From Superintendent Jennifer Covington

It is my sincere hope that our students, families, and employees were able to enjoy some time away with family and friends over the holiday break. In education, it can sometimes feel like the year starts when students return in August. However, changing the calendar to a new year gives us another opportunity to reflect and look at what we have accomplished and what is ahead. I continue to be grateful for faculty/staff members, students, families, partners, and supporters who dedicate themselves every day to the mission and work of the Murray City School District.

We want our schools to be places that inspire, engage, educate, and empower our students. As such, we need to ensure that our instructional programs remain strong and that student achievement is at the forefront. Our schools have been working diligently to assess student achievement data and meet together in Professional Learning Communities. We want to make sure we are helping every student achieve. We look forward to the Utah State Board of Education releasing the revised school report cards in January where all stakeholders will be able to see the progress that each of our schools are making. We are proud of the effort that has been made to provide all students in grades 3-12 with access to technology devices for increased personalized learning. Our technology coaches continue to provide training opportunities for our teachers to help them implement unique, highly focused learning paths for students with these devices. We look forward to having a device for each of our students in grades K-2 beginning next school year.

Finally, in this current climate, student and staff safety continues to be a top priority for us. This is made possible with a supportive community helping us make certain that students are safe as they travel to and from school and in our community. This effort can be aided by looking out for students as they board school buses, and watching for student pedestrians and bicyclists as they travel in early morning and late evening hours. We also know that winter weather presents unique challenges, so we encourage you to take extra precautions to look out for students traveling to and from school when winter weather conditions make travel difficult.

We look forward to continuing to make our places that inspire, engage, educate, and empower our students. I hope your New Year is filled with joy as we work together to serve your students. Murray City School District will continue to direct all of our actions to our mantra, We Are Murray!

MCSD School Community Council Members

School Community Councils are comprised of parents and school employees. Together, they review school data, identify school needs, establish school goals, allocate trust funds towards accomplishing those goals, and monitor the progress of the current year plan. They may also provide input and feedback on school and district programs. We appreciate the service of our SCC members and sincerely thank them for their time. (Bold denotes school and principal; all others in alphabetical order.)

**GRANT ELEMENTARY**
- Mindy Ball
- Jennifer Benson
- Rachelle Cameron
- Courtney Dickerson
- Emily Hartvigsen
- Tami Lundberg
- Sierra Marsh
- Jaci Mitchell
- Cynthia Rees
- Jeanne Simpson

**LIBERTY ELEMENTARY**
- Jill Burnside
- Haley Binggeli
- Ellie Ferrero
- Mary Ann Gulden
- Laura Maxfield
- Jamie Hunter
- Paola Pacheco
- Shawna Packer
- Elizabeth Payne
- Missy Rose

**LONGVIEW ELEMENTARY**
- Rebecca Te’o
- Jeannette Bowen
- Jennifer Broschinsky
- Carolyn Forsyth
- Elyse Gile
- Adam Hock
- Hailey Perry
- Pete Rugh
- Teri Singleton
- Michelle Smith

**MCMILLAN ELEMENTARY**
- Amy Tinajero
- Gabe Ulibarri
- Merrilee Wallace

**MCBAIN ELEMENTARY**
- Joy Sanford
- Linda Auwerda
- Nate Auwerda
- Teresa Bigelow
- Natalie Day
- Monica Green
- Amy Mautz
- Stephanie Richter
- Nita Tuitupo

**PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY**
- Brian Dawes
- Collin Barrett
- Ryan Brimley
- Michelle Cross
- Susan Jorgensen
- Keith Larson
- Letesha Nelson
- Lou Olson
- Michael Rasmussen
- Trish Syversen

**VIEWMONT ELEMENTARY**
- Jennifer King
- Jamie Cheney
- Kimberly Crandall
- Julie Dansie
- Jessica Felt
- April Johnson
- Teresa Koontz
- Kathryn Martinez
- Ashley Nelson
- Kevin O’Brien
- Sunshine Szedeli
- Vangie Watts

**HILLCREST JR. HIGH**
- Andrew Corser
- Jon Allred
- Alison Barker
- Deb D’Ambrosio
- Angela Elwell
- Kelly Taeoalii

**MURRAY HS**
- Scott Wihongi
- LeAuna Brown
- Laurel Petzer
- Stacey Murdoch
- Quan Ngo-Thai
- Stacy Otto
- Stephanie Pollei
- Daren Rasmussen
- Amber Rydalch

**HORIZON ELEMENTARY**
- Heather Nicholas
- Lindsey Armstrong
- Omer Carrothers
- Allison Clark
- Beth Cottam
- Cody Giles
- Matt Pugsley
- Wendy Rippa
- Caryn Waterman
- Zachary Watne

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- Ryan Brimley
- Michelle Cross
- Susan Jorgensen
- Keith Larson
- Letesha Nelson
- Lou Olson
- Michael Rasmussen
- Trish Syversen

**RIVIERVIEW JR. HIGH**
- Jim Bouwman
- Bryon Anderson
- Kimberly Anderson
- Christen Bezoski
- Natalie Dansie
- Julie Hebertson
- Delight Page
- Steve Roberson
- Kelly Taeoalii

