



YOUR MURRAY SCHOOLS – Murray City School District Newsletter

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A Message from Superintendent Jennifer Covington



Mrs. Jennifer Covington

October has arrived and our schools are off to a great start! The students and staff are settling into routines and we are moving forward at a good pace. It has been a joy having students and staff back in our school buildings, and we appreciate the excitement they bring. We were happy to see that we had more students than anticipated register for the 2019-2020 school year and welcome many new families to Murray City School District.

This year, the district is continuing with our "Power Up" initiative, which provides digital devices to our students. Last year we were able to provide these devices to students in grades 3-12, and this year all students K-12 have a Chromebook assigned to them. Students in grades 7-12 take their devices home, while students in elementary school leave their device in their classroom. The district remains committed to providing educational technology that enables students to experience a personalized curriculum to

gain the skills necessary for a success in college and career.

Our students learn differently today than they did even 10 years ago. As they enter into a rapidly changing global society, they need to be prepared to adapt and grow with the changes. Our district's responsibility is to cultivate the skills they need to manage rapid change, and to develop each of them as life-long learners and positive contributors. Our schools and teachers are working hard to transform the learning environment in order to support and accelerate student learning.

We look forward to welcoming the Utah State Superintendent Dr. Sydney Dickson to MCS D on October 14, 2019. Dr. Dickson will be visiting several of our schools as part of her fall listening tour. We are planning to show her the abundant things that are happening in and out of our classrooms, and sharing our unique "We Are Murray" spirit.

We want to remind and thank our parents and community for the vital role you play in supporting and partnering with our schools. We encourage you to be actively involved in the education of our students!



New Educators

MCS D hired 54 licensed educators this year new to our schools. Please extend a warm welcome to these individuals as they join our dedicated staff of professionals. (Photo does not include all new hires.)



2019-20 MCS D Calendar Highlights

Oct. 2, 3

Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct. 4

Elementary Teacher Compensatory Day
Secondary Professional Development Day
No school for elementary or secondary students

Oct. 17-18 Fall Recess

Oct. 24

Early School Student Dismissal for PD Day (1/2 Day)
Ending of 1st Term

Oct. 25

Teacher Work Day
No school for elementary or secondary students

Nov. 27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec. 20

Last Day of School before Winter Break

Dec. 23-Jan. 3

Winter Break

Jan. 6, 2020

School Begins Again

The 2019-20 MCS D School Year Calendar is now posted on the District website. The Murray Board of Education reserves the right to alter or amend this calendar.

Thank you

THANK YOU to Murray City School District Community and School Patrons FOR YOUR SUPPORT of the following:

- **Tax Increase** – allowing us to raise teacher salaries so that we may retain and attract a highly qualified teaching staff
- **School Reunification Drills** – to keep our kids safe and prepared in case of emergencies during school hours
- **Coordinated School Schedules** – to give our teachers needed time to plan and prepare, and to assure that all of our students are receiving required instructional time

Without you, these educational advancements and opportunities would not be possible.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support of our schools, staff, and most importantly, our students!

Murray Education Foundation Raises Funds for Teacher Grants

The 21st Annual MEF Golf Tournament was held in late August at the Lynn F. Pett Parkway Murray Golf Course. Turnout was the best ever with participants enthusiastically supporting the Murray Education Foundation. Because of money raised at this event, a record number of 85 teaching grants were awarded to MCS D teachers for use in implementing new ideas and programs that will affect numerous children in our district. Congratulations to the 2019 MEF Golf Tournament Winners and thanks to all sponsors, participants, volunteers and Parkway staff for your support!

