you to the schedule. We especially need help on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Media Center Volunteers are the Best!

### Birthday Book Program

The August and September birthdays celebration for the Birthday Book Program has been rescheduled for Monday, October 3 at 7:30 am. Also, if your child has an October birthday, and you would like to donate a book, please get your order in as soon as possible. Direct any questions to Sharon Melcher (770-509-1456) or [sharon@melch.net](mailto:sharon@melch.net).

### Fall Festival Fun Night

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

#### 2 Important Announcements:

**#1: SURPRISE!** With the purchase of every student armband is a **FREE** chance to win one of 2 seats in a **limo** with our new principal and Vicki Stasiak, Assistant Principal! Mrs. Richman donated an 8-seat limo ride for MESF's "Teacher Outing Silent Auction" at Fall Festival. Six of those seats will be awarded to highest bidders next Friday night. However, to give every student attending Fall Festival an equal chance to win, your name will be entered in a drawing for one of those 2 seats, if you purchase(d) an armband.

**#2:** With this exciting news, we've **extended the cutoff for armband presales to Mon, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. After Monday, the presale & discount price of \$3/student (and siblings, 4 years old and younger, FREE) ends. Price "at the door"/"walk-ins" will be \$5/armband per child, regardless of age. So, save money, fill out your order form right now and return it Monday!

**Reminders:**\* Donated specific food/beverage items assigned by grade level, **due Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**.

\* If you haven't signed up with your room parent yet, please volunteer 1 hour (or split shift/30 min).

\* **No Parking at Murdock.** Free shuttle provided from **Eastminster Presbyterian Church** (corner of Sewell Mill Rd & Old Canton Rd) from 4:45pm - 8:30pm, every 15 min.

\* **Dinner pre-orders deadline: Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. (Order forms were printed in the latest 2 editions of *Murdock Weekly*. If you need another copy, please email: [dandff@bellsouth.net](mailto:dandff@bellsouth.net))

\* Questions/comments, please call Fall Festival Co-Chairs: Donna Fernandez at 770-578-9501 or Dana Mizelle at 770-977-5344. We hope you enjoy an evening full of fun with family & friends! ☺

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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 30<sup>th</sup>**.

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 \_\_\_\_\_