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- Lisa Wilcken

2019 MCSD Calendar Highlights

- **Jan. 3 (Thurs.)**
  - School begins again
- **Jan. 18 (Fri.)**
  - Teacher Work Day
- **Jan. 21 (Mon.)**
  - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
- **Jan. 25 (Fri.)**
  - Early School Dismissal for PD Day (1/2 day)
- **Feb. 18 (Mon.)**
  - Washington & Lincoln President’s holiday
- **Feb. 26-27 (Tues., Wed.)**
  - High School Parent-Teacher SEOP Conferences
- **Feb. 27-28 (Wed., Thurs.)**
  - Jr. High Parent-Teacher SEOP Conferences
- **March 1 (Fri.)**
  - Secondary Teacher SEOP Compensatory Day
  - No school for elementary or secondary students or teachers
- **March 6-7 (Wed., Thurs.)**
  - Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **March 8 (Fri.)**
  - Elementary Teacher Compensatory Day
  - No school for elementary or secondary students or teachers
- **March 14 (Thurs.)**
  - MEF Pinnacle Gala Awards
- **March 22 (Fri.)**
  - Teacher Work Day
- **March 25-29 (Mon. – Fri.)**
  - Spring Break
- **May 27 (Mon.)**
  - Memorial Day holiday
- **June 5, 2018 (Wed.)**
  - Last Day of School

The 2019-2020 MCSD School Year Calendar is now posted on the District website. Please be aware that the Murray Board of Education reserves the right to alter or amend this calendar as may be necessitated by unforeseen events. Teacher and employee contact negotiations may also impact some dates.
Murray Region 19 PTA Board 2018-19

Year-long thanks to our awesome PTA members and leaders! Without these dedicated volunteers, our students would be missing many wonderful opportunities that they provide.

President.............................................. Chela Gale
Treasurer.............................................. Bridgette Stowell
Secretary.......................................... Jeanette Bowen
Event Chair......................................... Jodi Mismash
Reflections.............................................. Natalie Thackeray
Spelling Bee......................................... Becca Westenskow
Science/STEM Fair ................................ Laurel Fetzer
Superintendent.............................. Jennifer Covington
Principal Representative.......... Jill Burnside
Public Relations...................................... D. Wright

SCHOOL PTA PRESIDENTS:
Grant – Brooke Stephenson
Horizon – Maren Patterson
Liberty – Jamie Hunter
Longview – Brooke Bowers
McMillan – Andrea Griggs
Parkside – Geneal Nelson
Viewmont – Kirsten Woodbury
Hillcrest – Becca Westenskow
Riverview – Marci Muszynski
MHS – Traci Black
Shauna Sandberg

Laura Baker Grant Winners for 2018-2019

Laura Baker was an outstanding community leader and long-time Murray Board of Education member. Her advocacy on behalf of education and students in the Murray City School District was widely respected and continues on in the wonderful legacy of The Laura Baker Professional Learning Grant.

Grant awardees are pictured with Dr. Maurice Baker, husband of former Board member Laura Baker.

Geri Smith (left)
MCSD Elementary Technology Coach
ISTE Conference (International Society for Technology in Education)
June 23-26, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA.

Lynn Gutzwiller (right)
MCSD Secondary Technology Coach
CUE National Conference (Computer-Using Educators)
March 14-16, 2019 in Palm Springs, CA.

Donations to MCSD

We appreciate the generosity of patrons and businesses who have donated a variety of services and products so kindly to the students and schools of Murray.

#1: Larry H. Miller Charities – A $10,000 donation was made to MCSD again this year to provide Christmas gifts to our students in need during the holiday season. The money was donated voluntarily and directly by Larry H. Miller employees from various locations and departments, with the goal of helping children from the communities in which they work.

#2: Murray Rotary Club 2018 Operation Santa – Around 100 students from Horizon and Parkside Elementary schools are invited to participate in a Christmas shopping event at the Murray Goodwill Store. A continental breakfast is served to students and their guardians, and then they are escorted to the store in a caravan by the Murray Fire and Police Departments.

#3: Network Consulting Services, Inc. – Donated 30 Chromebooks with a computer cart to Parkside Elementary School as a company donation, with a challenge to their customers to support their own school technology programs. This donation is valued at almost $7000.

#4: Voya Unsung Heroes Winners – Horizon Elementary teachers Sandra Campbell, 2nd grade DLI, and Karina Echeverry, 1st grade DLI, awarded $2000 for wireless microphone system for their classrooms to help students stay focused, along with other tools that will help students develop the ability to read, write, speak, and listen in another language.

#5: Frank Cordova Foundation – Representatives delivered 175 turkeys to Parkside Elementary for the 2nd year in a row as part of their 19-year tradition of helping families in Title 1 schools have a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner.

#6: Chick Fil A “We Are Murray” Awards – Awarded several times during the school year by MCSD district administrators and representatives from Murray Chick Fil A to employees nominated by their peers. Winners receive a gift basket from the owner of the restaurant, a classroom visit by Cow, and gift certificates to the kids in the class for free nuggets. Murray Chick Fil A is an outstanding community partner to MCSD.