

# Pilot School News

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## UPCOMING EVENTS >>>

### June 7, 2024

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition  
9:30am (By Foundations)  
1:30pm (By Foundations)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition  
9:30am

- Atkinson
- Boyer
- Chase
- Cudahy
- Decourt
- Hirthe
- Scheid

1:30pm

- Aal
- Al-Ahad
- Croone
- Engelstad, J
- Gravert
- Hayden
- Helmen/Wenzel
- Miller/Ulven

### June 10, 2024

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards (By Invitation)  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards (By Invitation)  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Valleyfair  
9:00am – 6:00pm

*How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.* **A.A. Milne**

As an educator, we look forward to summer just as much as the kids. However, that doesn't mean it's easy to say goodbye on that last day. The flood of wonderful memories are already starting to fill my mind from the great things our students, families and staff were able to accomplish this year! Looking back, I can't believe how fast it has all gone. Both of my own kids will be seniors next year and I just can't understand how life is flying by so fast.

I want to take this last message to deeply thank the families in our community for making this year a powerful experience for our Murray Pilots. It truly takes a village and people from all corners of Area E stepped up in so many ways to ensure that our students had the opportunities to learn, flourish and have fun. As Murray staff, we are honored to be serving our families and while we are all ready for a well-deserved break, we are certainly excited for what the future holds.

Please take the summer months to recharge and do the things that fill your bucket. For those of you that are moving up into the world of high school, we wish you the very best and know that you will continue to grow and lead just as you have done at Murray. For those of you that are still with us next year, we look forward to seeing you again and will be looking to you as leaders to help continue the great work in our school. You will hear from me again in early August.

Have a great summer, stay healthy and Go Pilots!

### Celebrations:

**#Pilotprops** of the week! Mr. Noah would like to celebrate Alexander Timothy. Alex is a hard worker and a flexible thinker. He always tries his best, and because of that, he consistently learns and grows. He has been the embodiment of what it means to be a Murray student, and he will be greatly missed when he moves on to high school. We are proud of him!

**#Pilotprops** of the week! Ms. Phillips would like to celebrate Jalante O'Neal. Jalante is a friendly and thoughtful student. He is a great self-advocate and creative problem solver. He has impressed me with his ability to communicate and work things out with others!

**#Pilotprops** of the week! Ms. Tina would like to celebrate Queen Pendleton. Queen is a true Pilot. Queen continuously demonstrates "The Murray Way" of being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe. Great work in persevering this school year. I am proud of you!

Your Co-Pilot,

Jamin McKenzie  
Principal, Murray Middle School

## Sixth Grade

The Murray 6<sup>th</sup> graders are preparing for our upcoming Poetry Slam performance! We invite you to come and join our class during your student's Writers Workshop class to enjoy some spoken word poetry.

### **Ms. Stedje's Invitation:**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR CLASS POETRY SLAM!**



**WHAT:** Awesome 6th graders performing original poetry

**WHERE:** Room 0215- Stedje's ELA class

**WHEN:** Wednesday or Thursday, **June 5 or 6** during your student's class (hrs 1/2 @ 9:30 / hrs 5/6 @ 1:20)

**WHY:** 6th graders have worked very hard to write, practice, and perform an original poem in front of a live audience. **We invite you to experience their efforts and support our 6th graders**

**WHO:** Teachers on prep, families, administration, support staff, and any caring adult at Murray!

### **Ms. Carter's Invitation:**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR CLASS POETRY SLAM!**



**WHAT:** Awesome 6th graders performing original poetry

**WHERE:** Room 0211- Carter's ELA class

**WHEN:** Wednesday or Thursday, **June 5 or 6** during your student's class (hrs 1/2 @ 9:30 / hrs 6/7 @ 2:15)

**WHY:** 6th graders have worked very hard to write, practice, and perform an original poem in front of a live audience. **We invite you to experience their efforts and support our 6th graders**

**WHO:** Teachers on prep, families, administration, support staff, and any caring adult at Murray!

### **Math 6 with Mr. Klemme:**

Along with finishing up our SAVVAS end of year growth assessment, students have been practicing converting between fractions, decimals, and percents. We see these in our everyday lives and work to develop a better understanding. It has been wonderful working with all of the Murray families and their students. Thank you and I wish you all a great, restful, summer.

### **Pre-Algebra with Mr. Klemme:**

Along with finishing up our SAVVAS end of year growth assessment, students just finished up a short unit on Equations. We have been laying the groundwork of skills that they will be using the rest of their math careers here in SPPS. Our last unit deals with probability and how we can relate it to different situations. This will be the final unit of the year. Thank you all for the great year and best of luck in Algebra next year.

