Happy Monday Murray Parents:

We hope you and your families are safe and well.

Tomorrow is the first day of school. Attendance will be taken on this day and every school day. Students are expected to attend all classes on their respective schedules. Students will also receive grades.

Families have many traditions for bringing in the new school year. Here are a few:

- **Read a special book the night before.** Whether it’s *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* or *Miss Nelson Is Missing!*, find a classic picture book that’ll get your kids ready to start the new year;
- **Make a family motto.** To help your little ones start the new school year in the right mindset, come up with a short family motto. It’ll help remind everyone what’s important in tough moments throughout the year. Have the kids write it out and decorate it;
- **Celebrate School Year's Eve.** You celebrate New Year’s Eve, so why not do the same for School Year’s Eve? Get poppers or noisemakers, provide a few treats, and throw a little dance party;
- **Take cool pictures.** Everyone loves to document the first and last day of school. There are so many creative ways to commemorate the occasion—from chalkboards to t-shirts and more; ([https://redtri.com/awesome-back-to-school-traditions/slide/1](https://redtri.com/awesome-back-to-school-traditions/slide/1))

Traditionally, we have a PTO back-to-school rally on the first day of school. Keeping with tradition, we will have a remote rally at 8:00AM: [PTO Orange Juice Toast to the First Day of School@Murray](https://redtri.com/awesome-back-to-school-traditions/slide/1). This link is also posted on our school’s website.

Our [Murray Learning Hub](https://redtri.com/awesome-back-to-school-traditions/slide/1) is now up. On the hub, parents can access school and remote learning information. On the hub you can find:

- Student schedules
- Homeroom notes and blogs
- Parent Portal information
- Parent resources
The hub link is also posted on our school's website. Additionally, you will find all future meetings with links posted on the Murray calendar which is also located on the school's website.

Staff Note:
Dr. Brown is on leave. We hired Ms. Kylie Gilling to teach 1st Grade. Ms. Gilling is super excited to join the Murray family! She graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelors in Elementary Education, a focus in Language Arts and a minor in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. She is originally from Michigan, but moved to Chicago a little over one year ago and she loves it. Ms. Gilling loves traveling the world, meeting new people and exploring new places! In her free time she can be found listening to music, creating art and reading books.

We previously introduced three other new staff members to the Murray community. Here they are again:
- Ms. Alexander 211 (Diverse Learners)
- Mr. J. Metzger – GYM (PE)
- Ms. L. Shannon - 118 (7th/8th Math)

All staff and administration are located on the school's website.

CPS Meal Distribution
Starting September 8, parents, guardians and students can pick up meal kits with three days worth of meals (breakfast and lunch) per student at more than 450 schools Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To find the meal distribution site nearest you, use the meals site finder. Murray is a pick-up site.

Two Quick Notes
- Parents have the option to request a chromebook. Please click on this link to make a request;
- The CPS Parent Tech Support Hotline is 773-417-1060;

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We are Murray, We are one!

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