February 21, 2022
No School – President’s Day

March 4, 2022
No School – Professional Day

March 7, 2022
Murray PACT Meeting
5:00pm – 6:30pm

March 10, 2022
Family/Teacher Virtual Conferences

March 15, 2022
Family/Teacher Virtual Conferences

We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends. Mary McLeod Bethune

As we celebrate Black History Month, I want to take this time again to invite everyone to our NAAPID (National African American Parent Involvement Day) event on Monday, February 14. Murray has been working to build on this event over the last 4 years and we are so very proud of the ways in which our students, staff and community members have come together to have a voice and celebrate Black History. As an educator, there is nothing more powerful than seeing a student’s eyes light up when they learn something new, feel their voice is heard or feel the excitement of showcasing a talent or passion. Our Pilots are proud to have created this event and our staff continue to stand and support their growth as leaders. Please see the notice for our NAAPID event in this newsletter.

Celebrations:

1. An amazing team led by Ms. Jackson and Mr. Little has been working to create a wonderful experience for Monday, which is National African American Parent Involvement Day. We have incredible community leaders coming to speak, students performing and sharing their voice and Murray classes researching and celebrating Black History. Thank you Ms. Jackson and team for helping to raise up our community members!

2. #PilotProps of the week! Mr. Combs would like to celebrate Theo Lawson. Theo leads by example. He is always doing the right thing, working hard and helping others. Theo is a leader in our class and we are so lucky to have you in our community. Go Pilots!

3. #PilotProps of the week! Ms. Curran would like to celebrate Dominic McCaster. He always participates and stays so focused on the lesson, is so helpful and is often helping his classmates when they are struggling with new vocabulary. Way to go Nico!

4. Huge shout out to our Debate team and coaches, Ms. Stedje and Mr. Rogers, for a great performance at the Middle School Debate Tournament! The following students from Murray were awarded for their performance -

   a. Team Awards
      i. Tilly Connolly and Charlie Loth
      ii. Sofia Patrons and June Staloch
      iii. Teyla Matlock, Frannie Howatt and Saana Price
      iv. Nkele Gaseitsiwe and Vivienne Dankert

   b. Speaker Awards
      i. Sofia Patronsni
      ii. June Staloch
      iii. Saana Price
      iv. Charlie Loth
      v. Tilly Connolly
      vi. Frannie Howatt
      vii. Teyla Matlock
      viii. Vivienne Dankert
      ix. Nkele Gaseitsiwe

Your Co-Pilot,

Jamin McKenzie
Principal, Murray Middle School
Sixth Grade

Math with Mr. Klemme:
In Mr. Klemme's 6th grade class we are in the middle of a very hands on probability unit. What are the odds of that happening? I’d say very likely. There have been lots of smiles in hard workers in the 6th grade with this skill.

Seventh Grade

English with Ms. Steinhoff:
Seventh graders just wrapped up a mini research project at the end of quarter two. Students were able to choose a topic that they had an interest in, research two sides of that topic, and present their unbiased findings to their classmates. It was a great way to continue building those research skills as well as practicing public speaking. In quarter three, seventh graders are going to continue building their reading habits by focusing on starting and completing novels. Students are going to be creating reading goals for themselves and working hard towards meeting those during third quarter!

Math with Mr. Klemme:
In Mr. Klemme's 7th grade class, they have finished up integer operations and are beginning to work more with rational numbers. This includes adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing of fractions and decimals. The constant reminder is for students to check their signs on their numbers.

Math with Ms. Nalepka:
Pre-Algebra is finishing up the second half of our unit on volume and surface area. Next, we will be working with integers.

Accelerated Algebra has had an introduction to slope in our last unit on linear functions. Different forms of a line, slope, direct variation, intercepts on the x-axis and y-axis and the problem solving that goes with it. We have brought in the online software program called Desmos to help students visualize the lines much quicker and accurately.

