Pilot School News

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UPCOMING EVENTS >>>

February 3, 2025 Murray PACT Meeting 5:00pm – 6:30pm

February 12, 2025Murray PTO Meeting 6:00pm – 7:15pm

February 17, 2025 No School – President's Day

February 26, 2025Black History Celebration

March 3, 2025 Murray PACT Meeting 5:00pm – 6:30pm

March 6, 2025 Family/Teacher Conference 4:00pm – 7:00pm

March 7, 2025 No School – Professional Day

March 15, 2025 Regional History Day

March 21-23, 2025 School Musical

March 28, 2025 End of Third Quarter

March 31-April 4, 2025 No School – Spring Break We start our journey to our dreams by wanting, but we arrive by focusing, planning and learning. **Christina Wodtke**

We closed out our 1st semester with our annual Murray Activity Day, sending over 480 students on field trips around the twin cities. It was a fantastic day as everyone was able to have a great time, catch some fish, win some prizes and enjoy time with their friends. I want to thank Ms. Folkema for her hard work that she puts in every year to make this happen for our Murray Pilots. There are a ton of moving pieces and she makes the day happen like a well-oiled machine. Thank you, Ms. Folkema, Murray appreciates you!

We are now underway with our 2nd semester. As the quote above states, we can *dream* and want all day long, but *dreams* and wanting alone aren't going to get our students where they need to be. We need to help them understand the importance of goal setting, planning and committing to the work that will take them where they want to go in life. This is where the family-teacher partnership is so critical. We need to work together to help our students take ownership of their learning and follow through with the steps they need to take to be successful in their classes. These steps include but are not limited to having good attendance, monitoring grades regularly, completing all Formative/Practice homework, studying for Summative assessments and creating plans with their teachers if they need to RE-assess on any tests/projects/papers/etc. in class. Communicating with our teachers is one of the most powerful tools when supporting our students. Reach out if you have questions and make sure you have access to see your child's progress on Schoology.

We thank you for your support and partnership. Let's make the 2nd semester a great one for our community!

Celebrations:

#Pilotprops of the week! Mr. Cudahy would like to celebrate Angeline (Gigi) Benavides Leon. Gigi always brings a great attitude to class. She works hard, always tries to turn in her best work, and helps other students when they need it. She is a nice person who can work with anyone. Her laugh makes all of us smile. It is wonderful to have Gigi in class. **#Pilotprops** of the week! Ms. Denae would like to celebrate Isaac Ruhland. Isaac is a very dependable person that works hard at band and is always there to help when I need it. He goes above and beyond and even switched to a needed instrument to help fill out the balance of the band. He is a very kind hearted person that treats everyone with respect.

Your Co-Pilot,

Jamin McKenzie Principal, Murray Middle School

Sixth Grade

MN Studies with Mr. Kareem and Ms. Pfeiffer:

In 6th grade Minnesota Studies we will be working full time on History Day. Most students have quite a bit of research done and at least a rough draft of their thesis statement. We will be focusing on finding a few primary sources to support their research and then begin putting all the information together.

Band/Orchestra

Band and Orchestra students are working hard on their solo/ensemble music for the spaghetti dinner on Monday, Feb. 3rd. This is required for the students to be there and they need to wear their music shirts. After the Spaghetti Dinner we will be going back into large group time working on our music for the Elementary Tour and for the May concert which is on May 22nd at 6:30.

Murray Middle Presents...Beetlejuice, Jr.

Performances will be: Friday, March 21st, 7:00PM Saturday, March 22nd, 7:00PM Sunday, March 23rd, 2:00PM

Music Fundraiser

Murray Middle Schools Music program is doing a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on February 3rd from 5pm-7pm at Murray Middle Schools Cafeteria. They will be serving Spaghetti, Salad, Bread and a Dessert. Music students will be performing solos or ensemble pieces while you eat. This will be a pay as you can with suggestions of \$10.00 per individual, \$30.00 per family, \$50.00 or more for a pay it forward. Please come and support our great music program. Proceeds will buy supplies, transportation costs for getting out in the community, buying music, and helping pay registration fees when needed for honor bands/orchestra.

