

# CHARLES P. MURRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## NAVIGATOR NEWSLETTER



School Newsletter

September 21, 2015

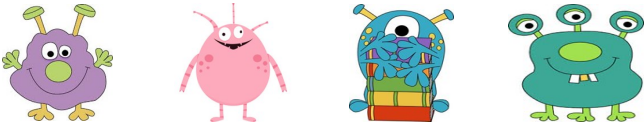
### Vision Statement

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

## Dates to Remember

- ☺ September 26, Green Apple Day of Service
- ☺ September 28-October 2, Book Fair
- ☺ October 1, Family Night
- ☺ October 6, PTO Meeting, 5:30 pm
- ☺ October 6, Coffee with the Principal, 5:00 pm
- ☺ October 8, End of 1st Quarter

## A Monster of a Book Night



### Family Literacy Night

When: Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Where: Murray Elementary

Time: 4:30-6:30 PM

Come join us for some exciting literacy games with family and friends!

**\*The class with the most participants for Literacy Night will win a prize!\***

### Principal's Corner

On Saturday, September 26, 2015, we will be hosting our very first Keep Murray Beautiful event. Our theme is "Where We Learn Matters". Students will have an opportunity to learn more about keeping their environment clean and healthy. From 8:30 am to 11:00 am, volunteers will work to spruce up the grounds around Murray and participate in fun, educational activities related to the environment. If your family is interested in participating, please return the flyer that was sent home last week.

The first book fair for the school year will be held September 28 through October 2. On Thursday, October 1, we will hold a Family Night for the book fair from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Please come out and join us for a fun-filled night of literacy activities.

## GREEN APPLE DAY OF SERVICE

Don't forget about Green Apple Day at Murray on September 26, 2015 from 8:30-11:00 am. Come join us as we work to keep our community healthy and clean!!

### 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](http://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.

# What's Happening Around Murray!

## Second Grade Snip-its:)

The last few weeks, 2nd graders have been focusing on the concept of identifying main idea and details. Families sent in a Main Idea bag, which consisted of 3-4 clues that students could look at and agree on a main idea for the bag. The bags that were submitted were amazing, and the kids had a great time looking through them!

Examples of the bags were; a baseball, tickets and a Sand Gnats program, a banana, apple and carrots and paintbrushes, paint, a small picture and an easel. The students were able to look at the details and arrive at a main idea. Excellent! Thank you for the support from home.



## Fifth Grade News!

In math, the fifth grade students learned three different ways to multiply. We are full of strategies! Next, we will be moving on to division. In reading, we learned about Satchel Paige and we sequenced the story. In social studies, we are now learning about Native American tribes  
- Ms Burkeen & Ms Zayas

## Data Point

### Terra Nova, Spring 2015 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

This past spring, our students had an outstanding performance on the Terra Nova. The third grade year is the first time our students are exposed to the Terra Nova. They performed very well. Seventy-eight percent of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students scored in the top two quarters on the math section and 85% of our students scored in the top two quarters on the science section. Sixty-five percent of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class scored in the top two quarters on the social studies section. Fifty percent of them scored in the top two quarters in both reading and language arts.

Join us in congratulating our students on their wonderful performance. We look forward to seeing even more positive results from them as they embark on their journey through fourth grade this school year.

Talisha Thompson, Principal

## Kinder Korner!

### Kinder Colors of the Week

Please join the Kinder team in wearing the specified color on Friday.

- September 25 **blue**

Ms. Whitlow, Ms Ebler, and Ms Chase

## Sixth Grade

Murray's 6th graders have been hard at work! They started the year creating graphs and analyzing data to solve problems. The students have also graphed ordered pairs on a coordinate plane to make pictures and maps. 6th graders researched and presented information on robots and their place in 21st Century schools, hospitals, and the military. Currently, 6th graders are taking an expedition back in time to Ancient Egypt to explore pharaohs' tombs, decode hieroglyphics, and discover the importance of the Nile River. Students will be refining their writing skills by infusing figurative language into their originally created stories. Murray's 6th graders are off to a great start in the new school year!

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