Math with Ms. Mattila:
Algebra: We are graphing lines and working on linear functions. Something is a function if one input goes to just one output and linear if it changes proportionally between terms. (forming a straight line). We will use graphing technology to make this easier.

Science with Ms. Dooley:
Life Science is wrapping up the unit on Genetics and Heredity unit. This is where students discovered the link between genes and what different living things look like. Our next unit will look at how organisms have changed over time to fit their environments.

Comparative Anatomy started the new Quarter by looking at the environment around Murray and creating a field study to see how we can help the animals that make Murray their home-year-round.

Social Studies with Ms. Atchison:
We wrapped up History Day in the first week of February. Students whose projects are chosen to advance will have more information about the Virtual Competition mid-February. We are jumping back into the Roaring 20’s with all the glamor of jazz music, the automobile, the Harlem Renaissance, and flapper girls. Students will be creating a ‘Life’ Magazine cover to show all the radical changes in US culture. Looking past the 1920’s, we will examine the 1930s and the Great Depression.

Eighth Grade

Math with Mr. Klemme:
Mr. Klemme's class has been exploring lines and linear functions. Different forms of a line, slope, direct variation, intercepts on the x-axis and y-axis and the problem solving that goes with it. We have brought in the online software program called Desmos to help students visualize the lines much quicker and accurately.

Math with Ms. Mattila:
Algebra: We are graphing lines and working on linear functions. Something is a function if one input goes to just one output and linear if it changes proportionally between terms. (forming a straight line). We will use graphing technology to make this easier.

Geometry: Finishing up triangle similarity and congruence, leading into 30-60-90 right triangles and 45-45-90 triangles. This prepares us for trigonometry.

Central High School Showcase
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1l7xgf5KMklrwVRM1fa7n76BoEFVlc-UEcvV-10HsMM/edit?usp=sharing

Murray Spiritwear

Murray T-shirts for Sale!! $15.00! Please see Mrs. Folkema in the main office.
February 14th, 2022 from 9:45am-11:30am. (Virtually)

Please join Murray Middle School as we celebrate our National African American Parent Involvement Day event in honor of Black History Month. This virtual experience can be accessed using the following link –

Join with Google Meet
Meeting ID
meet.google.com/qpd-iwmc-fuv
Phone Numbers
(US)+1 314-833-0541
PIN: 972 842 352#

We will have student presentation, outstanding community speakers, resources and a wonderful educational experience about Black History Month.

Best,
NAAPID committee team
Aminat Akindele – Aminat is a strong leader in our classroom who advocates for herself and others. Keep up the good work!

Luella Alexander – Luella always has the time to talk about great books and help us with a project or two!

Arthur Anderson – For being an academic and classroom community leader. Keep up the good work!

Jermaine Balda (JB) – For working hard to exceed in science and making sure their lab partners do too.

Kamylla Bate – For adding style and creativity in her coding projects.

Lila Baum – Lila excels in all of her classes and she works very hard. She is a kind and thoughtful member of the Murray Community.

Logan Blank – For continual academic high performance and a leader of the Murray Way on a daily basis.

Marcel Bolden Jr. – Marcel has improved with his work ethic and is continuing to improve himself in all areas.

Ar Pe Cha – Ar Pe Cha for showing great improvement in his work.

Lilly Coyle – Lilly works so hard in accelerated algebra. She actively participates and asks great questions. She is an excellent student!

Kavari Dority – Great work ethic. Willing to try hard things.

Ethan Dressel – For working hard in class and outside of class to exceed in science.

Daniella Ebigola – Not many students finished the quarter as strong as she did. Worked very hard to understand the concepts.

Lila Finch – Lila is an amazing young scientist! She is always striving to do her best, is always willing to help out her lab group and is an excellent student role model.

Alexa Flores Larios – Great work ethic. Helpful insight.

Lewi Ghebregzabiaher – Lewi has maintained and improved his performance in all of his classes this quarter. He is a positive, energetic, and kind member of the Murray Community.

