



August 2007

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Murdock Student,

As we begin our new school year, each Murdock student will have a curriculum that includes Spanish for all grades! Our Spanish program has had a dynamic beginning and has been recognized as being so successful that other schools are looking for ways to emulate what we do. When other schools ask how we are able to offer a foreign language to our students, we have one answer: **our parents.**

For the 2007-2008 school year, kindergarten and first graders will receive Spanish instruction in their classrooms for 20 minutes twice a week. Second – fifth grade will participate in Spanish for 40 minutes once a week as part of their weekly specials rotation. This has worked really well in the past, and we will continue this schedule. We are also happy to announce that both Sra. Curry and Sra. Gianinna are returning this year to share many talents with your children.

The Spanish program is primarily funded by voluntary parent/guardian donations and subsidized as needed by the Murdock Elementary School Foundation. Although the cost for the entire school population is high, *the cost per student is only fifty dollars (\$50) for a year of Spanish instruction.* We are asking you to make a voluntary, tax-deductible donation to cover the cost of Spanish for your child(ren) during the 2007-2008 school year so that MESF can continue to offer this program.

Every Murdock student will be offered Spanish instruction regardless of your ability or willingness to donate; however, the future of the Spanish program will be directly impacted by these contributions. Please complete and return the form below to the school. It is important that we receive a completed form back from each of you for budgeting and planning purposes. We would like to have all forms and or donations returned **by August 31, 2007.** We appreciate the support that the Murdock community has shown in the past, and welcome your continued assistance. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at [jennifer.bell@cobbk12.org](mailto:jennifer.bell@cobbk12.org).

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bell  
MESF – Spanish Program Coordinator

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Student(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s)/Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing a donation of \_\_\_\_\_ to support the Spanish program at Murdock.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to make a donation for the 2007-2008 school year.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as a scholarship for a child(ren) that may not be able to contribute.

(Please make check payable to MESF.)  
Your contributions are tax deductible.