Purchase here: rschooltoday.com



Thinking Career and College Early Fair Feb. 22, 2025

The fair will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at Harding High School from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. At this unique event, students will have the chance to meet with HBCU representatives and alumni, college admissions staff, and local employers. There will be musical performances, FAFSA help, an HBCU panel and a presentation on how to earn college credits while in high school. More information can be found at spps.org/tccefair. Students who attend the fair will have the chance to apply for the fall HBCU college tour! Additional information on HBCU can be found HERE. If you have any questions, please contact (john.eschenbacher@spps.org).

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

Activity Day









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

Registration for 2025-2026

Anticipated for 6th and 7th graders in May during the student's science classes. Course descriptions will be sent out once they are available – they are online this year. 8th graders need to register with their future high school (more info below).

End of Quarter/Semester

January 24 was the last day of Quarter 2 and marks the halfway point in the school year. To check your student's Quarter 2 report card, log into Campus: 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 2. You can also view their Quarter 3 schedule in Campus under "Schedule" and click on Quarter 3. Many, but not all, students will have changes in their schedule for the second half of the school year.

Schoology/Campus access reminders

- •Schoology: https://schoology.spps.org/ (grades, classes, coursework, missing assignments)
- •Campus: https://spps.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/stpaul.jsp (schedule, bus, attendance, etc.)

Here is the link to a webpage that has tutorials about how families can access and use Schoology and Campus: https://www.spps.org/about/departments/infinite-campus/campus-parent-information

Direct link to Schoology tutorial: https://youtu.be/f6-FofTJESE?list=TLGGx1ANm6Za9gUzMDA5MjAyNA

Therapy

Please reach out to one of the Murray counselors if you are interested in getting your child signed up for therapy services.

- •Justine Revermann: justine.revermann@spps.org
- •Stephanie Lee: stephanie.lee@spps.org

Summer School

Summer school is optional for middle schoolers. Registration will open in March. Link: https://www.spps.org/academics/summer-learning-programs

Counselor Classroom Lessons

We will be giving classroom lessons in Quarters 3 and 4. The focus of these lessons for 7th grade and 8th grade for these quarters is talking about their future, post-secondary options, and preparing for high school.

Counselors Corner

For 8th grade families

Here is some info from the Murray counselors (Justine Revermann and Stephanie Lee) as your student prepares for high school:

- Como Park 9th grade Registration: Thursday, April 10th from 5-7PM at Como Park High School
 - o Please prioritize this as your student needs to register for their high school classes.
- Central Open House: Wednesday, February 12th 5:30-7:00 p.m (Central does not have a set course registration night yet) Central HS Flyer attached
- Roseville: Contact their enrollment office at Enrollment@isd623.org or 651-635-1626. If they are attending Roseville tell the SPPS Placement Center to take them off 9th grade SPPS enrollment.

Nearly all Murray 8th graders are automatically enrolled at Como Park High School - based on your address. If you do NOT want to attend Como, please apply to the high school of choice (you might not get transportation if it's out of your living area and might be put on a waiting list). If your student is not attending SPPS for high school (such as Roseville), please contact the SPPS placement Center (651-632-3700) and let them know where they will be going and to remove them from SPPS enrollment for next year. Most Murray students end up going to Como for high school, but another small group go to Roseville or Central, and a handful usually end up going to other high schools.

• Priority application deadline for choice high school (only if your student will NOT be attending Como) - February 14, 2025, link: https://apply.spps.org/onlineapplication

8th grade paid summer jobs through Right Track

- The Right Track (for students 14 years or older by June 1, 2025) application will open on February 1 and close on February 28
- Eligibility guidelines and more info here: https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/right-track/youth/program-eligibility-requirements
- Students will need to apply for jobs and be ready to check their emails to know about important events and updates
- Right Track will visit during the 8th grade assembly on January 31 to talk about Right Track
- They will also visit to help with applications on February 13 during Foundations in the library and be there during 8th grade lunch to answer questions

Contact justine.revermann@spps.org or stephanie.lee@spps.org for any questions



FEBRUARY 12, 2025 5:30-7:30 PM

Welcome Parents and Students!

