



www.murchschool.org

Throughout the school year, all of the information you need from the school and the HSA/PTA will be on *www.murchschool.org*. By communicating online, we help the environment, save money, and make sure everything Murch families need to know is in one, easy-to-find place.

Currently on the website is a **Back to School Info Section**. There you will find:

School Supply Lists

2015-16 Parent Handbook

Pre-K and Kindergarten Play Date Information

Details about the HSA New Parent Breakfast on September 4th

How to sign up for the Murch E-newsletter & the Murch Yahoo Forum

Sign up form for Parent Volunteer Opportunities

What is the HSA?

The HSA is Murch's version of a PTA. It predates the school and is officially named the Murch Home and School Association/PTA. The HSA includes all Murch parents and staff. It has three main missions: fostering family participation and a strong school community; providing educational resources; and facilitating communication between staff, families, and the DC government. This school year, the HSA will fund:

- seven classroom aides and an enrichment coordinator;
- over \$33,000 for teacher-requested resources that go directly into the classrooms;
- \$21,000 for programs like afterschool activities, peer mediators, and a school musical;
- \$16,000 for science materials; and
- \$5,000 to provide responsive classroom training for staff.

The HSA also hosts community events such as Family Movie Night and the Fall Fair. Please get involved by volunteering and coming to HSA meetings. *If you have any questions about the HSA, send an email to hsamurch@gmail.com.*



**Remember to check www.murchschool.org for more information
and updates on events throughout the school year!**

throughout August	HSA-sponsored Pre-K and K Play Dates (Murch Playground)	Specific dates & times posted on website
August 21	School-Wide Open House/Meet & Greet	Times vary - see website
August 24	First Day of School for Kindergarten thru 5 th grade HSA Coffee on the Playground	8:35-3:15 pm 8:30-9:30 am
August 24-25	Pre-K Conferences	Sign up on website
August 27	First Day of Pre-K for Last Names Beginning with A-K	8:35 am-3:15 pm
August 28	First Day of Pre-K for Last Names Beginning with L-Z	8:35 am-3:15 pm
September 3	Back to School Night & Curriculum Fair (child care provided for Murch students courtesy of HSA)	Schedule to be announced
September 4	HSA and Principal C's New Parent Breakfast (child care provided)	8:00-8:45 pm
September 7	No school - Labor Day	
September 8	HSA Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
September 17	International Night	6:00 pm
September 25	HSA-sponsored Outdoor Movie Night	Sunset
September 30	School Picture Day	
October 9 & 12	No school - Professional Development Day & Columbus Day	
October 13	HSA General Meeting & Budget Overview	
October 24	Murch HSA Fall Fair	12:00 noon-4:00 pm
February 27	2016 Murch Auction	7:00-11:00 pm

Provided by the Murch Home and School Association