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Moonlight Movies, Back 2 School Edition set for July 28 *Dunk tank, inflatables, precede free movie*

MURPHY (July 5, 2023) Throughout the years, in households around the country, the three most dreaded words this time of year are ‘back to school.’ The end of the summer recess can bring anguish and grief to grade schoolers everywhere.

To ease any anxiety in Murphy kids, the City’s Parks and Recreation Department introduces the first Moonlight Movies, Back 2 School Edition on Friday, July 28 at the Central Park amphitheater, 550 North Murphy Road. The fun begins at 6 p.m., culminating with the presentation of “Puss in Boots: The Last Wish” at 8 p.m.

“We are excited to kick-off the new school year with a new addition to our Moonlight Movies series,” said Ashley Hudson, Special Events Coordinator. “Putting on the first Moonlight Movies, Back 2 School Edition is our way of getting students amped up for the upcoming school year.”

Among the featured activities during the free event is a dunk tank in which kids will have an opportunity to try to plunge a local principal into a tub of water by tossing balls at a target. Upon arrival, students can take advantage of free school supplies, while these items last.

Stylists from the Murphy location of Supercuts will be offering free haircuts to students from 6 to 8 p.m.

“Our thanks go to our local Murphy businesses as well as to the school principals who generously agreed to participate and donate their time and supplies to benefit students in the Murphy community,” said Hudson.

Students can also enjoy the splash pad, Nerf wars, inflatables, field-day type games, and face painting before the start of the movie, all at no charge. Free popcorn and other snacks will be distributed before and during the movie. Kona Ice will be onsite, offering products for purchase.

Attendees are encouraged to bring along refillable water bottles as a hydration station will be set up at the park. Parking is available at all City Hall lots as well as the Murphy PSA north lot adjacent to the amphitheater.

‘We’re thrilled to offer something new to the community that can help get students, teachers, and staff members ready for another great school year,’ she added.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 21,200, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in its annual list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.