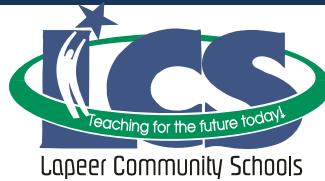


Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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THANKS TO PINE KNOB GAS STATION!

Murphy School would like to thank Pine Knob Gas Station for their generosity. In December they raffled off a 15 speed bicycle and gave the proceeds to Murphy. Not only did we receive \$175.00, but one of our families won the bike. We would like to congratulate Jim Curry and his family for buying the lucky ticket.



RUNNING CLUB

We would like to invite Murphy students to come join the running club. They can walk or run just to keep moving and get fresh air and away from the computer for a little while. We start right after school and we finish around 4:15 every Thursday. Prizes are handed out every 5 miles. The parents of the children that are signed up are welcome to come and walk or run with us or to help with anything needed. Please come and join the fun. If you have any questions please feel free to text Sue Moore at 810-338-7059 and I will get back with you. All you need is a permission slip filled out for the kids to join, which are located in the office.

Princess & Her Hero

This year the dance will be held at Deerfield Township Hall on Saturday February 9th 3:00-5:00pm. This is a **FREE** dance for all Lapeer County girls (ages 12 & under) and her hero (father figure).

We are asking for all girls to come dressed like a princess. The hero is not required to dress up, but it is encouraged. (Most of the Dads wore a shirt & tie last year).

The first 100 girls to RSVP will receive a free tiara. Every girl will receive a FREE 4x6 professional picture of her & her hero. (Additional picture sizes will be available for purchase from Vivid Images Photography during the dance). Light refreshments will also be served.

RSVPs can go to: Vernee' Charlebois
Great Start Parent Group Co-Leader - Lapeer County
(810) 858-7214, GreatStartLapeer@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/GreatStartLapeer



Giving for Pets

This year, the Murphy third graders donated pet supplies instead of having a holiday gift exchange in the classroom. We are giving the supplies to the Lapeer Animal Shelter. Students loved the idea of helping someone in need, especially pets.

We want to thank our parents who helped us get special dog collars, treats and toys for the dogs. The cats will receive mouse toys, cat nip, and scratch pads. These are just a few of the four boxes of donations sent in by the third graders. We are very glad we had this opportunity to give to the Animal Shelter.

Get Ready! Get Set! SPELL!

Our 5th grade are gearing up and practicing for the annual Spelling Bee.

This event is designed to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage.

Tuesday, Feb. 15th at 1:00 p.m., contestants will square off in the Murphy gym. Fourth graders are invited to watch, as are parents of the contestants. The top winner will go on to participate in the county-wide bee.





STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten

- Mrs. Martin**
 - Madeline Mills
- Mrs. Vettrano**
 - Parker DeLange

1st Grade

- Mrs. Beachum**
 - Briana Hearit
- Ms. Kopchick**
 - Raiden Smith

- Mrs. Miles**
 - Nickola Mashni

2nd Grade

- Mrs. Hayes**
 - Nicholas Champagne
- Mrs. Pake**
 - Brandy Hurley

- Mrs. Dodson**
 - Ava Satkowski

3rd Grade

- Mrs. Duncan**
 - Cole Stevens
- Mrs. James**
 - Payton Ballard-McCrandall

- Mrs. Withey**
 - Alyson Jacob

4th Grade

- Ms. Steele**
 - Ethan Dixon
- Mrs. McCreedy**
 - Kody Easton

5th Grade

- Mrs. Nugent**
 - Brianna Mashni
- Mrs. Phillips/Mrs. Homer**
 - Dominic D’Anna
- Ms. Rehm**
 - Rebecca Kanthook

Mark Your Calendars

- * Murphy Elementary School Presents our 12th Annual Murphy Golf Scramble Saturday, June 1st, at the Metamora Golf & Country Club, Metamora 48455 Watch for more information to come home! We are looking for golf teams, sponsors and volunteers!
- * The Mother Son & Daddy Daughter Dances are April 26th & 27th, 2013! Tickets will go on sale in April. More information will be posted at a later date.
- * We are in need of a volunteer to take over the snack room responsibilities. Our snack room mom is retiring! Without our volunteers, we cannot have these special events! If you are interested, please contact Debbie Bridges at dbridges100@yahoo.com.



