

# CHARLES P. MURRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## NAVIGATOR NEWSLETTER



School Newsletter

**April 18, 2016**

### *Vision Statement*

*Murray Elementary School is committed to navigating students towards excellence by providing engaging, purposeful, and rigorous learning opportunities.*

### **Principal's Corner**

Murray's Month of the Military Child celebration is well underway. We started off by enjoying spectacular performances from our second semester music classes; followed by a phenomenal STEMposium. During the STEMposium, students were able to learn more about STEM-related fields and highlight the work they completed this semester for their STEM projects. We truly enjoyed our community partners and the fascinating student projects. Thanks to all of the parents who were able to come out during our Parentposium on Thursday afternoon. Kudos to Mr. Freeman, Ms. Johnson, and our PTO for supporting and organizing these events. We will end our month with our spirit week, Book Fair, and STEM Family Night the week of April 25. We hope to see you at there.

Please remember that Fort Stewart Schools has conducted re-registration for returning students, new Pre-kindergarten and new Kindergarten students who are siblings of current students through April 15, 2016. It is imperative that paperwork is completed and returned for all students; even if they won't be returning next school year. If you have not returned the packet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to contact our school's registrar, Ms. Fortier, or me. Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Talisha Thompson

### *Dates to Remember*

- ☺ **Apr 22**, Earth Day Celebration, Walk to School and Have Pancakes w/ students
- ☺ **Apr 25-29**, New students, Pre-K, and Kinder Registration/Military Child Spirit Week
- ☺ **Apr 27**, Student of the month luncheon
- ☺ **Apr 28**, Family Night 4:30-6 pm

**FIELD DAY WILL BE ON  
MAY 13, 2016!  
STAY TUNED FOR MORE  
INFORMATION!**

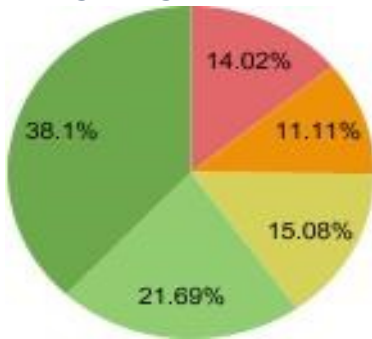
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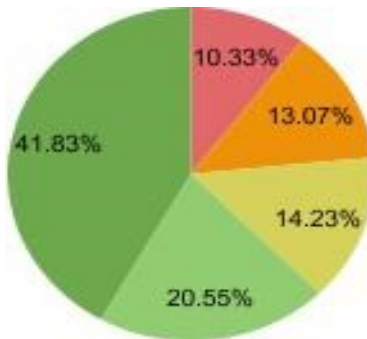
### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Reading Comprehension

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade has shown continued growth throughout the year in reading comprehension as measured by the data obtained from Pearson Successnet, which DoDEA uses to track/monitor student reading progress by way of the adopted reading curriculum. The students are all working very hard to improve their scores. Let's all continue to support our students in their efforts by encouraging reading at home.

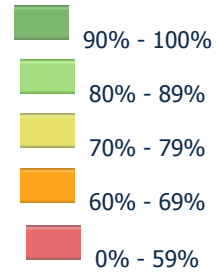
**Beginning of the Year**



**Middle of the Year**



**Proficiency scale:**

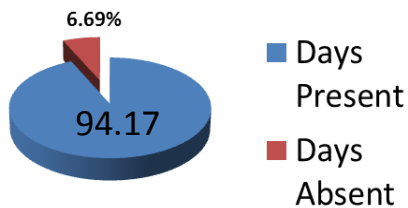


**Congratulations to Jaden Ferdinand-Bessant! He is Murray's Spelling Bee Winner!!!!**

## Attendance

**Attendance:** We must work together to ensure that our students are attending school each day and receiving a quality education. The graph below shows that our average daily attendance this week is 94.17%. Our goal is to maintain the 95% attendance rate. Please ensure that your students are present at school and arrive on time. When students are not in school, they are missing valuable instructional time. You can review the attendance policy on the district's website. Specific requirements for attendance

are address, including what time of the day is considered tardy, full day, half day, etc.



## Congratulations!!!

The following students are the winners from Murray Elementary's STEMposium Egg Drop!

6th Grade- Kristofer T. & Sydney W.

3rd Grade- DeAngelo J., Brea H., Andryu S., Thomas Z., Jaedyn S., Jaden M., Mekhi G., Aniya W., Isaac P., & Riley S.

