## **Pilot School News**

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UPCOMING EVENTS >>>

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

April 7, 2025 Murray PACT Meeting 5:00pm – 6:30pm

April 17, 2025 Family/Teacher Conference 4:00pm – 7:00pm

April 18, 2025 No School – Professional Day We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek. **Barack Obama** 

I want to say thank you to Ms. Pittman, Mr. Little, our student leaders, our partnering families and the rest of the team that was responsible for a wonderful annual Murray Black History Month Celebration this week. We shared time with and listened to powerful voices from both students and community leaders. Afterward, we were able to sit together and enjoy a nice meal together as we reflected on the experience and celebrated the leadership of our young Murray scholars.



A reminder that one of our spring family conference dates is coming up this week! It's the middle of quarter 3 and a perfect time to sit down with your child's teachers to discuss their success and what plans can be put in place to finish the quarter strong. Our next conference date is this Thursday, March 6 from 4PM-7PM. If you have questions, please reach out to our family engagement coordinator, Ms. Folkema at stefanie.folkema@spps.org.

#### **Celebrations:**

<u>#Pilotprops</u> of the week! Ms. Helmen would like to celebrate Tywone Tyson. Tywone comes in to class ready to learn with a smile on his face! He asks questions and is always willing to share good perspectives about the book we're reading in class. Tywone is respectful and courteous to his classmates. Keep up the great work, Tywone!

**<u>#Pilotprops</u>** of the week! Mr. Calvin would like to celebrate Lenny Roldan Arellano. Lenny (Boss) is a wonderful student with a great love of art and an even greater love of his friends. He is engaged in every class and brings incredible positivity and joy to his classmates. Though he can still be shy at times, he has been incredibly courageous in trying new things this year!

Your Co-Pilot,

Jamin McKenzie Principal, Murray Middle School

#### Sixth Grade

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

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Readers are exploring conflict in small group book clubs. Ask your student about the book that they are reading!

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Writers are building their essay writing skills. We are currently writing 5 paragraph essays that make an argument about the personality of a character. Ask your child whether they are arguing that the Giving Tree is weak or strong!

### MN Studies with Mr. Kareem and Ms. Pfeiffer:

In 6<sup>th</sup> grade Minnesota Studies we have finished up History Day. (Many kids are proud of their projects but also glad to be finished with History Day!)

We are starting a unit on the Civil War and what role Minnesota had in the lead up to the war and in the war itself.

#### Band/Orchestra

9 Murray Musicians went up to UMD-Duluth on Tuesday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> for a Middle School Honor Band. Students received music at 9am and performed a concert at 4pm. They worked hard and had a lot of fun with musicians from around Minnesota.















#### History Day!

All students at Murray Middle School choose a topic they would like to learn more about. They research independently or in a group and share their research by putting together an exhibit, a documentary, a website, a performance or a paper. Murray has a strong tradition in the competition and we are proud to announce SO many winners advancing to our Saint Paul Public Schools Regional Competition at Johnson High School on Saturday, March 15th. Registration starts at 8:00 am, Judging runs from 9:00 -11:30 followed by an awards ceremony. History Day T-shirts are available for purchase as well as stickers and other merchandise.



#### <u>Murray Middle</u> Presents...Beetlejuice, Jr.

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

Murray Musical - Beetlejuice, Jr. - Class Registration v3.0 -Saint Paul Public Schools

#### **Yearbooks**

Yearbooks cost \$24.00. **Sale:** There will a sale February 14<sup>th</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$20.00. https://www.jostens.com/year books/high-schoolyearbooks.html

#### Individual Performances:

- 1. Anna Reimringer
- 2. Evelyn Amman Steger
- 3. Emine Cakir
- 4. Anna Patronski
- 5. Lucia Barnes

#### **Group Performances:**

- 1. Hazel Collins, Mary Grace Lindsley & Maja Johnson
- 2. Jocelyn Morales Tlacuatl, Ariana James, Juliana Caballero & Marleny Jaramillo
- 3. Luc Dreamer, Jordi Rovira & August Johnson