Physical Education News



Students in grades 1-5 have recently performed the sit and reach fitness test. The test measures low back and hamstring flexibility. The following students scored the highest for their class:

CLASS

- Nugent
- Rehm
- Homer/Phillips
- Steele
- McCreedy
- James
- Withey
- Duncan
- Hayes
- Dodson
- Pake
- Miles
- Kopchick
- Beachum

BOY

- RJ Bohn
- Ramzi Mashni/Sean Nolan
- Justin Ranshaw
- Ali Tariq
- Avery Beaumont/Dakota Haas
- Colin Baker
- Colin Preston
- Daniel Curry
- Zachary Lundy/Brett Fletcher
- Tyler Preece
- Michael Perkins/Zackory Walker
- Jordan Skalski/Elijah Weber
- Logan Wollard
- Robert Dusten

GIRL

- Taylor Waked
- Mallory Vick
- Halle DeLange
- Cristina Locke
- Morrigan Fifield
- Marlie Fletcher
- Alyson Jacob
- Katelyn Nelesen
- Natalie Eashoo
- Sylvia Gajewski
- Aydan Beneteau
- Josie Jacob
- Jorja Kimber/Sephora Miller
- Sylvia Herrera

Murphy Student Council News

The following students have been serving in officer positions for the Student Council during the fall term.

Fifth Grade

- Jacob Loomis – President
- Dominic D’Anna – Vice President
- Chloe Bush – Treasurer

Fourth Grade

- Charity Dundas – President
- Caitlyn Todd – Vice President
- Jack Davis – Secretary
- Anna Sauger – Treasurer

The last meeting for this group will be Tuesday, February 5th at 3:00 p.m. in the media center and then we will be switching to our second term members and choosing new officers.

Recently the group has been discussing making t-shirts. We are in the planning stage of having a dance for fourth and fifth grade students in March. We also have been learning about what “warm fuzzies” are and how one nice thought could change someone’s days. So they learn to start a chain reaction of positive atmosphere though out the school!

February 2013

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 <i>Personal Safety & Awareness 4th Grade Digital Story Telling 3:00 pm</i> | 5 <i>Personal Safety & Awareness 4th Grade Student Council 3-4pm Rat Race cans brought in Ends</i> | 6 <i>Personal Safety & Awareness 4th Grade Talent Show Tryouts 3:00-4:00pm in the Library Rat Race slips can be handed in.</i> | 7 <i>Bake Sale Kdg. Rat Race slips can be handed in. Running club</i> | 8 <i>Talent Show Tryouts 3:00-4:00pm in the Library Rat Race slips can be handed in.</i> | 9 |
| 10 | 11 <i>Student of the Month Lunch with the Principal Digital Story Telling 3:00 pm</i> | 12 <i>Talent Show Tryouts 3:00-4:00pm in the Library</i> | 13 <i>PTC 815am</i> | 14 <i>Valentine's Parties Running club</i> | 15 <i>NO SCHOOL</i> | 16 |
| 17 | 18 <i>NO SCHOOL</i> | 19 <i>5th Grade Spelling Bee 9:00am Building Council 845am Popcorn Sale Student Council 3-4pm</i> | 20 | 21 <i>Bake Sale 1st Grade Running club</i> | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 <i>Digital Story Telling 3:00 pm Bear Fair magazine sales starts thru March 4th</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 <i>Running club</i> | | |



MURPHY ELEMENTARY

PTC HAPPENINGS

February 2013

Chris Cakes was a lot of fun! Pancakes were yummy and everyone had a great time! We had a sale on Murphy Spirit Wear too! Thank you to Kathryn Dennis for coordinating and all of the parents who helped to make it a success!



