November 8, 2020

Happy Sunday Murray Parents:

We hope you and your families are safe and well.

**Report Cards for Pickup**

We will distribute student report cards at Murray on the following days:

- Thursday, November 12th from 8:45AM- 6:00PM
- Friday, November 13th from 8:45AM- 3:45PM
- Monday, November 16th from 8:45AM- 6:00PM
- Tuesday, November 17th from 8:45AM- 6:00PM

Parents do not need an appointment. We do ask that parents provide an ID for security purposes.

We have a limited amount of door prizes that will go on a first come, first served basis. Each parent’s name will be entered into our raffle for some additional cool prizes.

**PTO News**

- We have partnered with Florida Indian River Groves to provide you with the freshest fruit available. Your fruit will be harvested the very same day it's shipped to us, ensuring that you receive fruit that is hours off of the tree. Now that's fresh! And don't forget your friends, family, and coworkers. **The fruit fundraiser ends 11/13.** Please click here for more ordering information.

- **Spirit Wear is back!** Let’s show our school pride in our school. Please click here for ordering information.

- Ms. Holzhauer was select as the PTO teacher of the month.

- Monthly restaurant night is Wingstop at 5300 S. Dorchester on 11/18.

**Family Income Information Form (Family Information Form)**

There are several options for submission:

* CORRECTED Email (murrayschoolforms5335@gmail.com)
* Fax (773-535-0590)
* Drop-off at Murray (M-T 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. or Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.).

**Planning for High School**

The high school application period opens October 12, 2020. The deadline to apply is December 11, 2020. Activation codes were mailed September 25th. CPS created an Application Guide to help parents understand how to submit the high school application. For additional support, please reach out to Ms. Levi (amwatts@cps.edu), our School Counselor.
K-8 Computer Science@ Murray
CPS provided a generous grant last year to Murray to run a Computer Science PLC. The purpose of the PLC was to create a school-wide Computer Science/Computational Thinking study group. Ms. Calhoun chaired the PLC. The goal for providing the grant opportunity to Murray was to:

- Provide a quality CS opportunity for students
- Build teacher capacity in computer science
- Introduce our school community to computer science

To scale our capacity to meet these CS goals, we have three key partnerships focused on student curricular and teacher and parent training:

- **CPS Computer 4 all-** This Amazon Engineering grant will provide Murray with 3 years of professional development in Scratch programming. The project will focus on students in grades K-5.

- **Purdue University** invited us to participate in their National Science Foundation (NSF) Innovative Technology Experiences for Students (ITEST) program titled *Project CreatE: Creative Engineers*. The broad aims of this project will be to (1) develop STEM knowledge and creativity in middle school students through participation in enrichment activities; (2) foster collaboration among participants within and between sites; (3) encourage student participants to pursue engineering as a career; and (4) develop and disseminate instructional units including creative activities connected to engineering. Purdue’s Gifted Education Resource Institute (GERI) will be a partner in this proposal by providing summer programming for the student participants. The project will focus on students in grades 6-8.

- **University of Chicago Department of Computer Science**- Professor Chetty is supporting our work through her research on: Building Foundational Digital Privacy and Security Skills for Elementary School. Dr. Chetty brings expertise on how children, teachers, and parents are using information and communication technologies (ICTs) such as smartphones, tablets, apps, and websites. Her team will support our teachers and parents properly prepare children with digital privacy and security skills they can carry into adulthood. Dr. Chetty’s research supports the need to equip students with privacy and security skills from the time they first enter school. This project will offer tools and resources to students, training for parents, and professional development and curriculum for teachers.

**CPS Health**

**Minimum Health Requirements 2020-2021**
Physical Examination requirements are now due. Physical Examination must be completed within one year prior to entry to:

- Preschool and kindergarten (physical exam and lead screening through age 6)
- 6th grade and 9th grade (ages 5, 11, 15 for un-graded programs)
- Any student entering CPS for the first time

Vision Examination requirements due upon enrollment, no later than 10/15/20:

- Entering the State of Illinois for the first time at any grade level.
- Entering kindergarten
Dental Examination requirements due 5/15/21 for kindergarten, 2nd, 6th grade and 9th grade.
If you would like help enrolling your child in health insurance, call the Healthy CPS Hotline: 773-553-5437 or visit www.cps.edu/cfbu

PARENTS – STAY CONNECTED WITH EACH OTHER!

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Upcoming dates

- November 11th: Veteran’s Day (There is school on this day)
- November 11th: PTO/PAC Meeting at 6:00PM; [Here is the meeting link](https://murray.cps.edu/)
- November 12th – 13th: Distributing reports card at Murray
- November 16th – 17th: Distributing reports card at Murray
- November 18th: Parent conferences; No school for students

We are Murray, We are one!

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