Pilot School News

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UPCOMING EVENTS >>>

December 17, 2024Winter Band/Orchestra Concert 6:30pm

Dec. 23, 2024 – Jan. 3, 2025 No School – Winter Break

January 20, 2025 No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 24, 2025
Activity Day
End of Second Quarter

January 27, 2025 No School – Grading Day

January 29, 2025 Showcase 5:30pm – 7:30pm Parent Forum – Como High Pathway 6:00pm The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention. Oscar Wilde

The Murray community had its annual Barnes and Noble Bookfair and Fundraiser this past Wednesday evening. Despite the weather and brisk wind, the turnout of community members was amazing! Barnes and Noble was hustling and bustling with the sounds of laughter, excitement and joy. Some of our band and orchestra members were able to give a sneak peek into what's to come with our upcoming concert on December 17th. I want to give a huge thank you to Ms. Denae and all of the family members that helped transport equipment and students for this event. Without you, we couldn't have pulled it off. Also, a huge thank you to Barnes and Noble for hosting this very fun event every December. And finally, a huge thank you to Ms. Folkema and all of the staff and community members that played a part in organizing, displaying and participating in this wonderful winter event. Because of the generosity of our community, Barnes and Noble reports that we had over \$4000 in sales, with a small percentage of that coming back to Murray Middle School. In addition, many many books were purchased from our teacher wish list. Thank you, Murray community, for continuing to be so generous, for supporting Murray and for continuing to create wonderful memories at our annual events.

Reminder for those that are interested - The annual Saint Paul Public Schools School Choice Fair is coming up on Saturday, December 14th at the Saint Paul RiverCentre. https://apply.spps.org/school choice fair

Be well and have a great next two weeks!

Celebrations:

#Pilotprops of the week! Ms. Tina would like to celebrate Brian Sanchez Ramirez. Brian shows up everyday with a vibrant personality and a smile on his face. He cares about school and others around him. I enjoy connecting with Brian everyday when he checks in with me. Murray is proud of you!

<u>#Pilotprops</u> of the week! Mr. Little would like to celebrate Grace Klinge. Grace is a great student and a very caring young lady. She is a great athlete and plays both Volleyball and Softball tremendously. We are so lucky to have Grace at Murray!

Your Co-Pilot,

Jamin McKenzie Principal, Murray Middle School

Activity Day Forms

Due

January 8th

Sixth Grade

English Language Arts with Ms. Williams, Ms. Steinhoff and Ms. Carter:

The 6th-grade Readers and Writers Workshop classes are digging deep into social issues that affect our communities and the world. We are reading a nonfiction book about a social issue of our choice, and then creating an informational text about these same issues in Writers WS. Please ask your student about the topic they chose and why.

Seventh Grade

Science with Ms. Dooley and Mr. Altringer:

We're wrapping up our studies of cells and what they need to replicate in order for healing and growing to happen. This week we compared the amount of energy stored in different types of food by using it as fuel to heat water.



American Studies with Ms. Newman:

Seventh grade historians are finishing their work the Progressive Era Unit. We have been focusing on primary source analysis, studying the problems Progressives were hoping to solve. Students were looking at images and writings from the muckrakers Upton Sinclair, Ida B. Wells, & Lewis Hine. Our Assessment was to create a Political Cartoon focusing on the problems Progressives were hoping to solve through legislation and reforms in the early 1900's.

We have also officially kicked off History Day! This is Ms. Newman's Favorite time of the year!! Students will start exploring topic selection using the Minnesota History Day Topic Weebly. Students have a great deal of voice and choice in this assignment. They should choose a topic they would love to learn more about. The theme is Rights & Responsibilities in History. Kyle from Minnesota Historical Society, was here on Monday and Tuesday to discuss the Project and Theme Exploration. Our goal is for students to choose a topic they are passionate about and we will help them make the connections to the theme as they research!

We also have a lot of History Day Hullabaloos coming up: What is a Hullabaloo? It is a fun gathering with mentors and librarians to help students do well and connect to more sources with their History Day Project!

December 14^{th,} 11:00am – 3:00pm Rondo Library

January 8^{th,} 3:00pm – 7:00pm Roseville Library, Ramsey County Library

January 18^{th,} 1:00pm – 5:00pm U of M Campus, Wilson Library

January 26th, 12:00pm – 4:00pm Gale Library (MN Historical Society)

Eighth Grade

Math with Mr. Hayden:

In Algebra, students are starting to learn about solving and graphing inequalities. We are discovering that it is remarkably similar to solving equations, with a few subtle differences, like when multiplying or dividing by a negative number. We also will spend some time discussing the answers an inequality gives compared to the real-world solutions. For example, sometimes only whole numbers should be considered (like if the variable represents number of people) and in some cases negative numbers need not be included (like if the variable measures distance).