Music by Central's Chamber Singers with Mr. Alex Ferderer - Lobby

Schedule of Events

5:30 - 5:50 Welcome - Principal Ayers - Auditorium

Four 20-Minute Sessions

5:55-6:15 pm Session 1 6:20-6:40 pm Session 2 6:45-7:05 pm Session 3 7:10-7:30 pm Session 4

Session Choices

- Department Reps Classrooms
- Tours Meet in Lobby
- Student/Parent Panel -Auditorium
- Clubs and Groups Cafeteria







June 23-27, 2025 | Camp check-in 8-8:45 a.m.; Check-out 4-5 p.m. | Ages 11-14 (grades 6-8)

Did you ever wonder where the food you eat every day comes from? How is it grown?

How do we figure out its nutrition content, and create more nutritious and tastier varieties? Can we adapt the plants we eat so they can survive the changing climate? How is sustainable agricultural research guiding us back to more eco-friendly practices?

Go behind the scenes at the U of M to get hands-on experience with these issues delivered by practicing scientists in the field, literally!

Held in partnership with University of Minnesota Recreation & Wellness Youth Programs; half of your day at camp will feature recreational activities, and half will be filled with science fun!

DAY

Use your scientific skills and experiment with chemistry at the Analytic Chemistry Lab.

Visit with the Genomics Center staff where students will extract DNA, learn about cutting edge DNA sequencing methods and see a mini sequencer working. They will also learn about how genes control the development of an organismand examine fruit fly mutants.

DAY

Visit an agricultural field on campus and explore where the plants are grown and how plant doctors help sick plants.

DAY

Tour the St. Paul Campus dairy barn, observe the microbes in a cow's rumen, measure out the feed ingredients for a lactating cow, and lead an assigned calf in the field.

Visit the Supercomputing Institute and see how we use fast computers to link the information learned on Days1-4 with the world's vast amount of information on food, animal sand plants

Cost:

'Free for eligible students who qualify. Note: Lunch not provided Early registration for eligible students will open February 3, 2025 one week prior to standard registration.

Scan code to see if you are eligible for free registration or visit z.umn.edu/FoodAgUpreReg

Contact Erica at 612-625-2242 or ypsummer@umn.edu.with.questions.

FREE BUSSING will be provided if there is interest and demand.

MEET YOUR CAMP LEADERS:











Christy Henzler



Kevin Silverstein









PRESENTED BY:

PROUD TO PARTNER WITH:

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:



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To request disability accommodations, contact Erica Churchill at ypsummer@umn.edu or call 612-625-6242. We will do our best to accommodate requests. The University of Minnesota is a nequal opportunity educator and employer.













YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION & AWARENESS

Join us for an informative & Interactive event to help youth & parents navigate today's challenges. Get the tools you need to build stronger connections, improve communication & promote healthy choices.

"Start the Conversation: Empowering Families & Community Against youth Substance Use!"

Event Highlights

- Understanding The Challenges Youth Face Today
- Building Stronger Connection
- Community Resources & Support
- Support Healthy decision Making

Who Should Attend?

- Youth
- Parents, Guardians & Caregivers
- Community members interested supporting local families

There will be a meal provided! & a raffle for a prize for participants When
FEBURARY
6TH
5:30pm-7:30pm

For More Information and to RSVP

Nelly Pettersen Phone : (651) 621-0418

Email: Danellee@continuumcarecenter.com

Where?

COMO HIGH SCHOOL

IN THE CAFATERIA 740 Rose Avenue West, St Paul, MN 55117





SOLUTIONS NOT SUSPENSIONS PRESENTS:

BLACK YOUTH ARTS CELEBRATION

Solutions Not Suspensions is looking for young, Black artists to participate in our second annual Arts Celebration! Each youth participant will have the chance to sell their art, perform, and share their talents!





Indigenous Roots 788 E 7th St St Paul, MN 55106



6-8:30pm

Stipends provided. Amount TBD based on participation numbers

Submission Deadline: Feb 14, 2025







Vision Screening Scheduled

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child will have a vision screening at school in the upcoming weeks by Phillips Eye Institute's Early Youth Eyecare (E.Y.E.) Community Initiative, part of Allina Health.

While this screening is designed to identify issues with your child's vision, it is not considered to be a full eye exam. If your child does not pass the vision screening, you will be notified with the recommendation to have your child receive an examination by an eye doctor for further evaluation. E.Y.E. can assist with scheduling the examination, as well as provide interpreter services, transportation and financial assistance with exams and glasses.