Amaria Hill – Great work ethic. Helpful insight.

Htee Htoo – Htee is an amazing young scientist! He is always striving to do his best and is an excellent student role model.

Amari Hughes – For continual academic high performance and a leader of the Murray Way on a daily basis.

Emelia Kary – Emelia Kary for always working hard and growth mindset. She is always looking to learn and improve in class.

Tommy Klinge – Tommy for his willing to work and ask for help.

Aaliyah Kriesel – Aaliyah has shown great improvement in her work ethic.

Corran Lacy – For his enthusiasm, teamwork, hard work, and random facts in science.

Amelia Larsen – For consistently going above and beyond in science.

Frances Lofgren – Frances is an awesome addition to our ELA classroom. She works hard every day and is friendly, kind and helpful to her classmates. I look forward to watching her grow as a person and a student.
Academic All-Star Quarter 2

Yerkong Lor – Yerkong for his hard work and willing to participate in class.

Aleia Lueck – Amidst the chaos and creativity, Aleia always gets her work done and helps others stay on track.

Bianca Marlowe-Madrid – Bianca always leads by example and shows great leadership.

Evelin Martinez Serrano – For working hard to exceed in science and making sure their lab partners do too.

Charlie McCabe – For sharing his extensive knowledge of coding and computer science and helping his peers succeed.

Nico McCaster – For going above and beyond in his school work and being a leader in the classroom.

Eli Moseman – Great work ethic. Helpful insight.

Eh Paw – Eh Paw has done an amazing job of reading her assigned articles in class!

Nay Paw – Nay Paw for all of her hard work and effort this first semester.

Ok Paw – For working hard to exceed in science and making sure their lab partners do too.

Lucy Peltier – Lucy consistently works hard and excels in all of her classes. She is a considerate classmate, advocate, and member of the Murray Community whose drive, thoughtfulness, and kindness is inspiring.

Linda Pham – Linda is a great student and community member that works hard and advocates for herself. Keep up the good work!

Tate Prinsen – Tate always does his work and still balances his time helping others and being awesome.

Ben Robbins – Great work ethic. Helpful insight.

Keller Ruhland – For continual academic high performance and a leader of the Murray Way on a daily basis.

Nawal Sharif – For exemplary performance in Comparative Anatomy elective during the first semester.

Aksel Sheu – Aksel works hard to master the content and helps others to stay on task at his table. Well done!

Faith Taylor – Faith works extra hard in class, doing her work and helping other students when they need help. Keep it up!

Paige Taylor – Paige has come out of her shell in both ELA and in our school community. She works hard in our class together and is always working to improve herself academically.

David Thaung – For working hard to exceed in science and making sure his lab partners do too.

Elijah Towle – For exemplary performance in Comparative Anatomy elective during the first semester.

Rickelle Van Dyke – Rickelle has made improvements in her ability to focus.

Nathan Whitney – Long term strong academic performance.

Kole Wiley – Kole worked hard to improve his grades and the hard work paid off!

Jane Williams – Jane for working hard especially when she was doing distance learning.

Noah Williamson – Noah is a great student to have in science because he works hard, is helpful to other students, and tries to do his best to learn and model the Murray Way!
**iPad Preparation in Case of Virtual Learning**

Should we need to go to Virtual Learning due to Covid in the coming weeks/months, please be sure your student is able to participate in school virtually if that is your plan. Things to consider:

- Do you have home wifi? If not, I can provide you with a code for free Comcast Internet Essentials. Hotspots are not provided except in extreme situation. More information is available online at https://bit.ly/homeWiFi.
- Does your student have Campus Student installed on the iPad to take attendance and check the schedule? If not, it can be downloaded from the Self Service on the iPad.
- Is your student's iPad updated to iPad OS 15.2? This most recent approved operating system will provide the most reliable experience. It can take several hours so the iPad needs to be plugged in and charged to at least 50% before it is started. If you do not have wifi at home, please have your student run it at school.