#### Individual Exhibits:

- 1. Scout Murch-Gordon
- 2. Julia Rentmeester
- 3. Felix Mortensen
- 4. Sofia Mortensen
- 5. Isaac Ruhland
- 6. Ksenija Cantrell
- 7. Ethan Dotzauer
- 8. Emma Gutierrez Worthington
- 9. Maddy Ronning MacBride
- 10. Shannon Saeger
- 11. Harriet Zbacnick
- 12. Beatrice Power

#### Group Exhibits:

- 1. Oliver Yang, Otto Erwin & Oscar Johnson
- 2. Isabella Koschney & Thalia Reckas-Jackson
- 3. Isaac Vanasse & Itemobong Inyang
- 4. Lucy Keeler & Maeve Gudmastad

#### **Individual Websites:**

- 1. Ilhan Mekic
- 2. Iris Rudolf
- 3. Benjamin Cylkowski
- 4. Sylvie McRoberts
- 5. Olivia MacGregor Farris
- 6. Julia Umut-Bejarano
- 7. Rohan Stebleton
- 8. Ellia Stoessel
- 9. Oliver Callahan Schreiber

#### Group Websites:

- 1. William Schroeder, Miles Wagner-Hemstad & William Olsen-Krengel
- 2. Ingrid Sheu & Narah Ailabouni
- 3. Javier Cerda, Ja'mel Williams & Robinson Courtney
- 4. Jannah Abdullahi & Ruwayda Dhinbil
- 5. Petra Mueller & Louisa Lindfors

#### Individual Documentaries:

- 1. Carter Matlock
- 2. Erik Bollman
- 3. Charlotte Stevenson
- 4. Isaac Hakanson
- 5. Lu Beckman
- 6. Kara Bergman

#### **Group Documentaries:**

- 1. Alice Van Keerbergen, Georgia Kountoupes Ruddy & Alana Kennedy
- 2. Duncan Peterson, Henry Leach & Adrian Johnson
- 3. Emmett Loth, Charlie Anderson & Peter Laska
- 4. Piper Williamson, Mariya Adam & Angelina Yang
- Trygve Golden Lundquist, John Reinhardt & Declan Zimowicz

#### **Individual Papers:**

- 1. Elliot Lueck
- 2. Riley Carney
- 3. Anneliese Lindfors
- 4. Harmon Lloyd

Honorable Mentions: Asher Mays, Ben Buhr, Derrick Coleman, Christina Yang & Tiffany Rivas Talavera, Oliver Callahan Schreiber, Joseph Ehlers, Eh Poe Thein, Henry Son Bui, Vala Matlock, Leah McGlone, Nora Clark & Siri Shepard, Kway Say, Hsar Moo, Koh Naw, Nasraden Hassan, Charles Youngquist

### Congratulations to everyone and Murray is so very proud of you all!

### Staff Spotlight



#### Announcement from the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies

We are excited to announce that Denae Olsen was the recipient of the third annual Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies School Music Grant. Denae receive some wonderful testimonials from teachers and students!

#### From a student:

"Ever since Denae Olsen started at Murray three years ago, her dedication has fueled the music program to grow significantly. When I started at Murray, I thought I was just going to be playing the cello, but at the moment I stepped into that music classroom I was a cellist. And that's what Ms. Denae does. Despite a limited budget, she instills a passion & love for music in each and every one of her students, making a huge impact on the Murray music community."

#### From a private music teacher:

"I've had the pleasure of working with Denae through teaching flute students who attend her school the last two years. She has such a passion for bringing accessible music education to a diverse student body that is relatable and fun. The progress the students make from the start of the school year to the end is quite inspiring and it is clear that the students love being around her. The work that she does with limited resources is quite astounding, especially with the current SPPS budget cuts in the arts which has made it challenging to ensure the students have maintained instruments and supplies. She cares so much for the students that she often pays for items out of pocket."