If you have questions or do not want your child to participate in the vision screening, please contact Vanessa Novak, RN, LSN (School RN) at 651-888-7650 (phone number).

Agenda referente a evaluación de la visión

Estimados padres y madres o tutores,

Su hijo o hija tendrá un examen de la vista en la escuela en las próximas semanas por parte de la iniciativa comunitaria de atención a la vista juvenil temprana (E.Y.E. por sus siglas en inglés) del Instituto del ojo Phillips, parte de Allina Health.

Si bien este examen está diseñado para identificar problemas con la visión de su hijo o hija, no se considera un examen ocular completo. Si su hijo o hija no pasa el examen de la vista, se le notificará con la recomendación de que un/a oculista lo/la examine para una evaluación adicional. E.Y.E. puede ayudar a programar el examen, así como proporcionar servicios de interpretación, transporte y asistencia financiera con los exámenes y los anteojos.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o no desea que su hijo o hija participe en el examen de la vista, comuníquese con Vanessa Novak, RN, LSN (enfermero/a escolar certificado/a) al 651-888-7650 (número de teléfono).

(Spanish)

Teem Caij Kuaj txoj Kev Pom Kev

Nyob Zoo Niam Txiv/Neeg Saib Xyuas,

Koj tus me nyuam yuav raug kev kuaj txoj kev pom kev tom tsev kawm ntawv hauv ob peb lim piam tom ntej no los ntawm Phillips Qhov Chaw Kho Qhov Muag E.Y.E. Kev Pab hauv Zej Zog, uas yog ib qho kev pab los ntawm Allina Health.

Txoj kev kuaj no yuav nrhiav tau tej teeb meem ntawm koj tus me nyuam txoj kev pom kev, nws tsis yog ib txoj kev kuaj qhov muag tag nrho. Yog tias koj tus me nyuam tsis dhau kev kuaj txoj kev pom kev, yuav ceeb toom koj seb koj tus me nyuam yuav tsum mus ntsib tus kws kho qhov muag kom tau kev kuaj ntxiv. E.Y.E. mam li pab koj teem caij rau kev kuaj, thiab mam li nrhiav neeg txhais lus, thauj mus los thiab pab nyiaj txiag them ngi kuaj thiab iav ghov muag.

Yog koj muaj lus nug los sis tsis xav kom koj tus me nyuam raug kev kuaj txoj kev pom kev no, thov tiv tauj mus rau Vanessa Novak, RN, LSN (Tsev Kawm Ntawv tus Nais Maum RN) nyob ntawm 651-888-7650 (naj npawb xov tooj).

(Hmong)

Baadhistaanka Aragga ee Ballansan

Gacaliyeyaal Waalid/Masuulin,

Ilmahaaga waxa loo sameyn doonaa baadhitaanka araagga oo lagu sameyn doonayn dugsiga todobaadada soo socda kaasoo lagu qabanayo Machadka Indhaha ee Phillips (Phillips Eye Institute) Barnaamijka Beesha ee Daryeelka Indhaha ee Da'yarta (Early Youth Eyecare (E.Y.E.) Community Initiative), oo qayb ka ah Allina Health.

Inkasta oo baadhitaankan loogu talogalay in la garto wixii ah dhibaatooyin ee ka jira aragga ilmahaaga, haddana lagama soo qaadayo inu yahay baadhitaan indho oo dhammeystiran. Haddii ilmahaagu aanuu ku gudbin baadhitaankan aragga, waxa lagu siin doonaa ogeysiis u la socdo soo-jeedin ah in ilmahaaga u dhakhtarka indhuhu u sameeyo baadhitaan si loo helo qiimeyn dheeraad ah. Barnaamijka E.Y.E. wuxu kaa gargaari karaa ballaminta baadhitaanka, waxa kale oo u bixiyaa adeegyo turjubaan, gaadiid iyo gargaar dhaqaale oo ah baadhitaanka iyo muraayadaha aragga.

Haddii ad qabtid su'aalo ama aanad rabin in ilmahaagu ka qaybgalo baadhitaanka aragga, fadlan la xidhiidh Vanessa Novak, RN, LSN (Kalkaalisada Dugsiga) oo laga wacayo 651-888-7650 (lambar teleefon).

