CHARLES P. MURRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NAVIGATOR NEWSLETTER

School Newsletter

October 12, 2015

Vision Statement

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

Dates to Remember

☺**October 12**, No School, Holiday

☺**October 22**, 1/2 Day Dismissal 11:50am, Parent Teacher Conferences, No School for Pre-K/PSCD

☺**October 23,** Parent Teacher Conference, No School for Students

☺**October 27,** Safety Night

☺**October 30**, No School for Pre-K/PSCD

Principal's Corner

Over the next few days, we will be sending home notifications for parent-teacher conferences on October 22-23, 2015. Please be sure to check the time and date of the conference and let your child's teacher know if the time does not work for you. Next week, we will be sending home questions that you can use to help you prepare for your conference. Report cards will be given to parents at the parent-teacher conferences.

GradeSpeed Parent Connection

For students in Grades 4-6

Parents, did you know that you have instant access to your student's grades, including their assignments – past, current, and/or future? If you haven't done so already, please go to the web address below and sign up today. dodea.gradespeed.net

Parents, also ensure that your students are logging and checking for missing assignments. They have their own unique log in information as well.
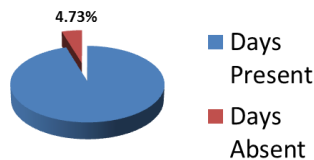

Look Whooo's Reading at Murray

is our school wide reading incentive program. Each month, students in grades PreK-2 are encouraged to read at least 20 minutes for 20 days. Students in grades 3-6 participate in Reading Counts. It is an independent reading management program that boosts achievement. Students are given a Reading Log to complete and return to school at the end of each month. The number of books are tallied from each class and posted on a bulletin board in the school hallway. The school goal is 25,000 books by the end of May. Students who participate in the Look Whooo's Reading program will be recognized at the quarterly academic awards program. To date, Murray Navigators have read 2,482 books. KEEP READING!

Free flu vaccination dates:

Make-up date:
Wednesday, November 4, 2015

If you have any questions please contact the School Nurse, Dr. Adams.
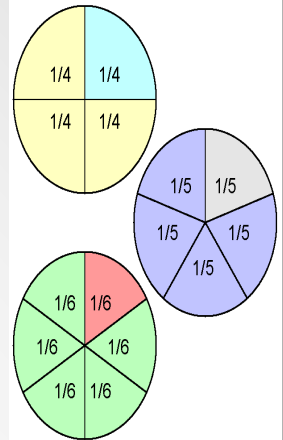
What's Happening Around Murray!

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 95.27%. Our goal is sustain 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.

4.73%

■ Days Present
■ Days Absent

Fifth Grade Fractions!!

1/4 1/4
1/4 1/4

1/5 1/5
1/5 1/5
1/5

1/6 1/6
1/6 1/6
1/6 1/6

Fifth graders are learning about fractions! We are doing lots of review so everyone is ready to move on to the next step. Each concept builds on the previous, so please help your student with homework so he or she can get as much practice as possible. In Social Studies, we just completed the unit about Native Americans. The students created some fabulous projects! Now we are moving on to Science. We will learn about animal adaptations, food webs and biomes among other things. Your student should come home with some cool facts to share! Keep up the great work and we look forward to seeing everyone at Parent Teacher Conferences.

2nd Grade News

2nd grade students are learning how to attack and understand two step word problems. We are currently working on how to explain their reasoning and thinking behind the solving of the problem. In reading, we are searching for the main ideas and details in stories, as well as putting the story events in sequence order. Students, remember to read for at least 20 minutes per night!

Pre–K/PSCD Happenings :)

pre-K

Pre-K & PSCD have started the second Creative Curriculum Study on Clothing. The kiddos are learning about small, medium, and large and different sizes of clothing. They have also compiled a wonderful list of ideas for our study! In Math, they are learning concepts of "how many," sorting, counting, and absolutely LOVE our math talks. Finally, the kiddos have started learning letters in isolation; so far they have met Zane the Zebra (z) and Sammy the Skunk (s). Come see our splendid friends anytime and take a look at all their wonderful work! :)

6th Grade Scholastic Reading Inventory...

The sixth grade class is starting off strong this year. Here is the breakdown on how the students performed on the Scholastic Reading Inventory: 17% of the students scored at the Advanced Level in reading, 17% scored Proficient, 45% scored Basic, and 21% scored Below Basic. Please encourage our students to continue reading throughout the year to increase their comprehension and love of literacy.

I Scream for Ice Cream!

Can you count up to five?
Strategy: Draw to show your under-standing

Kindergarten solve Part I
Grade 1 solve Parts I & II

Part I: *First* you get an ice cream cone. *Then* the ice cream vendor puts on 2 scoops. *Next* s/he puts on 3 more. How many scoops *altogether*?   Solve to give your *final* answer.

Part II: Do you know what a Fact Family is? What if you and a friend buy those scoops (from Part I) to share? How many different ways can you share the scoops? Include all the ways, Hint: even if it is un-fair!

What's Behind the Carolina Bay?!

Grade 4 solve Part I
Grade 5 solve Parts I & II
Grade 6 solve Parts I - III

Part I: The average sized Carolina Bay is 2,210 ft. by 1,430 ft. For simplicity we will assume they are rectangular shaped! Use this information to find the perime-ter.

Part II: Using the same information above, what is its area?

Part III: Again, using the same infor-mation (above), if the average depth is 8 ft., what is its volume?

Fact Families and Arrays of Ice Cream!

A **Fact Family** is a collection of related addition and subtraction facts, or multiplication and division facts, made from the same numbers. For 1, 2, and 3, the addition/subtraction **fact family** consists of 1 + 2 = 3, 2 + 1 = 3, 3 - 2 = 1, 3 - 1 = 2.
An **Array** is a special kind of arrangement of equal groups. Repeat addition or multiplica-tion can be used to find the total for any array.

Grade 2 solve Part I
Grade 3 solve Parts I & II

Part I: You and a friend won an ice cream coupon for ten scoops of Ice Cream! What are **all** the ways these scoops can be put on your cones? Show the scoops as fact families.

Part II: Your class won the math award which means an ice cream sundae party! There are 45 scoops in a tub. How many scoops will each student's sundae get?