

The Murdock Weekly

A Quick Look at the Week Ahead

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every child one voice.

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Week at a Glance

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| 9/24
Monday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">7:15 Chorus7:30a Birthday Book Club |
| 9/25
Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">School Store (K – 5) |
| 9/26
Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">CogAt testing – 1st, 3rd and 5th5th Grade Book Club |
| 9/27
Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">CogAt testing – 1st, 3rd and 5th2:30 – 3:45 Chorus |
| 9/28
Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">7:45a Reflections entries due7:25 – 7:45a WaMu SavingsMorning GoodiesMBCCogAt testing – 1st grade8:15a Parent Seminar: How Smart is your Smart Board? |

Looking Ahead...

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| 10/1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">ITBS 3rd and 5th grade7:15a Chorus |
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| 10/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">ITBS 3rd and 5th grade7:25 – 7:45a WaMu SavingsMBC |

All Day  Every Day

For the week of September 17th:

HOT, HOT, HOT classes (0 absences, 0 tardies) – K - none; 1 – J. Smith; 2 - none; 3 - none; 4 - none; 5 - none.

HOT classes (0 tardies) – K – Burke, Kanits; 1 – Kingery/Oliver, Kastner, Fleetwood/Case/Becker; 2 – Bourne, Dobkin; 3 – Trembley, Dang, Haon, Pitters; 4 – Kells, Kvenild, Lazarus, McRoberts; 5 – Gutman, Laettner, Parker, Thornton.

Word of the Week! Self-control – The power to direct or regulate your actions and emotions.

Parent Checklist

- ✓ Sunshine Math begins Monday, September 24th
- ✓ Remember your lunch money!

FYI!

❖ **Attention 1st, 3rd and 5th grade Parents!** Please mark your calendar for the dates of the CogAt and ITBS testing schedules. The CogAt testing is scheduled for 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders. First graders will take the test on September 26-28, 2007. Dates for 3rd and 5th are September 26 and 27, 2007. Make-ups for 3rd and 5th are on September 28th.

The ITBS testing starts on Monday, October 1st and ends Friday, October 5, 2007. 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.

❖ Morning Goodies Bake Sale-Friday, September 28th - 7:00 a.m. for teachers, 7:25 a.m. for students in Murdock's Cafeteria. Goodies cost \$.50 (cash only please). All proceeds benefit MESF.

❖ We Need Your Gently Used Books and Media for the Sale on October 5th! If you have any children's books, adult novels, or media you would like to donate to the sale, simply send them to school with your child now through Wednesday, October 3rd. The type of media we will be collecting are audiotapes, music cds, children's videos, computer games, educational software etc. Please ensure the content of the books and media donated are appropriate to be sold at the school. There will also be teacher incentives for bringing in used books or media...see your teacher for details! Stop by the MESF Gala table at the Used Book Sale and guess how many candy corns are in the jar! The one with the closest guess wins a FREE ticket to the Gala (a \$25 value) plus the jar of candy corn!

❖ **Outrageous Hair Contest at the Fall Festival!!!** Bring your spare change to school the first week in October to vote for who will have to wear colored hair to school the following Monday! The contestants are: Mrs. Richman, Mr. Renna or Ms. Davidson, and the winner with the most votes (donations) will also have their hair colored at the Fall Festival! All proceeds benefit MESF. Vote early! Vote often! And decide who will walk around Murdock for a day with outrageous hair!

❖ Family Portrait Day is coming Oct. 27th & 28th at East Cobb Park. Look for the notebooks near the front office and sign up for a day and time to take portraits with Don Sutherland. Space is limited.

❖ WaMu bank days will begin on Friday, September 28th. We will continue to have bank day every Friday. Deposits can be made from 7:25-7:45 in front of the Media Center. Savings envelopes and deposit slips will be sent home prior to the first savings day. Please contact Marian Proper to volunteer or with any questions (770/579-0647, mlproper@bellsouth.net).

❖ **NATIONAL WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY** is Wednesday, October 3rd and we are encouraging Murdock families to walk/bike to school that day. Walk to school with your child and getting some great EXERCISE! Don't miss all the fun and prizes, prizes, prizes! For more information contact: Lisa Johnson (404) 717.6500 (eliteco@aol.com) or Scott Fisher (678) 560-0811 (Shaynadad@bellsouth.net)
Health & Safety Committee

FALL FESTIVAL

Friday, October 5th, 6-8pm

EXCITING NEWS! This year Fall Festival includes music played by "DJ Dano" along with popular line dances, music/dance games & contests, a new huge slide (as well as other favorite Jump & Slide inflatable attractions), climbing wall, "kid-tested & approved" track & field events, crafts, various entertainment, plus "Animaland" Adoption Center (pre-order deadline 9/21st). All of this, at an **INCREDIBLE VALUE!** ... armbands will be **ONLY \$1.00!** Just \$1.00 per child (pre-school through middle school age) for **unlimited** enjoyment of all activities (excluding "Animaland" and Spirit Wear sales table). Also, plan to shop at MESF's Gently Loved Book Sale where all books will be only \$1.00! Experience fun for the whole family with all your Murdock friends! Fresh popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, candy, chips and drinks will be available for sale. Additionally, you may pre-purchase combo meals using the form below.

To help PTA keep the evening so affordable, each grade has a designated item requested as a donation by each student:

- K---- 12-Snack Box of individual bags of chips
- 1st -- 12-Snack Box of individually wrapped cookies (**No peanut products, please**)
- 2nd-- 12-Snack Box individual bags chips or cookies (**No peanut products, please**)
- 3rd--- 6-pack bottled water
- 4th --6-pack **diet** Coke/Pepsi products (*Diet Coke, Diet Pepsi, Diet Sprite, Diet 7-Up*)
- 5th-- 6-pack **non-diet** Coke/Pepsi products (*Coke, Pepsi, Sprite, or 7-Up*)

Please turn in all items to your child's classroom by **Wednesday, October 3rd** .

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE will be provided from Hightower Trail Middle School from 5:45pm - 8:30pm at 15-minute intervals. **Parking will NOT be permitted at Murdock.** Any ???, please contact Co-Chairs: Donna Fernandez, 770-578-9501, dandff@bellsouth.net or Dana Mizelle, 770-977-5344, d3mizelle@msn.com.

Please attach this portion with your check (payable to Murdock PTA) in an envelope marked: Fall Festival **and your class Room Mom's name.** (If ordering for more than 1 student, simply identify the student with whom you wish to have all armbands sent home.) (**Deadline for pre-orders: Fri, September 28th**).

Child's name _____ Child's teacher _____

Armbands are \$1 per child (any age)

Total #armbands ____ x \$1 = \$ _____

Dinner tickets/options include:

1. BBQ sandwich, chips, cookie & drink (\$5)

How many? ____ x \$5 = \$ _____

2. Pizza, chips, cookie & drink (\$3)

How many? ____ x \$3 = \$ _____

Total # dinners: _____ Meal total \$_____

(Please don't forget to add totals for **armband(s)** **AND meals** to determine check/cash amount payable).

Check/cash total \$_____ Check # _____