Spirit Wear sale going on now! Order forms are available in the school office, or email mibigbird@yahoo.com or contact me via phone at 248-431-3621 if I can get you an order form!

Box Tops and Campbells Soup Labels – Special Bonus Program! Two major bonuses going on and will be mailed by February 8. Please send them in by Feb 5th to give us enough time to get them ready to send in.



Please send in UPC Codes from:

- 1.) Campbell's Soups
- 2.) Pepperidge Farm (Goldfish, breads, stuffing, deserts)
- 3.) Pop Secret Popcorn
- 4.) Emerald Snacks (nuts, peanuts, 100 calorie packs, breakfast on the go!, Trail Mix, glazed Nuts)
- 5.) Post Cereals and snack treats
- 6.) BIC Stationery (pens, mechanical pencils, dry erase markers, highlighters, labels)
- 7.) Glad (storage containers, bags, plastic wraps)
- 8.) Dannon Danimals yogurts
- 9.) Magazines that are store bought (People, Real Simple, Time, Cooking Light, Southern Living, Health, All You)



We need 1 of each of the 9 categories mentioned above to complete a sheet then worth 500 bonus points, we can submit 25 sheets. (Potential of 12,500 bonus points)

Earn Money for Murphy Elementary PTC with Amazon.com.

Don't forget to start your shopping at the special Murphy link – go to www.lapeerschools.org/murphy, then click on the Amazon link at the bottom of the page.

Murphy PTC receives money based on total purchases. This is absolutely FREE to you and there is no personal information shared with us regarding what you purchased. You can even use the school link to purchase books for Kindle readers too, EVEN FREE books count as items purchased!!



The Next PTC meeting is February 13th at 8:15 in the library.

Murphy Elementary PTC is on Facebook. **“Like” us on Facebook** to get the scoop on our events.



Feel free to contact the PTC board at any time. PTC Contact Information: President – Missy Olejniczak, misolejniczak@yahoo.com
Vice-President – Kim Dundas, kdundas@sbcglobal.net, Treasurer – Kathryn Dennis, kathden@gmail.com, Secretary – Debbie Martinez, debbielexi@yahoo.com, Communications Liaison – Robin Buchanan, mibigbird@yahoo.com



Murphy Elementary Students Are Jumping To Save Lives!!!

March 6^h, 7th and 8th
during P.E. class

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On March 6th, 7th and 8th during PE classes, our school is holding its annual **Jump Rope For Heart** to help the **American Heart Association**. All students will be having fun jumping rope & doing other heart-healthy activities.

While encouraging community service, it is also an **educational program**. Messages of staying tobacco free, eating right and exercising as a lifestyle choice are reinforced while the students raise dollars critical to the development of life-saving research.

Unfortunately, heart disease and stroke are the No. 1 and No. 3 killers in America today. **Do you know someone who has been affected by heart disease, stroke, or other heart related illnesses? Or perhaps someone who has benefited from the research funded by the American Heart Association?**

Family and friends are welcome to support your child's volunteer efforts by making contributions. Your student will be given a collection envelope for that purpose. **Checks for all donations** should be made payable to the **American Heart Association** and submitted by **March 8th**. As a 501© status non-profit organization, donations are tax deductible. We are asking the students to ask for their parents help collecting donations. Please help them think of trusted adults that they can ask to support their school's Jump Rope for Heart program and the American Heart Association. We do not support children going door to door!

Your child can **even** raise funds on-line! *Step by step instructions about our **simple** on-line donation program are provided on the envelope.*

Those who collect donations can receive thank you gifts shown on the envelope based on the amount of money they raised. Our school also has the chance to earn **free physical education equipment** to help keep the students active!!

If your employer has a **matching gift program**, please indicate the matched amounts on the collection envelope and include the completed form provided by your employer or HR Department. The American Heart Association will take care of the rest.

Please support our event and this worthwhile community service project

Sincerely,

Mr. Baginski
Physical Education Teacher