This \$1,000 grant for a public-school orchestra or band program can be used for instruments, music, and supplies. GTCYS received a total of **170 total nominations** for **56 school music programs** during the brief nomination window in January. These nominations told stories of phenomenal teaching, inspirational impact, and serious need. We are honored to provide the annual tradition of the GTCYS School Music Grant, and we will continue to dedicate our time and resources to supporting and partnering with the Twin Cities' vibrant music education community.

#### **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

Breakthrough is a FREE 6-year college readiness program. Our Breakthrough summer program blends academics with summer campstyle fun for middle school students. During the school year we offer advising and enrichment through middle and high school, and provide individual college counseling once our students are in 11th grade. Our college counselors work with students to explore college options including financial aid and scholarships, and the average Breakthrough student graduates high school with financial aid in place to cover 89% of their college costs.

Breakthrough is free to the students and families we serve. Students must apply to the program, and commit to working hard and participating in Breakthrough!

Our program serves students that may have barriers to a 4 -year college, and our goal is to close that gap. All of our students must meet at least ONE of the following need criteria:

- Single Parent household
- First generation to graduate college
- Identify as a race/ethnicity that is under-represented in college
- Qualify for free/reduced lunch
- Speaks a language other than English at home

#### Link to our website: www.breakthroughtwincities.org (application online)

We are currently accepting applications to begin the Breakthrough program this summer 2025, and would love to see your application. To apply online, visit <u>www.breakthroughtwincities.org</u> and click on the "Apply - student" button. Contact me with any further questions. DEADLINE IS MARCH 21ST, 2025! Have a great day!

#### 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

- Please prioritize this as your student needs to register for their high school classes.
- 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) – link: <u>https://apply.spps.org/onlineapplication</u>



#### Family-Teacher Conference Request Form

Or complete online form at

http://murray.spps.org/families/conferences

#### 1) CHECK CHOICE: D Thursday, March 6, 2025 (4:00 PM-7:00 PM)

OR D Thursday, April 17, 2025 (4:00 PM-7:00 PM)

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 1

Student 2

Use both columns only if you have 2 students at Murray.

Grade Level for Student 1	school will fill in Time	Grade Level for Student 2	School will fill 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.

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade		
Ms. Carler, Ms. Crowley, Mr. Klemme, Mr. Lee, Ms. Pfeiffer, Ms. Williams	Mr. Altringer, Ms. Bittner, Ms. Dooley, Ms. Nalepka, Ms. Newman, Ms. Steinhoff	Mr. Aal, Mr. Chase, Ms. Cioone, Mr. Gravert, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Hithe		
	Language Academy:			
	Mr. Cudahy Ms. Olson			
	Ms. Perikava			
	Ms. Scheid			
If your student has one or more of these teachers, check the box. We will schedule times. Special Programs: Mr. Cabelingen Me. Cabelingen Me. Helmen Me. Jennigen Mr. Vienzel				

3) Do you need an interpreter provided by school to interpret at conferences? If so, Language needed \_ 4) 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)

E-mail Address

6) It is important to get your form in early since scheduling is done on a first-in, first-scheduled basis.

School Only\_Date Received:



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!

Use your scientific skills and experiment with chemistry at

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

Visit an agricultural field on campus and explore where the

Tour the St. Paul Campus dairy barn, observe the microbes

computers to link the information learned on Days1-4 with

the world's vast amount of information on food, animals and

plants are grown and how plant doctors help sick plants.

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





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 LEAPERS:











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# DISCOVER SUMMER

#### SPPS Summer Learning Programs are your opportunity to:

Learn new and strengthen current academic skills and prepare for the upcoming school year through active, fun and hands-on activities.

#### We have program options for kids in grades K-6

#### Summer Learning Highlights:

- Enrich and expand skills in literacy and math
- Project-based activities
- Experiential learning
- Exploratory courses
- Community partnerships
- Field trips
- FUN!

#### All programs are free

#### Free breakfast and lunch

Transportation available Programs start Tuesday, June 24

Priority

Registration

Deadline:

April 14, 2025

**Register between March 14 - April 14 for the best opportunity to get into the program of your choice.** Many programs fill quickly. Basedon capacity, students may be placed on a waiting list.