(Somali)

တာ်မေးကျွှာ်မိတ်ရှိအတာ်ဆေးကတီးတာ်ရဲခိုတာ်ကျွဲး

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တာမ်းကျွန်ဆံး ဘဉ်တစ်မးဆီးဒီသီး ကပ်ာမျိတီဉ်တစ်ကိုကီလ၊ နဖိမာ်ချံတစ်တို့အကို, ဘဉ်ဆဉ်ဒီး တစ်ဆံးတမှာ မဲာချံ တစ်ကျွန် စလက်စဲစုဘဉ်. နဖိဆံး မှစ်တရှိမာ်ချံအတစ်ကျွန်း, တစ်ကဘီးဘဉ်သူဉ်ညါနားယုဂ်ဒီးတစ်ဟုဉ်ကျဉ်ဟုဉ်မး ဒီသီးနှဖိ ကဒီးနှစ်ဘဉ်တစ်ကျွန်းလီးတစ်လီးဆဲးခ်ီဖြိမာ်ချံကသဉ်သရဉ်လာဆူညါတစ်သမံသမီးထံအကိုလီး. E.Y.E. မာစားနေးလ၊ တစ်ကရဲဉ်ကျဲးတစ်ကေတီနဲ့ ယုဂ်ဒီး တစ်ဟုဉ်လီး ပူးကျိုးထံတစ်အတစ်စေစေတစဉ်, တစ်ခိဂ်တီမှာဒီး ကျိဉ်စုအတစ်စေစေလ တစ်ကျော်တစဉ် ဒီး မဲဂ်ဒီးတစဉ်အကိုသူစဲလီး.

နမှါအီဉ်ဒီးတာသံကွာ် မှတမှာနမှာတဆဲဉ်ဒီးလ၊ နဖိကဟ်ဖိုဉ်မ၊သကီးတစ်ခဲဉ်ချံဆတာမ၊ကွာ်ဆံးဒီး , ဝံသးစူးဆဲးကျီး Vanessa Novak (ကို RN) စ 651-888-7650 (လီတဲစီနီဉ်င်္ဂ) တက္ခာ.

(Karen)

Family-Teacher Conference Request Form

Or complete online form at http://murray.spps.org/families/conferences

1) CHECK CHOICE: Thursday, March 6, 2025 (4:00 PM—7:00 PM) OR Thursday, April 17, 2025 (4:00 PM—7:00 PM)					
			00 PW-7:00 PW	1)	
OR ☐ No Preference on Date → → → On the date you requested, do you prefer an ☐ earlier time or ☐ later time or ☐ no preference					
2) PRINT STUDENT'S FIRST AND	LAST NAME	BELOW:			
Student 1Student 2					
Use both columns only if you have 2 students at Murray.					
Grade Level for Student 1		School will fill in Time	Grade L	de Level for Student 2 School will in Time	
You will be able to meet with each teacher approximately 4 to 5 minutes. 6th grade teachers will be in the cafeteria, 7th & 8th grade teachers will be in the gymnasium. Before or after your conference with the Grade Level Teachers you can conference with the specialist teachers in the Library. These times are not scheduled. List of Teachers by Grades					
6th Grade	7th Grade		8th Grade		
Ms. Carler, Ms. Crowley, Mr. Klemme, Mr. Mr. Altringer, Lee, Ms. Pleiffer, Ms. Williams		Ms. Bittner, Ms. Dooley, Ms. Nalepka, Ms. Newman, Ms. Steinhoff		Mr. Aal, Mr. Chase, Ms. Cioone, Mr. Gravert, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Hirthe	
	Language Academy:				
If your student has one or more of these teachers, check the box. We will schedule times. Special Programs: Mr. Cabatingan Ma. Ciencia Ma. Heiman Ma. Jennigas Mr. Wenzel					
Do you need an interpreter provided by school to interpret at conferences? If so, Language needed					
 You can return this form by: sending to school with your student Or, mailing to: Stefanie Folkema, Murray Middle School, 2200 Buford Ave. St. Paul, MN 55108 					
5) How do you want the school to return the form to you once we've filled in the times? (Choose One from list below)					
Send home with my child through Foundations: Teacher is					
E-mail to (your name) 6) It is important to get your form in	early since s		Address one on a <u>first-in, first</u>	scheduled basis.	
School Only Date Received:					