In Integrated Math, students are reviewing three forms of linear equationsslope-intercept, pointslope form, and standard form. Most students were already introduced to these forms last year, but we are diving a little deeper this year. Students will learn what pieces of information each form tells us, how to graph equations in all 3 forms, and in which situations each form is most useful. Students will also learn about the relationship between slopes of parallel and perpendicular lines at the end of the unit.

Science with Ms. Dooley and Mr. Chase:

We're continuing our studies of the physics of sound. This week we are investigating how energy transfers in different media when sound goes from one place to another.

Global Studies with Ms. Croone:

We have been touring around South East Asia looking at physical features, political areas aka what makes up this part of the world and also a cultural look between the urban and rural parts of SE Asia. Mapping is an introductory part to each unit so students can see where we are in the world and the space in the world we are studying.



In These Times with Ms. Croone:

What a month November has been! This class worked hard to understand the elections and the candidates that were running. This prepped them for running the all-school Election Day on November 4. Students were given a ballot that was the same as the ballot for the school area and they were able to vote through their Social Studies class. Murray was part of the 119,076 votes cast from 396 schools

and represented 76 counties in the state of Minnesota!

Murray results-507 total ballots cast Harris-413 Trump-79 Others-15

Congrats to the students that managed the voting and Ms. DeCourt for the use of the library!







Activity Day

Murray has a mid-year all school celebration called Activity Day. Activity Day takes place on January 24th. All students are invited to attend one of 4 field trips: Cheap Skate (Rollerskating), Flahertys Arden Bowl (Bowling), Grand Slam (Arcade, Batting Cages, Laser Tag, Krazy Kars, Mini-Golf, X-treme Trampoline), and Ice Fishing.

Please turn in form, money, permission slip, and waiver (Grand Slam only) to Stefanie Folkema (Office #1005) by Wednesday, January 8, 2025. You can also pay online at the following link:

Activity Day - Class Registration v3.0 - Saint Paul Public Schools (rschooltoday.com)

Kudos

No Missing Assignments Challenge was issued to 8th graders in their core classes for the end of Quarter 1. For each class a student had no missing assignments, they were given a ticket to be entered into a drawing. There were a multitude of students that qualified for the drawing of 2 AMC passes and our winner was Julie R! Congrats!!! Stay tuned for the Quarter 2 challenge-



Yearbooks

Yearbooks cost \$24.00. 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/year books/high-schoolyearbooks.html

Staff Spotlight



Greetings! My name is Vanessa Novak and I am honored to be the Licensed School Nurse (LSN) at Murray Middle School. This is my 2nd year with the Murray community and my 7th year as an LSN for St. Paul Public Schools. I previously worked at Parkway Montessori Middle School and, more recently, as an LSN coach for SPPS licensed school nurses new to the role.

In my spare time I like to hang out with my family and friends and watch my 9-year-old play the sports he loves. I am also directing Murray's musical, Beetlejuice Jr., this year and hope you all come out to see it in the spring!

My goal this year, and every year, is to support the removal of any health-related barriers to learning for our Murray students. In addition, I want to assist them to be self-sufficient in managing their health, preparing them for high school. Please reach out with any questions or to discuss specific health conditions that may need to be supported at school.

Take care!

Counselors Corner

Here are a few announcements from our counseling team. As a reminder, here is our contact information:

- Ms. Justine Revermann justine.revermann@spps.org 651-744-7130: Student last names A-L
- Ms. Stephanie Lee stephanie.lee@spps.org 651-744-3600: Student last names M-Z

LGBTQ+ Support Group:

A confidential support group for students who identify as LGBTQ+ will be starting at Murray. If your student has questions about their own sexual orientation or gender identity, and wants a safe place to talk about their questions or experiences with peers, this group may be an option for them. If your student is interested in the group or would like to know more about the group, please email Amy Coad, School Psychologist at amy.coad@spps.org or call/text 651-401-6566. Thank you!

8th grade families:

The SPPS School Choice Fair is happening on Saturday, December 14, from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Saint Paul RiverCentre (175 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, MN 55102). This is a great time to learn about high school options. There are interpreters in Hmong, Karen, Somali, Spanish, Oromo, and ASL. There will also be flu vaccines, free backpacks, and free park and ride locations. More information on the link below.

