



MESF

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Our Mission: To provide the Murdock Elementary School Community with resources that will enhance the learning environment & educational opportunities of the students.

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Foundation Matters

Principal's Corner:

Dear Parents,

In the 3rd year of existence, MESF continues to "WOW" the community with curriculum and technology initiatives. At "Technology Night" in February there were over 400 families learning about ways to enhance learning using computers, smart boards and digital cameras.

When the "carpet was rolled out" for the MESF Gala, you showed your support by making donations, buying tickets, purchasing items and volunteering. After a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship, over \$32,000 was raised to support Murdock.

On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to thank the GALA chairs,

Report Card Time for MESF!

As the school year draws to a close, we want to give you a year-end report to let you know the impact your financial support on Murdock has been A+. You, our parents, along with our community partners and our state grant, have allowed us to purchase the following for Murdock this year:

- √ Spanish Instruction for all grades
- √ 24 Smart Boards and 23 Projectors
- √ 3 Airliner Tablets
- √ 15 Laptops and 4 Desktops
- √ 1 Copier and 7 Network Color Printers
- √ Weekly Readers
- √ 2 Digital Cameras
- √ 1 Sound Field System
- √ Start-up supplies for new Science Lab

Murdock is now the most technologically advanced elementary school in Cobb county and one of the very few with a foreign language program integrated into the curriculum.

Our supporters are top of the class!

Spanish Instruction Continues Through Your Financial Support!

A definite A+ to our Spanish program! It has been amazing to watch this program grow from a K-1st pilot to an "all grade roll-out" this year. The feedback from students, parents and teachers has been incredible. As early as last fall, we were fielding calls from other schools looking to emulate our program. Several folks from area schools have visited our Spanish classes and have asked us how we do it. **OUR FAMILIES!** If it weren't for your support, we would not be able to offer a foreign language curriculum to Murdock students. A special thanks to our superb Spanish instructors Adrianna Curry and Giannina Gotuzzo. They have played a large part in engaging our students and creating the excitement and energy behind this program.

As this year winds down, MESF asks you to begin thinking about next year. Our spring Spanish donation campaign is in full swing and I hope that you will take this opportunity to enjoy a discount in tuition for multiple Murdock students and a special prize for those who donate at this time. This is a fantastic way to avoid writing one more check in the fall!

Thank you for your support,
Cindy Barber, Spanish Chair 2006-2007

Science Lab Approved!

We are pleased and excited to announce the approval of our plan for a science lab by Cobb County! Our primary goal is to lay a foundation which we can build upon in the future. The county has accepted our proposal and will furnish the lab with quality lab benches and cabinetry. We will include some new technologies such as electronic probes and software so the children can immediately see their results and manipulate their findings to create meaningful data. We are off to a great start!

Our next goal will be to inventory the materials we already possess and then consolidate them for storage in the new lab. We expect the lab to be completed in the fall and we will be looking for volunteers to help us get ready. Please contact Debbie Kauffman to see how you can help at 678-560-9225.

In addition, MESF has committed to supporting a science facilitator beginning in January who will set up, assist with, or run labs for all grades! We envision hands-on experiments in accordance with the Georgia Performance Standards. Each child will have multiple opportunities to really dig in and have fun exploring all the exciting lessons that science has to offer!

With all these incredible beginnings, I would like to send a special thanks to the MESF Board, Debbie Kauffman and the community for supporting our goals toward excellence in education. Together, we will make a dynamic difference in the education for all our children.

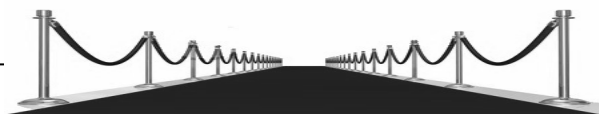
Vicki Stasiak
Assistant Principal

And The Award Goes To: The MESF Gala Team!

On behalf of the entire Rolling Out The Red Carpet Production Team, Cast and Crew, we would like to thank "The Academy" (the entire Murdock Community) for supporting us through all the ups and downs as we diligently worked on this incredible event. All of us enjoyed forming new friendships, connecting with those at Murdock from staff to parents, as well as our generous donors in the community. We are especially thankful to Craig Guyton at Sandy Plains Office Supply, our newest Partner In Education, for all of his assistance!

As Co-Chairs, we would like to thank you all for your support...Room moms for putting together the beautiful baskets, teachers for donating their time, and our amazing Cast and Crew for too many things to mention. A special thank you to Cassie Rogers, Lindy Husney, and Marc Klein from all of us involved for the many, many hours of preparation, solicitation, and more. We also must not forget our families for their patience and support as we put together this event. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Jennifer Boehm & Karen Schwartz
MESF Gala Co-Chairs



MESF would like to thank the following community partners for their donation of \$250 or more in support of the 3rd Annual Gala:

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