



YOUR MURRAY SCHOOLS – Murray City School District Newsletter

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A Message from Superintendent Jennifer Covington

As we embark on a new calendar year, we are also beginning the second semester of our school year. This always seems to spark a number of events that remind us how quickly the second half of the school year goes by. In many cases, we are simultaneously working to ensure that the rest of this year is successful for students and staff, while also gradually building the foundation for the 2020-2021 school year. As we close one semester and begin another, we are thankful to have active and engaged educators, parents and community members involved in our schools, along with the parents and industry leaders who continue to partner with our schools and give our students valuable, real-world experiences.

In the coming months, we look forward to sharing the exciting announcement of those selected as Pinnacle Award recipients through the Murray Education Foundation. We are fortunate to have such talented and dedicated individuals working to serve our students each day. Certainly, there is justification that each of our teachers, classified support staff, volunteers and administrators are deserving of this recognition; however, is it always nice to shine a bright spotlight each year on our selected recipients and learn more about what makes each individual so successful in their role in working with our students.



We would like to thank our Communication and Public Information Specialist, D. Wright, for her many years of service to the students and staff of MCS D. D. retired in December and we wish her the best of luck on her new adventures in retirement. We would like to welcome Doug Perry as the new Communication and Public Information Specialist, and look forward to having him in our district.

McMillan Elementary School Wins National Award

A Message from Board of Education President Kami Anderson:

The Murray Board of Education is proud of the National Blue Ribbon School recognition recently awarded to McMillan Elementary School and sends congratulations to the students, faculty and staff of this outstanding school. What a great accomplishment for this MCS D legacy school to be our very first school in the District to receive this high honor! Kudos to Mrs. Sanford for her leadership in guiding the school to become an Exemplary High Performing School in Utah this year.



US Congressman Ben McAdams attends school award assembly.

Laura Baker Grants

The Laura Baker Grants are awarded yearly to MCS D educators seeking funding to attend a conferences or trainings that will benefit them in their teaching careers. Mrs. Baker was an outstanding community leader and long-time Murray Board of Education member. Here are the 2019-20 recipients:

Michelle Bouwman, Social Worker Parkside Elementary – *Training of Trainers for Restorative Practices, Seattle, WA*

Cara Cerise, 3rd Grade teacher Parkside Elementary – *Trauma Informed Schools: Wired Differently Conference, San Antonio, TX*

Katie Jepson, PE Teacher at Murray High – *Educating Anxious Brains Conference, San Francisco, CA*

2019-20 MCS D Calendar Highlights

Jan. 24, 2020

Early School Dismissal for PD Day (1/2 day)

Feb. 17

Washington & Lincoln Day

Feb. 18, 19

High School Parent-Teacher SEOP Conferences

Feb. 19, 20

Jr. High Parent-Teacher SEOP Conferences

Feb. 21

Secondary Teacher Compensatory Day

Feb. 28

Elementary Teacher Compensatory Day

March 12

MEF Pinnacle Awards Gala

March 26

Ending of 3rd Term

Mar. 27

Teacher Work Day*

*School day if earlier day is lost due to weather.

Mar. 30-Apr. 3

Spring Break

May 25

Memorial Day Holiday

June 4

Ending of 4th Term / Last Day of School

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.

2020-21 OPEN ENROLLMENT Now underway in the Murray City School District

Open Enrollment continues through Friday, February 21, 2020 for the upcoming school year. Applicants interested in enrolling students in MCS D must fill out the enrollment application from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Murray City School District Offices, 5102 S. Commerce Drive, Murray, UT 84107. For more information, call the DO at 801-264-7400 and ask for AnnMarie or Kristen.

- A \$5.00 application fee is required to be paid at the time of application.
- Parents or legal guardians may apply ONLY for their own students; they may not make application for other children.
- If your student is already enrolled as a non-resident in MCS D and staying in the school, you do not need to re-apply.
- If your student will be switching schools (i.e. elementary school to junior high school, junior high to Murray High), you will need to go through the application process again.



MCS D Technology Supervisor Jason Eyre (center) received recognition for pioneering work on 5G Citizens Broadband Radio Service (CBRS) Proof of Concept for Scientific Applications at the SC19 Conference in Denver, along with the University of Utah Center for High Performance Computing, and the Utah Education and Telehealth Network. Jason is pictured with Joe Breen (left) and MCS D Technology Specialist Craig Fisher (right).



Yoga

- January 6 – May 27, 2020
- Monday and Wednesday
- See website for times and prices



Tarot Card Instruction (Two Sessions held on Tuesday)

- January 7 – February 11, 2020
- February 25 – April 14, 2020
- \$40/6 Classes

Parenting the Love and Logic Way

- January 15 – February 26, 2020 (Wednesday)
- 6-8 PM
- See website for registration information

DSLR Photography

- January 22 – February 12, 2020 (Wednesday)
- 7-9 PM
- \$50/ 4 Classes



<https://www.murrayschools.org/community-education-classes/>