## Seventh Grade

### **American Studies with Ms. Newman and Ms. Atchison:**

Our learning has included the Korean War from multiple perspectives and we are now learning about the Freedom Movements in US History. Our next unit will be the Conflict in Vietnam and we hope to finish the year strong with our Final Projects!

## Eighth Grade

### **Math with Mr. Hayden:**

In Integrated Math 1, we are finishing up the year by looking at Foundations of Geometry. There is a lot of Geometry in the Integrated Math 2 course students will be taking next year so it is a preview of some of the types of topics students will be exposed to then. We learned a large collection of foundational vocabulary terms such as point, line, plane, ray, angle and segment. We are also being introduced to the concept of proving how we know something using postulates and theorems. We will discuss aspects of logic including inductive and deductive reasoning, and conditional statements. We have explored specific geometric skills and formulas such as measuring segments, angles, finding midpoints, and distances. We also learned how to make some basic constructions using a compass and straightedge, such as copying segments and angles, and perpendicular and angle bisectors.

In Algebra 1, we are wrapping up the year with our unit on the Pythagorean Theorem. We learned about this unique relationship between the side lengths of a right triangle and how it can be used to find a missing side length or how we can use its converse to prove a triangle is a right triangle. We will also see how it can be used to find the length of a diagonal of a rectangular prism or to find the distance between two points on the coordinate plane.

### **Global Studies with Mr. Aal and Ms. Croone:**

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade Global Studies we are studying Latin America. Students have made political and physical maps of Latin America and have considered the costs and benefits of development in the Amazon. This week they will look at the diverse culture of Brazil and how that diversity differs and mirrors the diversity of the United States.



## E2 Plant Sale Fundraiser

### **Purpose:**

This fundraiser will support the E2 (Environmental Inquiry Immersion) Science Elective class at Murray Middle School and students that take this course. This year's students will be caring for your seedlings raising them up from seeds. By participating in this course, the students learn gardening skills while learning about the chemistry that is happening to help the plants grow. The proceeds will be paid forward to the next year's class of students where funds will be used to support science fair, field trips, and other class materials.

### **Cost:**

Each seedling will cost \$3 and money will be due at Pickup. Orders will be given first ordered first priority. This is our first time doing this fundraiser but not our first-time raising plants.

Please take the following survey if interested in purchasing:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfsXpNL6J1vTA7rHvdu7hELyPTwfhMN3xu1aOZOjaLQWID6A/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfsXpNL6J1vTA7rHvdu7hELyPTwfhMN3xu1aOZOjaLQWID6A/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## IPad

### **Secondary (6-12)**

- **Secondary students (grades 6-11):** Students should **keep iPads** over the summer.
  - Students enrolled in summer school are required to bring their devices.
  - 6-11 families not enrolled in summer school can **choose to leave iPads at school** over the summer if they prefer
- **Seniors (grade 12):** **Erase and return** the device and charger to the school iPad manager

### **Exceptions:**

- **All students at SPPS Online School should keep iPads over the summer.**
- Families not enrolled in SPPS or who prefer the iPad to stay at school over the summer should return the iPad and charger before the last day of school.
- Families can return iPads and chargers during the summer to the District Educational Operations Facility at 1930 Como Avenue or any summer school location.

If you have questions, email Mr. Rogness at [joel.rogness@spps.org](mailto:joel.rogness@spps.org) or text to (651) 815-1362.

## Murray Pilots go to National History Day!

Six Murray Historians advanced from the State History Day competition with their amazing projects. Sylvia McRoberts, Scout Murch-Gordon, Maeve Callahan-Schreiber, Charlie Anderson, Peter Laska & Emmett Loth are all heading to National History Day for their website, exhibit, and documentaries. National History Day is held at the University of Maryland in June. Janey Atchison, Kirsten Croone, and Carrie Newman will be accompanying the Murray team to Washington DC. Please help us to support our brilliant Murray Educators and outstanding Murray Historians and as they compete among the best of the best in our nation!

This fundraiser is hosted by the Murray Parent Teacher Organization, a 501(c)(3). Contributions made to this fundraiser will be used to support the travel expenses of the 2024 History Day Team. This trip is organized by the Minnesota Historical Society. A big thank you to the MNHS team for making this trip happen.

<https://www.givemn.org/story/Historyday2024>



**Science For All went on a field trip to the U of MN last Friday. Lots of fun experiments. It was a great way to end the year with all the PhD students who volunteered at Murray.**



### **Theater Opportunity**

Do you want to be part of summer theater camps with Rosetown Playhouse but can't manage the \$147 fee? If you're age 7-16, Rosetown has two scholarships available each week during weeks 2, 3, and 4 of camp (6 scholarships total – Week 1 is full). If you'd like to be considered for a scholarship, email Elizabeth at [info@rosetownplayhouse.org](mailto:info@rosetownplayhouse.org).

