February 14, 2021

Happy Sunday Murray and Happy Valentine’s Parents!

We hope you and your families are safe and well.

In-Person Learning Start Dates

- **Kindergarten - Fifth Grade**
  - Students return on March 1, 2021.
- **Sixth - Eighth Grade**
  - Students return on March 8, 2021.

**Please note:** During the week of March 1st, all teachers will continue to follow the Remote Learning Schedules (1.0). The Hybrid Learning Schedules (2.0) will start the week of March 8th.

**Key Reminders**

**Arrival**
The arrival time is 8:45AM.

- Prior to arrival, parents must complete the CPS Health Screener for their child (cps.edu/healthscreener).
- Kindergarten, 1st, 5th, and 6th grade students will enter door #1 (Main Entrance)
- 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students will enter door #3 (North playground door)
- 7th/8th grade and bus students will enter door #10 (staff parking lot)

**Dismissal**
The dismissal time is 3:45PM.

- Rooms 104, 106 and 108 will dismiss from their respective classrooms doors
- 1st, 5th, and 6th grade students will dismiss from door #1 (Main Entrance)
- 2nd (room 103), 3rd and 4th grade students will dismiss from door #3 (North playground door)
- 7th/8th grade and bus students will dismiss from door #10 (staff parking lot)
Please note that Murray is unable to provide supervision for students during after-school hours once school has been dismissed and, therefore, cannot assume liability. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up at 3:45 p.m. and remind your child to be safe!

PTO Virtual Cooking Class Featuring Chef Blackmon of Blu 47

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021 7:00PM-9:00PM**

Chef David Blackmon's first love is the passion for cooking and the excitement in the kitchen. With 18 years of food service experience, and 12 years as a professional Chef, his food testimonials are bar-none. Chef Blackmon sharpened his skills working under top chefs in some of the finest restaurants around Chicago.

Chef Blackmon’s culinary approach has a Southwestern, Italian, Southern, and Asian flair. He tries to incorporate these flavors into several of his dishes. Having a chance to work with so many different types of foods and ingredients that the city has to offer, David enjoys Chicago’s vast cultural and culinary differences, and tries to bring them all to a happy medium in each of his dishes. Never forgetting his family’s deep roots in soul food, David does updated dishes using some of the same soulful ingredients but with a healthy twist. He refers to it as “Neo Soul Food”.

**Zoom Link:**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83715219537?pwd=cVdUUklneXZHbkk3Y1VmWHMrMGwvdz09

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

Our PAC is working on three workshops for parents. The dates and times will be forthcoming. Here are the titles:

- Path from NWEA to ACT English
- Connecting Contexts: Keeping Kids Safe Online
- How Fractions can get you to College

The school administration is teaming with the PAC on the next Principal Chat. The chat will focus on Blended Learning. **The next Principal Chat is February 25th at 6:00PM.**
Chicago Children’s Choir
We have been so excited to see Chicago Children's Choir In-School singers participate in opportunities beyond their school Choir sessions this year! Many have submitted videos to be a part of the virtual Black History Month concert coming up on February 25th.

Chicago Children’s Choir is continuing our work virtually and are still offering 8-week topic based Arts Enrichment Sessions. These classes are open to all 8-18 year olds, and we have a variety of options to suit different interests! The recommended price is $100, but CCC has a "pay what you can" policy, so the price can be adjusted, as needed.

PARENTS – STAY CONNECTED WITH SCHOOL PERSONNEL!
AND
PARENTS – STAY CONNECTED WITH EACH OTHER!

| Class of 2021 8th Graders | Murray Class of 2021 GroupMe |
| Class of 2022 7th Graders | Murray Class of 2022 GroupMe |
| Class of 2023 6th Graders | Murray Class of 2023 GroupMe |
| Class of 2024 5th Grades | Murray Class of 2024 GroupMe |
| Class of 2025 4th Graders | Murray Class of 2025 GroupMe |
| Class of 2026 3rd Graders | Murray Class of 2026 GroupMe |
| Class of 2027 2nd Graders | Murray Class of 2027 GroupMe |
| Class of 2028 1st Graders | Murray Class of 2028 GroupMe |
| Class of 2029 Kindergarten | Murray Class of 2029 GroupMe |

Upcoming dates

- **February 15th**: President Day; no school
- **February 16th**: LSC Meeting @ 6:00PM
- **February 17th**: PTO Virtual Cooking Class with Chef David Blackmon

We are Murray, We are one!

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