As always, please let me know if I can help in any way: email cara.hagen@spps.org or text (612) 568-2358.

Cara Hagen
iPad Teacher

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**Academic All-Star Quarter 2**

Gisele Yang – For going above and beyond in her school work and being a leader in the classroom.

Yaliangle (Angel) Yang – For working hard to exceed in science and making sure their lab partners do too.

Molly Zbacnik – Molly is a phenomenal student who actively participates in class, asks questions to extend her learning, uses her time wisely, always does the right thing, and leads by example. Thanks for being awesome Molly!

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**At-home COVID-19 tests now covered by private health plans, with important guidelines for Minnesotans to get costs covered - mn.gov**

As of January 15, 2022, costs for at-home COVID-19 tests are now required to be covered by health plans offered by insurance companies, employers and groups under actions taken by the Biden Administration to expand Americans’ access to free COVID-19 testing. It is important for Minnesota consumers to follow guidelines in order to get the costs covered by your health plan.

https://mn.gov/commerce/media/news/?id=17-515415

mn.gov
Hello,

Flipside registration for 2nd session classes is now available!

The 2nd session of classes will begin the week of 2/07/22 and run through 5/12/22.

All students (except those in Debate and Rock Band) need to re-register for classes.


I'd also like to introduce Murray's new Flipside Program Coordinator, Jenna Joswiak! Jenna comes to Flipside with a wealth of knowledge and will do great things with the Flipside program at Murray. Please welcome her when you see her!

Jenna can be reached at jenna.joswiak@spps.org or 651-744-3189.

Hola,

¡Ya está disponible el registro de Flipside para las clases de la segunda sesión!

La segunda sesión de clases comenzará la semana del 07/2/22 y se extenderá hasta el 12/05/22.

Todos los estudiantes (excepto los de Debate y Rock Band) deben volver a registrarse para las clases.


¡También me gustaría presentar a la nueva coordinadora del programa Flipside de Murray, Jenna Joswiak! Jenna llega a Flipside con una gran cantidad de conocimientos y hará grandes cosas con el programa Flipside en Murray. ¡Dale la bienvenida cuando la veas!

Se puede contactar a Jenna en jenna.joswiak@spps.org o 651-744-3189.

Nyob zoo,

Flipside sau npe rau cov chav kawm thib 2 yog tam sim no muaj!

Cov chav kawm thib 2 yuav pib lub lim tiam ntawm 2/07/22 thiab khiau mus txog 5/12/22.

Txhua tus tub ntxhais kawm (tshwj tsis yog cov hauv Debate thiab Rock Band) yuav tsum tau rov sau npe rau cov chav kawm.


Kuv kuj xav qhia Murray tus tshiab Flipside Program Coordinator, Jenna Joswiak! Jenna tuaj rau Flipside nrog kev paub ntau yam thiab yuav ua tej yam zoo nrog Flipside program ntawm Murray. Thov txais tos nws thaum koj pom nws!

Jenna tuaj yeem hu rau ntawm jenna.joswiak@spps.org lossis 651-744-3189.
WSCO, TWIN CITIES MOBILE JAZZ PROJECT AND THE WEST SIDE BOOSTERS PRESENTS

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TEEN ACTIVITIES

Taekwondo  Instructor: Master Minefee
Ages 9-21/$60 monthly/Mondays & Wednesdays/5:30-6:15 North Dale
Ages 9-21/$60 monthly/Tuesdays & Thursdays/5:30-6:15 Northwest Como
Please join us as we discover & explore WTF style Taekwondo taught by Master Minefee. Classes are dynamic, fun, & challenging. As you develop your knowledge of this Korean martial art, you will gain skills & confidence. Monthly registration is $60 due before participation begins. Uniforms can be purchased through the instructor.

