March 4, 2022
No School – Professional Day

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

March 10, 2022
Family/Teacher Conferences

March 15, 2022
Family/Teacher Conferences

Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion; The potential for greatness lives within each of us. Wilma Rudolph

The fact that the potential for greatness lives within each of our Pilots is clearly evident in the below celebrations. We are so very proud of the great accomplishments and the hard work our students and staff are putting in to achieve their goals and make Murray a great place to be. I also had the privilege of walking around to foundations classes and hand delivering certificates and medals to all of our quarter 2 Murray Academic All-Stars! Needless to say, it has been a phenomenal couple of weeks. Please click the links below to see the recording of our NAAPID event and a message to us from Mayor Carter. We can’t wait to see what our Murray Pilots will accomplish in the weeks and months ahead!

Celebrations:

1. NAAPID was a great success despite the fact we could not have a large live audience! Thank you again to our Murray students, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Little and our community leaders for making this event possible and so memorable. I invite you to watch the recorded video on our Murray website if you happened to not make the virtual event.

   - National African American Parent Involvement Day!
     https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FiLtHVoypedv1MLe72TB0GaQxUAiaOVn/view?usp=sharing
   - Mayor Carter
     https://stpaulmn.sharepoint.com/:v:/s/OTCDigitalCommunications/EY6QpZ0QEEJpmLTAgCbm70Y8liYxqAjaOqX99Nh35edpbg?e=B7iaG5

2. #PilotProps of the week! Mr. Dahlberg would like to celebrate Helen Gerezgiher. She is a very polite and friendly student, very welcoming to others and always takes time to greet me with a "have a nice day" Helen is always supportive of her classmates. Go Pilots!

3. #PilotProps of the week! Ms. Quam would like to celebrate Nadia Lee. Nadia is a great student and loves reading, learning and helping others. She is always smiling and makes friends wherever she goes. AWESOME JOB Nadia!

4. #PilotProps of the week! Ms. Lee would like to recognize Ni Ler Ah Gay’s hard work, dedication and confidence in speaking in science class. Keep up the great work!

5. #PilotProps of the week! Ms. Scheid would like to celebrate Shane Gay Ku for his attention to detail and excellent focus that is turning him into a very good writer. He is leading the way for others as well. Thanks for your enthusiasm for learning and knowledge!

6. Debate Team - We would like to congratulate the partnership of Tilly Connolly & Charlie Loth for taking home a team award for fifth place, Sofia Patrons & June Staloch for taking one home for 9th place, and Saana Price & Teyla Matlock for taking one home for 13th place in the Rookie division. There is also a speaker award portion at every tournament. We would also like to give a special congratulations to Charlie Loth for earning a FIRST PLACE speaker award! Following closely is Tilly Connolly in SECOND PLACE, then Sofia Patrons in 11th place, June Staloch in 15th place, Saana Price in 23rd place, and Teyla Matlock in 27th place. Nicely done!

Your Co-Pilot,

Jamin McKenzie
Principal, Murray Middle School
**Seventh Grade**

**Social Studies with Ms. Newman:**
Now that History Day is done for the classroom level, we are diving 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 large changes in US culture. After our work with the 1920’s, we will examine the causes for the Great Depression and what life was like for those living through the Dust Bowl.

**Eighth Grade**

**English with Ms. Roe:**
In English, eighth graders are currently in the Fantasy and Dystopian Book Club unit! Students had the option to choose the same books as their club members or their own books. While reading, we are investigating the powers our characters have, the roles they play, and the ways characters handle obstacles. We are ending the unit creating claims about whether others should or should not experience our books. Ask an 8th grader what they are reading. It might just be a book you would enjoy, too!

**Yearbooks**
Yearbooks cost $20.00. Students can pick up an order form from the office or see Ms. Pittman. The easiest way to buy a yearbook is to purchase it online at [https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/high-school-yearbooks.html](https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/high-school-yearbooks.html)

**Counselor’s Corner**

Students/families of students who are 14 by June 1st (for the most part 8th graders):

This is a reminder that the Right Track Summer Job Opportunity Application is due by Monday February 28th.

**Important Right Track Websites:**
- [https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/right-track/youth/program-eligibility-requirements](https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/right-track/youth/program-eligibility-requirements)

This is a reminder that the School Choice Application due date is March 4th if you are wanting your child to attend a different school other than the one that they are assigned. For questions on how to apply, please contact the Placement Center, please call the Placement Center at 651-632-3760 or e-mail spc@spps.org.

**Important Websites:**
- [https://www.spps.org/choosespps](https://www.spps.org/choosespps)
- [https://apply.spps.org/](https://apply.spps.org/)
- [https://apply.spps.org/onlineapplication](https://apply.spps.org/onlineapplication)

School Counselor Page on the Murray Middle School Website (School Counselor Information and announcements, Middle to High School Transition etc).

[Murray Middle School Counselor Page](#)
National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID)

A day to celebrate African American History and Heritage and to share time together as a whole community.
Family-Teacher Conference Request Form
Or complete online form at http://murray.spps.org

1) CHECK CHOICE:  □ Thursday, March 10, 2022 (4:00 PM—8:00 PM)
   OR □ Tuesday, March 15, 2022 (4:00 PM—8:00 PM)
   OR □ No Preference on Date
   → → → On the date you requested, do you prefer an □ earlier time or □ later time or □ no preference

2) PRINT STUDENT’S FIRST AND LAST NAME BELOW:
Student 1 __________________________ Student 2 __________________________

Use both columns only if you have 2 students at Murray.

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You will be able to meet with each teacher approximately 4 to 5 minutes. 6th grade teachers will be in the cafeteria, 7th & 8th grade teachers will be in the gymnasium. Before or after your conference with the Grade Level Teachers you can conference with the elective teachers in the Library. These times are not scheduled.

List of Teachers by Grades

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Language Academy:

Ms. Lee, Ms. Roche, Ms. Scheid

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If your student has one or more of these teachers, check the box. We will schedule times.

3) Do you need an interpreter provided by school to interpret at conferences? If so, Language needed

4) You can return this form by: sending to school with your student
   Or, mailing to: Stefanie Folkema, Murray Middle School, 2200 Buford Ave. St. Paul, MN 55108
   Or, faxing to school at 651-293-8742
   Attn: Stefanie Folkema—please be sure it goes through.

5) How do you want the school to return the form to you once we’ve filled in the times? (Choose One from list below)
   __ Send home with my child through Foundations: Teacher is
   __ E-mail to (your name) __________________________ E-mail Address __________________________
   __ Fax — Attention: (receiver’s name) __________________________ (Fax number) __________________________

6) It is important to get your form in early since scheduling is done on a first-in, first-scheduled basis.

School Only Date Received:
FLIPSIDE
at Murray

Flipside Featured Class of the Week
Murray partners with the Science Museum of Minnesota to offer the Design Team to students. In this class, students will focus on four areas:

1. Design & Engineering (balloon powered cars, egg drop)
2. Media and technology (stop motion, photography, coding)
3. Biology and Public health (brain model, bottle lung model)
4. Environmental Justice (mapping food deserts, newspaper planters, gardening, water purification)

In each lesson we focus on how we can use STEM/the scientific principles we learn in the lessons to solve social problems or make the world a better, more equitable place.

What is Flipside?
Flipside is the free after school program at Murray Middle School. After school classes are offered Monday - Thursday and a snack is provided each day. Busses are now available for students after program on Mondays and Wednesdays!

Register
Email: jenna.joswiak@spps.org
Ph: 651-744-3189

Design Team
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  Northwest Como
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.