• Link: https://apply.spps.org/school choice fair

Holiday Support

As we are closer to the holiday season, please let Ms. Revermann (Justine.Revermann@spps.org) know if you could support families who could use a little extra love and care during the holiday season in the form of financial assistance or help getting presents and resources to their children. You can also let us know if you are in need of some extra help over the holidays and we will try our best!

Coats, Hats, Mittens Donation

We are always in need of new or gently used/clean jackets, coats, mittens, and hats for our students. If you would like to donate any, please contact one of our social workers or counselors. We greatly appreciate it!

Other Resource:

Holiday Giving/Support: Toy Drives, Clothing Donations, and Free Meals | Minnesota Monthly https://www.minnesotamonthly.com/lifestyle/holiday-giving-toy-drives-clothing-donations-and-free-meals/

Quarter 1 Report Cards

To check your student's Quarter 1 report card, log into Campus. (click SPPS login): https://spps.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/stpaul.jsp. Select your student in the top right hand corner, and then click on the 3 lines in the top left corner, and select grades from the drop-down menu. It should list your student's classes and their course grades for Quarter 1.

Internet Hot Spots

Here's a resource for internet hot spots to check if you're eligible: https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/project-10-million

Activity Day!!!

Date: January 24, 2025

Last Name: First Name: Foundations Teacher: ___ Cheap Skate (Rollerskating) Cast: \$20.00 (Includes Hot Dog, Chips, and Soda) Flahertys (Bowling) Cost: \$21.00 (Includes Pizza and Soda) Grand Slam (Arcade, Batting Cages, Laser Tag, Krazy Kars, Mini-Golf, X-treme Trampoline) Cost: \$22.00 (Includes a Hot Dog and Soda) \ Ice Fishing Cost: \$15.00 I would like a bag lunch provided by Murray – (Please circle one) Yes or No I will bring a bag lunch of my own – (Please circle one) Yes or No Please turn in this form, money, permission slip, and waiver (Grand Slam only) to Stefanie Folkema (Office #1005) by Wednesday, January 8, 2025. You can also pay online at the following link Murray Middle School - Class Registration v3.0 - Saint Paul Public Schools (rschooltoday.com) $\underline{https://spps.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/getcategory/program_id/70$ I can contribute to a Scholarship Fund. \$______ Any amount is greatly appreciated!!!

TYPE II ONLY FIELD TRIP FORM PARENTAL/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION



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SOUTHEAST EXTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISES, INC. PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, LIABILITY RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

General Terms: Southeast Entertainment Enterprises, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, operates entertainment facilities under the name Grand Slam Sports. These facilities offer various types of equipment for recreational use. I have had an opportunity to inspect the facilities and equipment and become familiar with the various recreational activities offered. I agree that the equipment and activities offered by Grand Slam Sports do not constitute a public or essential service, but rather provide voluntary recreational activities of a type that can be obtained at other similar facilities. My choice to use the applyment and participate in the recreational activities at Grand Slam Sports is wholly voluntary.

In consideration for being allowed to use the facilities and equipment and participate in the activities of Grand Slam Sports, I, for myself and on behalf of my minor children and/or legal wards identified herein, my heira, assigns, personal representatives, estate, and insurers, agree to the following terms:

Assumption of Risk: I and/or my minor children and/or legal wards identified herein will be using various equipment and engaging in various recreational activities at Grand Slam Sports. I understand that this equipment and these activities expose participants to certain inherent and serious risks. The risks associated with the use of any of this equipment involve cutain dangers that cannot be completely avoided or climinated, and may include, but are not limited to, serious personal injury, death, or disability. I further recognize that use of the trampoline system exposes participants to additional risks, including, but not limited to, the variable effects of rebound forces that may directly injure a person or that may throw a person out of control; the possibility that a person may land improperly or fall on, or be thrown against other persons or objects; and the potential of severe injuries from flipping, running, or bouncing off the walls of the trampoline system. To the maximum extent altowed by law, I, for myself and on behalf of my minor children and/or legal wards identified herein, voluntarily ASSUME ALL RISKS for any property damage, personal injury, whether physical or mental, death, or disability that may result from the use of any of this equipment or participation in these activities, including those arising from ordinary negligence of the Releasees identified