Camps run 9am – 12pm M-F

Country Mouse and the Missing Lunch Mystery, July 15-19, ages 7-10

The Emperor's New Clothes, July 22-26, ages 11-14

Snow White & the Seven Dwarves, July 29-August 2, ages 12-16

Visit our website for more camp details, <https://www.rosetownplayhouse.org>.

Scholarships for non-Roseville residents only – Roseville residents can contact City of Roseville Parks and Recreation for scholarship opportunities.





## Counselor Corner & Mental Health Corner

Hello Families,

We wanted to reach out to share some helpful information as we transition into our summer.

- For summer school: Families can call 651-632-3700 for more information for the 5-8 Summer Session. For more information about those programs and to register, go to [spps.org/summer](https://spps.org/summer).
  - Hmong: 651-325-2740
  - Karen: 651-325-2760
  - Somali: 651-325-2760
  - Spanish: 651-632-3751

Murray Counselors will be in the office until Friday, June 15 if you need to reach our counseling team before next school year. Counselors will begin the 2024-2025 school year at Murray on August 20, 2024. If you have questions regarding your child as we gear up for the next school year, please reach out to Justine Revermann at 651-744-7130 or [justine.revermann@spps.org](mailto:justine.revermann@spps.org). Counselors will be on summer break between June 18-August 18. Any messages received between those dates will be checked when the counselors begin in August. Schedules for students will be ready in early September prior to students starting on September 3. Student schedules may be visible prior to the first day of school, but they will likely still be updated, and not finalized, until the first day of school. [Here's the link](#) to our 2024-2025 district calendar.

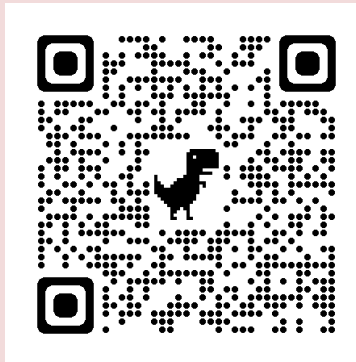
If you have questions over our summer break, you can leave us a message and we will get back to you in August or you can reach out to the district at 651-767-8100.

Thank you for a great school year! We cannot wait to see the students in the fall!

On the following pages, we have provided some summer activities and information and resources to help your families and communities. The QR code will take you to the most recent version of this document if we update it.

Best,

Justine Revermann & Lisa Engelstad  
Murray School Counselors



## **Counselor Corner & Mental Health Corner**

### 2024 Summer Learning/Programs/Jobs for Middle School Students

#### Resources/Programs:

- [SPPS Summer Learning Programs](#)
- [SPPS Flipside Summer Camp](#)
- [SPPS Community Education](#): Summer Catalog
- [Saint Paul Rec Centers](#)
  - Nearby Rec Centers: Lanford Park, Northwest Como, Rice, West Minnehaha, Frogtown, Hancock, Jimmy Lee, MLK Rec Center
- [YMCA](#)
- [Saint Paul Public Libraries “Summer Spark” Program](#)
  - Nearby Libraries: Saint Anthony Park, Hamline Midway, Rice Street, Merriam Park, Book Mobile, Rondo
- [Summer Events - Kids Out & About Site](#) - Lists Events all over the Twin Cities by Week
- [Discover Summer](#)
- [U of M Recreation Programs -Youth Central \(U of M, 4-H\)](#)
- [YMCA Summer Opportunities](#)
- [Scrubs Camp & Other Health Career-Related Camps](#)
- [Sprockets Saint Paul](#) - Use Program finder to find camps, programs, events, etc.
- [Right Track Summer Jobs Program](#) (*see bottom of this webpage for other Twin Cities Employment Opportunities*)
- [Minnesota Urban Debate League Summer Programming](#)
- [Minnesota State Summer Camp Listing](#)
  - Minnesota State has compiled all summer camps being offered by all 37 institutions across 54 campuses
- [Minnesota Office of Higher Education \(OHE\) list of Summer Academic Enrichment Eligible Programs -](#)
  - [Eligibility Information](#)
- [St. Paul Urban Tennis](#)
- [St Paul Library Locations](#)



