

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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| 10/8
Monday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:15a Chorus• PTA Board Meeting |
| 10/9
Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:25 – 7:55a School Store (K – 2)• School Council |
| 10/10
Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:25 – 7:55a School Store (3 – 5) |
| 10/11
Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2:30 – 3:45 Chorus• 2:30 – 3:30 Teacher FUNraiser 2nd grade• 2:30 – 4:00 Teacher FUNraiser 5th grade (Tornton and Laettner) |
| 10/12
Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:25a WaMu Savings• MBC |

Looking Ahead...

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| 10/15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:15a Chorus• 2:45 – 3:45 Teacher FUNraiser 4th grade• Newsletter deadline• End of 1st 9 weeks |
| 10/16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:25a – 7:55a School Store (K – 2) |
| 10/17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:25a – 7:55a School Store (3 – 5)• Spirit/Pizza Day• 12:25 Early Release• Skating Party |
| 10/18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO Chorus• 5th Grade Book Club• 2:30 – 3:30 Teacher FUNraiser 1st grade |
| 10/19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WaMu Savings• MBC• Pick up Gift Wrap Order• 5:30 – 7:30 Book Fair Grand Opening |

Parent Checklist

- ✓ Sign up for Family Portraits (near the front office)
- ✓ Remember your lunch money!

FYI!

❖ Before you toss it... please check to see if that cereal box or soup can has a qualifying UPC code or label for the Box Tops or Soup Labels Program. You can drop them off any time in the bin outside of the main office.

❖ Family Portrait Day is Oct. 27th & 28th, E. Cobb Park.

❖ Pope Junior Wrestling - beginner thru advanced training and competition. Season begins November 1. For registration and general information: www.popejrwrestling.com or 770-364-7600.

❖ If you can't Renew it or Reuse it, then RECYCLE it!! The newspaper, magazine, and aluminum recycling bins are back at Murdock. The bins are located past the gym towards the back of the bus turnaround area. Thank you for helping in this effort to save our environment, teach our children about recycling, and support the school!!

❖ The October Birthday Book Celebration will take place on Monday, October 29th at 7:30am in the Media Center. If you'd like to donate a book to Murdock's Media Center in honor of your child's birthday, send in your sign-up form and check for \$12 as soon as possible. Find the enrollment form on the Murdock PTA website or outside the front office. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Melcher at 770-509-1456 or Sharon@melch.net.

❖ Murdock's Fall Clean-up Day
Volunteers are needed for Murdock's Fall Clean-up Day Saturday, October 20, 2007 9am-11:30am. Please come and support your school by helping the clean up effort. Bring your gloves, rakes, pruning shears, leaf blowers and enthusiasm. Also please bring buckets and wheelbarrows because we will be picking up rocks on the playground field. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. We plan to lay out pine straw, do some pruning, clean up the area around the track, playground and spruce up the grounds. Please note the school building will not be open that day. Scout troops this is a great community service activity. Come show your school spirit!!! If you have questions, please call Donna Sprecher, Grounds & Beautification Committee Chair at 770-973-1975 or email at djsprecher@earthlink.net

❖ Pros and Cons of Georgia's Tax Reform Proposals: Find out what's being said about property taxes, sales taxes, income taxes, etc., featuring Sally FitzGerald, Capitol advocate for the Georgia PTA. Don't miss this informative meeting on Monday, October 8th at 7:00 pm at the Marietta City Hall, Marietta City Council Room, 205 Lawrence Street. For information, contact Gloria at 770-509-8632 or email mariettacobb@lwvga.org (Subject October Tax Meeting).

All Day  Every Day

or the week of September 24th:

HOT,

HOT, HOT classes (0 absences, 0 tardies) – K – Eubanks; 1 – Kingery/Oliver/ Bell, Hawkins, Kastner; 2 – Greenwald; 3 – Pitters; 4 – Allen, McRoberts; 5 – Dobos. **HOT classes (0 tardies)** – K – McKenzie, Burke, Eskridge; 1 – Moore, Fleetwood, Reibel, J. Smith; 2 – Bourne; 3 – Brown/Smith, Dang, Haon, Trembley; 4 – Kells, Kvenild, Lazarus, Reeves; 5 – Thornton, Parker, VanNimwegen.

Word of the Week! Cheerfulness/Positive Attitude – Good humored, bright and pleasant. Realistic positive confidence of feeling toward one's self

A school nurse answers the question, “Is my student well enough to go to school?”

1. Diarrhea/Watery Stools:

- a. Students will be sent home from school for:
 - (1) More than two episodes of diarrhea occurring during a school day.
 - (2) One episode of diarrhea if other symptoms are present (e.g. fever, abdominal, discomfort, vomiting, etc.)
 - (3) Soiling themselves or their clothing.
- b. Children may return to school 24 hours after the last diarrhea stool if they feel well and do not have a temperature over 99.5 ° F without taking a fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol.

2. Vomiting:

- a. Children will be sent home from school for:
 - (1) More than one episode of vomiting occurring during a school day.
 - (2) One episode of vomiting if other symptoms are present (e.g. fever, abdominal discomfort, diarrhea, etc.).
 - (3) Soiling themselves or their clothing.
- b. Students may return to school 24 hours after the last vomiting episode.

3. Fever (Normal oral temperature is 98.6 degrees F):

- a. Low-grade (Oral temperature 99.5 to 100.9 degrees F):
 - (1) The school nurse will notify the parent/guardian of student with low-grade fever.
 - (2) Students with low-grade fever may remain in school if no other symptoms are present.
 - (3) Students will be sent home from school with low-grade fever if other symptoms (e.g. cough, sore throat, headache, abdominal discomfort, etc.) are present.
- b. High-grade:
 - (1) Oral temperature of 101 degrees F or above:
 - (a) Students will be sent home from school for a high-grade fever.
 - (b) Students may not return to school until free of fever for 24 hours.
 - (c) Students will not be dismissed to the bus with a high-grade fever.
 - (2) Oral temperature of 104 degrees F or above:
 - (a) The school nurse will institute measures to bring down the child’s temperature:
 - 1) Allow student to lie down on cot.
 - 2) Ask/assist student to remove outer layers of clothing, such as a jacket, sweater, second shirt, and shoes.
 - 3) Do not place blanket on student.
 - 4) Apply cool washcloth or towel to student’s forehead and arm pits (if area is accessible). Keep cloths cool and damp.
 - (b) The parent/guardian will be notified immediately.
 - (c) The school nurse will initiate the school’s Emergency Management Plan if the parent/guardian is unable to arrive at school within fifteen minutes to pick up their student.
 - (See Section E of Rule JLC)
 - (d) The school nurse will notify school administrator that 911 has been called.
 - (5) Offer sips of cool water only if student is not vomiting and is free of abdominal pains.

4. Drainage:

- a. It is not necessary to exclude every student from school who has drainage from the nose, eye, ear or open sores.
- b. Exclusion from school will be at the discretion of the school nurse, and/or principal or designee based on the following criteria:
 - (1) Color of discharge
 - (2) Child’s personal hygiene skills and need for assistance
 - (3) Classroom setting
 - (4) Child’s developmental level