Release and Waiver of Liability: In consideration for being permitted to participate in the recreational activities and to use the recreational acquipment, including the trampoline system, at Grand Slam Sports. I, for myself and an behalf of my miner children and/or logal wards identified herein, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, estate, and insurers (collectively, "Releasors"), do hereby voluntarity release, waive, and discharge all claims, lawsuits, and damands that Releasors may have in the finance against Southeast Entertainment Enterprises, Inc., Grand Slam Sports, their affiliates, subsidiances, successors, or assigns, as well as each party's owners, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, or representatives, and their successors and assigns (collectively, "Releasees"), arising from the negligence of the Releasees or anyone else using the equipment or participating in the activities at Grand Slam Sports. This release and wniver applies to claims, lawsuits, or demands for all types of damages, including, but not limited to, property damage, personal injury, death, or disability, to me or to my minor children and/or legal wards identified herein incurred while using my of the equipment or participating in any of the activities offered at Grand Slam Sports. I agree to defend, indomnify, and bold harmless Releasees against any claims arising out of the negligent or willful acts or omissions of me or my minor children or legal wards identified herein.

In accordance with Minnesots law, nothing in this Participant Agreement, Liability Release, and Assumption of Risk should be construed as releasing, discharging, or waiving my claims that I, my minor children or legal wards identified berein, my axirs, assigns, pessonal representatives, estate, or insurers may have for gross negligence, willful or wanten misconduct, or reckless or intentional acts by or on behalf of Releasees.

Agreement Duration: I agree that this Participant Agreement, Liability Release, and Assumption of Risk extends into the future and covers any and all visits to Grand Skan Sports by either me or my minor children or legal words identified herein for a period of one year from the signing of this document, including the visit on the day this document was signed.

Severability: 1, for myself and on behalf of my minor children and/or legal words identified herein, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, estate, and insurers, agree that if any portion of this Participant Agreement, Liability Release, and Assumption of Risk is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining previsions of this document shall remain in full force and effect.

SOUTHEAST ENTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISES, INC. PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, LIABILITY RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, LIABILITY RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO ASSERT CERTAIN CLAIMS AGAINST SOUTHEAST ENTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISES, INC., GRAND SLAM SPORTS, AND ALL OTHER IDENTIFIED RELEASEES.

MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD TO FILL OUT THIS SECTION (All minors must be listed on page 2)

Signature of Adult Participant (at least 18 years old) or Parent/Guardian: Print Name (Adult Participant or Parent/Guardian):				
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	
Today's Date:	Parent/Guardian and/or Adult Participant DOB	(MM/DD/YYYY):	<u> </u>	
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DISCOVER AN SPPS SCHOOL YOU'LL LOVE!

Join us for the Saint Paul Public Schools PreK-12 School Choice Fair

- Saturday, December 14, 2024
- 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Saint Paul RiverCentre (175 Kellogg Blvd. W.)

Visit the School Choice Fair to talk to SPPS staff members and learn more about our schools, programs and services.

- Free, on-site Early Childhood Screenings (ages 3-5)
- · Free flu vaccine clinic with M Health Fairview
- Interpreters will be available in Hmong, Karen, Somali, Spanish, Oromo and ASL

Learn more at spps.org/apply



Get free transportation to the School Choice Fair!

Use the QR code or visit spps.org/apply for more information on free park-and-ride locations and Metro Transit passes. Limited free parking is available for families at the Science Museum of Minnesota Ramo.







iDESCUBRA UNA ESCUELA QUE LE VA A ENCANTARI

Feria de Elección Escolar PreK-12 para el año escolar 2025-26

- Sábado, 14 de diciembre, 2024
- 9:30 a.m. a 2 p.m.
- Saint Paul RiverCentre (175 Kellogg Blvd. W.)

Visite la Feria de Elección Escolar para conversar con empleados de SPPS y aprender más sobre nuestras escuelas, programas y servicios.

- · Evaluaciones pre-escolares durante la feria (3 a 5 años de edad)
- · Clínica de vacunas gratis contra la gripe de M Health Fairview
- Intérpretes en hmong, karen, somalí, español, oromo y lenguaje de señas americano





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¡Obtenga transporte gratuito a la Feria de Elección Escolar! Utilice el código QRo visite spps.org/apply para obtener más información sobre ubicaciones gratuitas de estaciona miento y transporte y pases de Metro Transit. Estaciona miento gratuito limitado disponible para familias







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- Saint Paul RiverCentre (175 Kellogg Blvd. W.)

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- Tallaalka hargabka ee bilaashka ah oo lagu gabanayo rugta caafimaad ee M Health Fairview
- Turjumaanno ayaa loo hayaa Hmong, Karen, Soomaali, Isbaanish, Oromo, iyo ASL (luuqadda faraha laga hadlo)





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