2nd Grade- James O.

**2016-2017**

### **New Pre-K Registration**

**MUST BE 4 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE  
1 SEPTEMBER**

### **New Kindergarten Registration**

**MUST BE 5 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE  
1 SEPTEMBER**

**25 April – 29 April  
8:00 - 12:00 DAILY**



**New students entering Fort Stewart Schools are required to provide the following documents:**

- ✓ Certified birth certificate from Dept. of Vital Statistics
- ✓ Current Orders & ID Card for Military Sponsor
- ✓ Current ID Card for Spouse
- ✓ Proof of Immunizations
- ✓ Signed Housing Lease Agreement

*If military sponsor is not the biological parent of enrolling student, additional information may be required such as marriage license, spouse's ID card, and custody/court documents. A copy of these documents will be kept.*

# Pancakes With Parents Day!



Friday, April 22, 2016

7:45 AM to 8:10 AM

In recognition of the Month of the Military Child, Murray Elementary School is inviting you to **Walk Your Child To School** and join them for breakfast at the **Pancakes With Parents Day** on Friday, April 22. The cost of an adult breakfast is \$2.30.

The breakfast will be held in the School Cafetorium. Please complete the following information and return it to school with your oldest child by Friday, March 25.

POC: Marilyn Carter 912-369-15796 [marilyn.carter@am.dodea.edu](mailto:marilyn.carter@am.dodea.edu)

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MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD  
SPIRIT WEEK 2016  
APRIL 25- APRIL 29

**Monday: April 25**

Hat's Off Day! Wear a hat to school.



**Tuesday: April 26**

PJ Day (There's NO sleeping in for Military kids!) Wear your PJ's to school. No slippers & appropriate pj's. ☺



**Wednesday: April 27**

CAMO Day! Wear camouflaged patterned clothing to school.



**Thursday: April 28**

Super Hero Day! Dress as your favorite super hero.



**Friday: April 29**

Purple Tee/Spirit Day

Wear a purple tee or purple clothing to school.



Please be sure that all mobile equipment, to include bikes, scooters, skateboards and hover boards are taken home everyday.

**\*\*THESE ITEMS ARE NOT TO BE LEFT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS!\*\***



# Month of the Military Child

## ART Contest

### Scrap “Recycled Items” Sculpture

# Scrap Recycled Sculpture

**Subject:** Military Child Recycled ART

**Objective:** Students will build a sculpture using recyclable items that represents being a Military Child.

**Who:** PK-6 grade

**Winners:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each category.

**C1:** (PK/K), **C2:** (1/2) **C3:** (3/4) **C4:** (5/6)

**Finished Sculptures Due:**

Friday, **April 22, 2016**

Winners will be announced

on Friday, **April 29, 2016**

**NOTE:** Give your work a “catchy title”.

**Example:** Recycled Camera, “I’ve seen the world through my lens”



Recycle Material examples:

- \* Bottles/jugs/cans
- \* Wood scraps
- \* Tops and lids
- \* Straws
- \* Boxes
- \* Old toy parts
- \* Paper cups/plates
- \* Things from nature
- \* Plastic forks/spoons
- \* Toilet paper/paper towel rolls



## Parent Info:

As a reminder for all Murray families, below is a breakdown of how attendance is calculated.

### Late Arrivals

### Early Departures

| Minutes of School Missed | Clock Hours | Code Recorded | Portion of day Absent |  | Minutes of School Missed | Clock Hours | Code Recorded    | Portion of day Absent |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| up to 10                 | 8:21-8:30   | TARDY         | 0.0000                |  | Over 270                 | 8:20-10:35  | ABSENT/DISMISSAL | 1.0000                |
| 11 - 90                  | 8:31-9:50   | ABSENT        | 0.2500                |  | 18-270                   | 10:36-12:04 | ABSENT/DISMISSAL | 0.75000               |
| 91 - 180                 | 9:51-11:20  | ABSENT        | 0.5000                |  | 91-180                   | 12:05-1:34  | ABSENT/DISMISSAL | 0.50000               |
| 181 - 270                | 11:21-12:50 | ABSENT        | 0.7500                |  | 1-90                     | 1:35-3:05   | ABSENT/DISMISSAL | 0.25000               |
| over 270                 | 12:51-3:05  | ABSENT        | 1.0000                |  |                          |             |                  |                       |