

CHARLES P. MURRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



NAVIGATOR NEWSLETTER



School Newsletter

February 25, 2016

Vision Statement

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

Starting February 22-26, 2016 your child will take the **Terra Nova** achievement test. The Terra Nova test is an external audit of how students ranked with other children at that grade level who took the same test across the nation. The Terra Nova tests help us with instructional groupings, indicate the learning modality that best suits your child, and identifies areas of strength and weakness of your child in each of the disciplines.

As you examine your child's Home Report, please note that the front of the sheet provides information regarding the strengths and areas of need which may be helpful to you. The score report is based on national percentiles with *the 50th percentile being an average score*. Another way to understand this is by viewing the scores. For example if your child's score for reading is 67, then your child scored better than 67% of students nationally that took the same test.

Please remember that the Terra Nova exam is **only one piece of the puzzle** in understanding how students learn. The staff and administration at Murray Elementary use testing data for designing and improving teaching, so our students can maximize their learning opportunities and experiences. One test score does NOT define a student, but rather, one test score is one piece of the puzzle to improve teaching and learning.

Please contact the counselor if you have any questions.

Dr. Tom Morgan

School Counselor

912-369-1498



Dates to Remember

- ☺ February 22-26, Terra Nova Assessment Week
- ☺ February 24, School Board Meeting, BES
- ☺ February 29-Mar 4, Read Across America
- ☺ Mar 1, Kings and Queens Family Night 4:00-6:00 PM
- ☺ Mar 1, PTO Meeting/Coffee with the Principal
- ☺ Mar 8, Family Reading Night 4:00-6:00 PM
- ☺ Mar 9, Deadline for Yearbook orders

2015-16 Yearbook

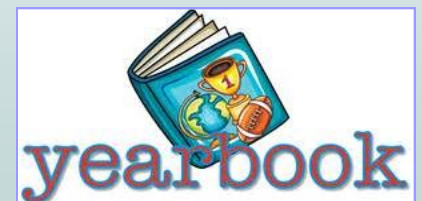
Deadline for Orders : March 9, 2016

Cost: \$18

Preferred Method of Payment:
ybpay.lifetouch.com

Please put the student's name on the order form.

POC: Ms. Amy



SEUSS Week Feb 29—Mar 4

Monday **Cat in the Hat Day!**
(Wear a hat.)

Tuesday **I Can Read With My Eyes Shut Day!**
(Wear a shirt you can read.)

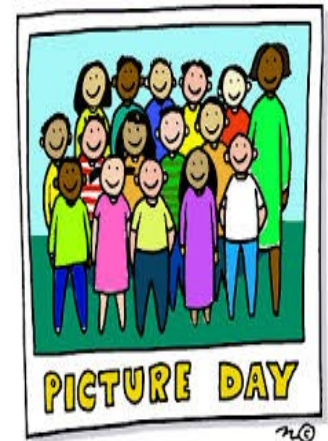
Wednesday **Green Eggs and Clothes Day!**
(Wear something green.)

Thursday **Fox in Socks Day!**
(Wear crazy socks.)

Friday **If I Ran the Zoo Day!**
(Wear something with animal print.)

Spring Class Pictures

Class pictures will be taken March 16, 2016



Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

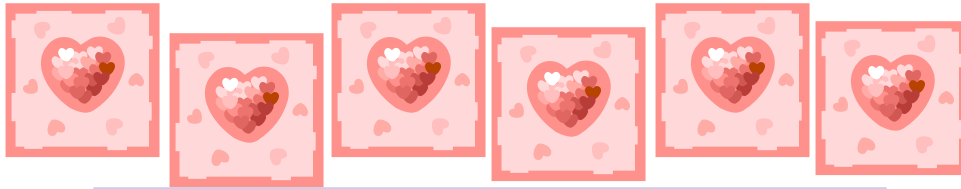
Family Reading Night

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

4:00-6:00

Come and celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday at Murray Elementary School. There will be two free Live Dr. Seuss Performances in the Cafetorium. However, due to limited space there will be 100 seats per show. The tickets will be distributed on a first come basis. The first showing begins at 4:15 and the second show begins at 5:15. There will be Dr. Seuss activities for the students and families to participate in between shows.

Some of the Activities will be Face Painting, Photo Booth, Book Swap, Creating Edible Lorax's and Free Popcorn from the Murray PTO.



Kings & Queens Parent Night

Join us Tuesday, March 1st for food, fun, and dancing!

Join us Tuesday, March 1st for our Kings and Queens dance! The dance will be held from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Murray Elementary School gym.

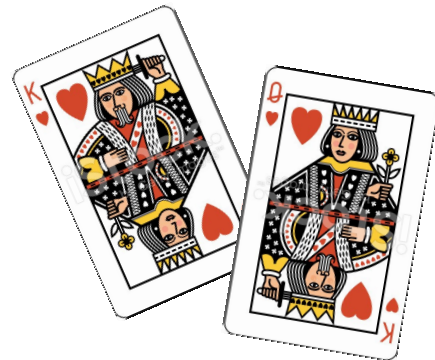
When:
March 1st
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Where:
Murray Elementary
School Gym

We are in need of help from our community for the following:

- ◆ DJ
- ◆ Photographer for our photo booth
- ◆ Set-up and decorations

Dress Code:
Dress to impress!



We will have food, activities, music, and fun!

We are in need of Volunteers!

We are in need of volunteers for the following:

- ◇ set-up and decorations, assisting with the photo booth, a photographer for the photo booth, and a DJ.

If you can assist or know somebody who can, please fill out the information below and return to your child's teacher.

Student's Name _____ Student's Teacher _____ Grade _____

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____

What can you help with?