Soo Bahk Do  Instructor: Christine Eichhorst
Ages 5+/$45 monthly/Thursdays/5:30-6:30 Langford Park
A traditional Korean martial art emphasizing discipline, concentration, self-confidence, & self-defense. Class is open for beginner through advanced, ages 5 to adult. Class fee: $45/month. Uniform is provided with first 3-month membership. This class does not have a test fee, but the student must be a member of the US Soo Bahk Do Federation to test and be promoted. Bring your own water bottle.

Video Game Play
Ages 7-11/Free/Fridays Jan 7-Feb 25/2:00-4:00 North Dale
Ages 12-17/Free/Wednesdays Feb 2-May 25/6:30-8 North Dale
Participants will take turns playing games with each other on the rec center’s Xbox1 gaming system.

Teen Open Dance  Drop In
Ages 13-17/Free/Mondays Jan 12 - May 2/6:30-8 North Dale
The dance room is open for teens to come and dance for free. No formal classes but open space for teens to dance.

- stpaul.gov/LangfordParkRec 651-298-5765
- stpaul.gov/NWComoRec 651-298-5813
- stpaul.gov/NorthDaleRec 651-558-2329

Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) is not sponsoring, endorsing, or recommending the activities/events announced in this flyer.
Chess  Instructor: Bill Nara
Ages 7-12/$70/Tuesday Jan 25–April 19 (no class April 5)/6-7:30  Langford Park
Ages 7-12/$70/Thursdays Jan 27–April 21 (no class April 7)/6-7:30  North Dale
Whether you consider yourself a beginner or intermediate player, join this club to meet and interact with other chess players in your neighborhood & play on a weekly basis. We will use chess clocks, play on a chess ladder, & learn the basic strategy & tactics of chess. Two player team chess will also be introduced.

Musical Theatre  Instructor: Musical Theatre MN
Ages 10-14/$110/Tuesdays Jan 25–April 19 (no class April 5)/6:15–7:15  North Dale
The teachers are highly trained actors, percussionists, guitarists, pianists, singers, & dancers that joined forces to create a program that enhances children's confidence & allows them to embrace their love for the arts. Participants will work on their music, dance, & acting technique through a series of different exercises & games. The repertoire includes dancing & music from well-known musicals such as Hamilton, The Lion King, Aladdin, Wicked, Cats, Hairspray, & many more!

Artist Workshop  Instructor: Barb McIntosh
$60/2:15-4:15  Northwest Como
Winter: Ages 8-12/Tuesdays Feb 1 – March 8
Spring: Ages 7-14/Tuesdays April 12 – May 17
Artist Workshop is designed for students with a STRONG interest in art. We will explore different mediums such as soft pastel, watercolor, tempera, & more. We will also look at the works of famous & not so famous artists.

Valentine Cookie & Card Making
Ages 7-13/Free/Wednesday Feb 9/6:30–7:30  North Dale
Make Valentine cards and cookies to give to your parents or friends.

Family Rollerskating Night
Free/Thursday Feb 10/6:30–7:30  North Dale
Come and roller skate with your kids in the North Dale gym. Bring your own safety gear. Roller skates & refreshments will be provided.

Red Cross Babysitting  Instructor: Jane Veitch
Ages 11-17/$60/Saturday Feb 12/9:30 –3:30  North Dale
Ages 11-17/$60/Friday April 15/9:00–3:00  Northwest Como
This training will help participants develop skills in leadership & professionalism, basic care, safety, safe play, & first aid. Participants must be 11 years of age or older. Please bring a bag lunch & beverage with you.
Pre-Teen Jewelry Making
Instructor: Pat Morell
Ages 10-14/$30/Wednesdays March 2-30/6-7:30
Langford Park
Want something new, creative, & fun to do? Come learn how to make jewelry you can bring home & wear. Pat will teach you how to make jewelry from recycled goods & things you can find around your house.