## Counselor Corner & Mental Health Corner

### Food Resources:

- Food resources: **Free Summer Meals for Kids 18 and Under.** Summer meals are available at NO COST to kids 18 and under, or those over 18 with a disability enrolled in a school program. Meals will be served at parks and community spaces, starting in June. For information and locations, visit [spps.org/summermeals](https://spps.org/summermeals).
- Free Summer Meals for Students: [Website](#) - Hunger Impact Partners, a non-profit organization working with the Minnesota Department of Education to promote free summer meals for kids across the state. Please check for more updated information throughout the spring.
- Food Shelves Available in Ramsey County:  
<https://www.ramseycounty.us/sites/default/files/Work%20with%20Ramsey/Food%20Shelves%20in%20Ramsey%20County.pdf>
- [Fare for All](#): Fare For All is a pop-up grocery store. They sell packs of fresh produce and frozen meat at up to 40% off of retail prices.
- [Twin Cities Mobile Market](#): Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on a bus! Anyone can shop for a full selection of fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy, grains and other high-quality groceries. The bus visits neighborhoods that don't have access to full-service supermarkets or grocery stores.
- [Minnesota Food Helpline](#): Provides solutions to their food needs. If we can't help, we can direct you to where you need to go to find answers. If you are more comfortable speaking in a language other than English, interpreter services are available (Spanish, Somali, Hmong, and many others!)

### Mental Health Resources:

- Suicide and Crisis Prevention Life Line: 988
- Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative: (800) 565-2575
- Ramsey County Youth Mental Health Crisis Team: 651-266-7878
- Call CRISIS (274747) from anywhere in MN to reach the local County crisis team
- Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741
- Trevor Project: Text Start to 678678 or call 1-866-488-7386, [chat here](#)
- SOS Sexual Violence Services | Ramsey County
- [American Indian Center](#) - 651-793-3803
- [Aris Clinic in Woodbury](#) - 651-259-9750
- [Change, Inc.](#) - 651-222-0757
- [C.L.U.E.S. \(Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio\)](#) - 651-379-4200
- [Face to Face Health & Counseling Center](#) - 651-772-5555
- [LifeStance Health](#) - 651-748-5019
- [Metro Social Services](#) - 651-647-0647
- [Prairie Care Free Needs Assessment](#) - 888-977-2474
- [Wilder Foundation](#) - 651-280-2310





## May Is Mental Health & Wellness Awareness Month!

Mental health and wellness are essential to your well-being and the well-being of your family. This is why during the month of May there is an effort to increase awareness about this topic across Saint Paul Public Schools and the nation. Mental health and physical health are closely connected to each other. The green boxes below provide resources to support wellness and mental health.

Check out the links below for simple suggestions for promoting healthy social emotional habits for children of all ages:

- [4 Simple Ways to Promote Optimal Health for Youth 12-18 Years](#)
- [4 Simple Ways to Promote Optimal Health for Youth 5-12 Years](#)
- [4 Simple Ways to Promote Optimal Health for Youth 0-5 Years](#)

If you or your child is feeling sad or down, you may find it helpful to talk to a trusted friend or family member. Help can be found in many places and where you go depends on what type of support may be needed. There are school counselors and social workers at every Saint Paul Public School. Families may reach out directly to those staff or talk to your child's teacher. Many schools also have partnerships with community agencies that place mental health professionals in our schools. Services with those community partners are **voluntary and require parent/guardian permission**.

<a href="#">SBMH English</a>	<a href="#">SBMH Hmong</a>	<a href="#">SBMH Karen</a>	<a href="#">SBMH Somali</a>	<a href="#">SBMH Spanish</a>
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When we receive support, it helps us to learn coping strategies, heal pains from the past, build self-confidence and feel stronger in the face of life's challenges. Talking with someone about overwhelming thoughts and feelings can save lives. If you or someone you know needs support now, there is crisis support available. **Anyone can call or text 988 for free confidential crisis support.** Local free, confidential crisis support is also available and more information about those resources is below.

[Crisis Info in English](#) [Crisis Info in Hmong](#) [Crisis Info in Karen](#) [Crisis Info in Somali](#) [Crisis Info in Spanish](#)

### Crisis Response Phone Numbers:

- [Ramsey County Adult Urgent Care for Mental Health](#): 651-266-7900
- [Ramsey County Children's Crisis](#): 651-266-7878
- [Crisis Text Line](#): Text "MN" to 741 741
- **Try Out** [Finding the Pause](#): In these 4- to 7-minute videos, youth lead you in mind-body practices to help you calm and focus your mind and body as you move through your daily life.
- **Visit** the [Virtual Calm Room](#) and choose a few activities to try. Consider how using these activities regularly might benefit your family.
- **Find More Resources** about Emotional Well-Being from [Sesame Street](#).