For program descriptions, dates and registration information, visit spps.org/summer.



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- Kev tshawb kawm tej txuj uas txaus siab
- Kev koom tes rau hauv zej zos
- Tawm mus kawm sab nraud
- KEV LOM ZEM!

Hnub Kawg Rau Kev Teev Npe Kawm Ntawy: Lub Plaub Hils Tim 14, 2025

#### Txhua qhov kho os kas yog kawm dawb

Muaj noj tshais thiab su dawb Muaj tsheb thauj mus los Cov khoos kas yuav pib rau hnub Tuesday, lub Rau Hli tim 24

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Yog xav paub txog cov khoos kas, cov hnub thiab kev teev npe, mus saib hauv spps.org/summer.



## **DISCOVER SUMMER** ၰထံဉ်သွဉ်ညါတၢ်ကိၢ်ခါတၢ်ရဲဉ်တၢ်ကျဲၤ

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## WAX KORORSO XAGAAGA

#### Barnaamijyada Waxbarashada Xagaaga ee SPPS waa fursad ah:

In la barto wax cusub oo la xoojiyo xirfadaha tacliimeed ee hadda jira iyo in loo diyaariyo sannad-dugsiyeedka soo socdo iyada oo loo marayo hawlo firfircoon oo leh madaddaalo iyo tijaabin.

#### Waxaan heynee barnaamijyo kale duwan oo loogu talagalay carruurta dhigata fasallada K-6

#### Waxyaabaha Muhiimka ah ee Waxbarashada Xagaaga:

- Kobcinta iyo balaadhinta xirfadaha xagga qoraalka iyo xisaabta
- Hawlo waxbarasho oo ku saleysan mashruucyo
- Waxbarasho qaab tijaabo ah wax loo baranayo
- Koorsooyin Xogo lagu Sahaminayo
- Wadashaqeynta bulshada
- Safarro gaaban oo waxbarasho
- MADADDAALO!

#### Dhammaa n barnaa mijyadu waa lacag la'aan

Quraac iyo qado bilaash ah Gaadiid waa laguu heli karaa Barnaamijyadu waxay billaaba nayaan talaadada June 24

Taariikhda kama

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mudnaanta leh: April 14, 2025

Isdiiwaangeli inta u dhaxayso March 14 iyo April 14 si aad u heshid fursadda ugu fiican ee gelitaanka barnaamijka aad dooratay. Barnaamijko badan ayaa si dhakhso leh u buuxsama. Iyadoo barnaamijka lagu saleynayo kuraasta bannaan, ardayda boos loo waayo waxaa lagu qorayaa liiska sugitaanka.

Wixii ah faahfaahinta barnaamijka, taariikhaha, iyo xogaha isdiiwaangelinta, booqo spps.org/summer.



# DESCUBRA EL VERANO

#### Los Programas de Aprendizaje de Verano son la oportunidad para:

Aprender nuevas y fortalecer habilidades académicas actuales y prepararse para el próximo año escolar a través de actividades activas, divertidas y prácticas.

#### Tenemos opciones de programas para niños entre K-8 grado.

Información destacada de los Programas de Aprendizaje de Verano:

- Enriquecer y ampliar las habilidades en alfabetización y matemáticas
- Actividades basadas en proyectos
- Aprendizaje experimental
- Cursos exploratorios
- Asociaciones comunitarias
- Excursiones
- iDIVERSIÓN!

#### Todos los programas son gratuitos

Desayuno y almuerzo gratis

Transporte disponible Los programas comienzan el martes 24 de junio

Plazo

prioritario

de inscripción:

14 de abril, 2025

**Inscribase entre el 14 de marzo y 14 de abril para tener la mejor opción de quedar en el programa de su elección .** Muchos pro gramas se llenan rápidamente. Dependiendo de la capacidad, los estudiantes pueden ser puesto s en listas de espera.

Para descripción de programas, fechas e información sobre inscripción, visite spps.org/summer.