Weightlifting 101
Ages 13+/$120/Saturdays March 5-May 21/12:00-1:00
Langford Park
Weightlifting 101 is a once a week for 12 weeks class where participants will learn the basics of weightlifting as well as how to do it safely. Participants will learn terminology, program structure, and exercise technique through short classroom-type lessons and hands-on practice in the gym. Each session will also include a workout illustrating the topic of the week!

Table Tennis/Ping Pong
Drop In
Ages 7-14/Free/Tuesdays March 8-April 5/6-7:30
Langford Park
We gather once a week on Tuesdays for 1.5 hours. Kids will learn the rules & skills to the game. Game equipment will be provided along with a snack.

Cooking For Kids
Ages 9-14/Free/Thursdays March 10-31/6:30-8
North Dale
Participants will learn how to make easy dishes like mac & cheese, twice-baked potatoes, & more.

Parents Night Out
Ages 6-11/$10/Friday March 11/6:00-9:00
Langford Park
Ages 6-11/$10/Friday April 22/6:00-9:00
Northwest Como
Parents can drop their kids ages 6-10 off at the rec for some free time. Use your time to spend the night out, run errands, or just relax. Staff will provide pizza, outdoor/indoor activities, gym games, a craft, & a movie.

Red Ballers Tennis
Ages 8-11/Free/Tuesday - Friday March 15-18/3:45-4:45
Northwest Como
Kids will learn and practice forehand and backhand skills and receive an introduction to serving and volleying through a variety of racquet and ball activities.

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation programs will adhere to CDC and MN Department of Health guidance on COVID-19. Programs offered may require modifications based on future public health recommendations.
Conquer Ninja Field Trip  
Ages 7-14/$24/Monday April 4/10:00-1:00  
Northwest Como  
We will van to the Conquer Ninja site in Saint Paul. A Ninja Coach will be with the group to go over different styles & techniques, set up an obstacle course, & then to a warped wall challenge. Permission slip must be filled out prior to leaving.

Bowling at Flaherty's Field Trip  
Ages 7-11/$20/Tuesday April 5/2:00-5:30  
Northwest Como  
Come spend Spring Break with us at the Rec! Park staff will take the youth on a field trip to Flaherty's Arden Bowl. The kids will enjoy 1 hour of bowling & 1 hour in the Arcade Room. Youth will also enjoy pizza, drinks, & $5 in tokens. Permission slip must be filled out prior to leaving.

Minnesota Zoo Field Trip  
Ages 6-11/$15/Wednesday April 6/12:00-5  
Northwest Como  
Youth will spend a day at the MN Zoo discovering & learning about all the different species & their habitats. The indoor & outdoor exhibit areas & trails the youth will explore include: Discovery Bay, Medtronic Minnesota Trail, Northern Trail, Russia's Grizzly Coast, & Tropics Trail. Permission slip must be filled out prior to leaving.

Mini Golf at MOA Field Trip  
Ages 7-11/$15/Friday April 8/1:00-4:00  
Northwest Como  
Spend Spring Break at the Rec! Park staff will take the youth on a field trip to Moose Mountain Mini-Golf Course. Light snack is provided. The youth will need to bring their own money to purchase other food & beverages. Permission slip must be filled out prior to leaving.

Egg Dying  
Instructor: Pat Morell  
Ages 6-12/$5/Friday April 15/4:00-5:30  
Langford Park  
Join us in dying and making some awesome eggs just in time for Easter.

Basic Fishing Fundamentals  
Instructor: Bill Harvel  
Ages 7-11/$25/3:30-5:00  
Northwest Como  
Monday, Tuesday, Friday April 25-29 or Monday, Tuesday, Friday May 23-27  
Participants will learn basic techniques of how to cast a closed-faced & open-faced fishing pole. They will also learn about different types of bait for fishing as well as exploring the different species of fish that live in Minnesota. The youth will travel to Como Lake on Friday to apply what they have learned on Monday & Tuesday. Permission slip must be filled out prior to leaving. Please wear comfortable shoes & bring a bottle of water. Light snack will be provided.