



August 5, 2006

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Murdock Student,

Welcome back to school! We are thrilled to announce that the 2006-2007 Murdock Spanish Program is off to a wonderful start and that all grades K-5 will receive Spanish Instruction this year thanks to your support! 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. This makes Murdock one of the very few elementary schools in Cobb County to offer such a program. Murdock has hired a second teacher, Sra. Gotuzzo, to teach 2nd -5th grade, while Sra. Curry will continue to teach K-1st. Sra. Gotuzzo comes to us from Fulton County where she has taught elementary Spanish for several years. As an added bonus, it just so happens that Sra. Gotuzzo is a Murdock parent!

The early financial support Murdock families gave during the Spring donation campaign brought in 46% of the needed finances to fund Spanish instruction for the 2006-2007 school year. This is a tremendous start, and we thank you profoundly for your support! The Spanish program is primarily funded by voluntary parent/guardian donations and subsidized as needed by the Murdock Elementary School Foundation (MESF). 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 donation to cover the cost of Spanish for your child(ren) during the 2006-2007 school year. You will be given a chance to donate by credit card at the Spanish table during the Kindergarten Open House (8/9) and at Meet and Greet (8/10). Please complete and return the attached form to the MESF Spanish table to pay by cash, check or credit card on 8/9 - 8/10. After this time you can send in your cash or check donation with your child once school starts on 8/14. We are asking that all contributions be sent in by September 1, 2006.

Every Murdock student will be offered Spanish instruction regardless of your ability or willingness to donate. However, the future of Murdock's Spanish program will be directly impacted by these contributions. Your donations are tax deductible. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (678) 560-7117.

Thank you for your support of the Spanish Program at Murdock!

Sincerely,

Cindy Barber
MESF – Spanish Program Coordinator

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Student(s) Name(s): _____ Grade/Teacher(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Please check one:

_____ I am enclosing a donation of \$50.00 per child to support the Spanish program at Murdock.

_____ I do not wish to make a donation for the 2006-2007 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.