

Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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MURPHY TALENT SHOW

The 2012 Murphy Talent Show will be held at 6:00 PM at East High School. Participants need to be at East by 5:30 PM, for pre-performance coordination. Please come out and support our students, as they showcase their fine talent!

PARENTS ... YOU NEED TO PICK UP ALL MEDICINE

Please remember to come into the office at the end of the year and pick up any medicine that belongs to your child. We are not allowed to send any medicine home with your child. You need to pick it up from the office. Any medicine not picked up will be tossed out.

Also, don't forget to check the lost and found located in the gym before the end of the school year.

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Join Mrs. Allmen and the Murphy Building Council for their next meeting on May 17th. We'll have coffee and chat about topics related to Murphy Elementary and Lapeer Community Schools. We will meet at 8:45 a.m. in the school office. See you then!

WHEN IS THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL?

Officially, the last day of school for students is June 8, 2012.

Oops!

We forgot some of our Honor Roll Students in our last Newsletter. We want to make sure all of our awesome students are recognized.

- Casey Aragones
- Audriya Cornell
- Morgan Coulter
- Dominick Crowell
- Kody Easton
- Faith Humble
- Benjamin Meister
- Connie Moore
- Ahrianna Nogueras
- Timothy Polidor
- Elaina Wizinsky



Cutest Pet Contest

Murphy Elementary students are trying to raise awareness about the appropriate care and treatment of animals. Many students have been working side by side with *Paradise Animal Rescue* this year in hopes of educating our community.

In celebration of their efforts, Murphy Elementary third graders are sponsoring a **Cutest Pet Contest**. Send in a photo of your cutest pet (one entry per household). Put your student(s) name and teacher on the back. We will display the photos in the school and give opportunities for voting. The cutest pet will receive bragging rights in our next school newsletter as well as a gift certificate to a pet supply store.

Deadline for submission of photos is: May 11th
Winner announced the evening of May 21st at the *Murphy Treasure Hunt*

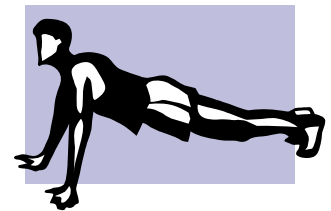
Immunizations Needed by 5th Graders

In order for all 5th Grade students to be able to enter 6th grade next year, they need to be up-to-date on all of their immunizations. They are required to have their 2nd Varicella, DTAP and Meningococcal. Some of these immunizations are new requirements so please contact your doctor to make sure your child has had them. If there are any you are missing, please get the immunization as soon as possible to prevent him/her from being excluded in the fall. There will be a letter coming home soon with further information.

Physical Education News

During the week of April 16th, the physical education classes performed the push-up fitness test. The following students recorded the most for their class:

CLASS	BOYS	GIRLS
Miles	Zachary Lundy	Mia Hobbins, Brandy Hurley, Ryan Garwolds
Beachum	Connor Crowell	Natalie Eashoo
Kopchick	Nick Champane	Madison Porritt
Hayes	Michael Williams	Sophia Hall
Pake	Cade Szuch	Lauren Aragones
Rinke	Jeremy Williams	Delaney Granger
Duncan	Brandon Buchanan	Charity Dundas
James	Jake Bolton	Kylie Stewart
Steele	Andrew Przekora	Halle DeLange
June	Kaiden Beck	Mackenzie Giddings
McCaffery	Ben Schultz	Lindsey McNulty
Homer/Phillips	Caiden Fleisher	Sydney Nass
Nugent	Dylan Ayers	Paige Salayko



JUST A REMINDER ... IF YOU ARE MOVING

If you have moved or are planning on moving, please let the bus garage and school office know. Scheduling of the bus routes is done during the summer and we need to let the Bus Garage know before school is out.

BABYSITTER DEVIATION FORMS

Parents, it's that time again to fill out a new babysitter deviation form for next school year. You can fill out the Babysitter Deviation Form out and return it to the office so we may forward it to the bus garage. The sooner the bus garage has the forms, the better job of getting the correct busing information for the start of school.

2ND GRADE MUSICAL REMINDER!

When - Thursday, May 31st
Where - Lapeer East Auditorium
Arrive - 6:10
Program - begins at 6:30
Can't wait to see everyone there!

MURPHY HAS AWESOME KIDS!

Congratulations to Michael Muston, Cassidy Sparks, and Victoria Ward!!!!!! Michael raised the most money in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Cassidy won 1st prize in a video contest in Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan. Check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oickSgoijqM&feature=colike>. Victoria entered the National Schools Project Poetry Contest and her poem was selected to be published in the 2012 *Young American Poetry Digest*.



Murphy Penny Drive

**For the Lymphoma Society of Michigan
May 14-18, from 7:55 a.m.-8:07 a.m.**

In an effort to continue to reach out to the people in our state who are in need, the student council at Murphy has selected the Michigan Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The money raised will stay in the state of Michigan, and is used to assist people who are managing these difficult diseases.

One hundred percent of proceeds that are raised will go to the LLS of Michigan, and, because they are in partnership with Hungry Howie's, the class that collects the most pennies for the drive will receive a pizza party (if the school is able to raise at least \$400 total).

All buckets will be totaled by Monday, May 21, and the winner will be announced. Also, if, by chance, Murphy is one of the top three money raising schools in the state (based on percent/number of students) the Prairie Farms Dairy will host a school wide ice cream social.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We appreciate your support, as we attempt to raise funds for this worthwhile organization. Thank you, Mrs. Rothgeb and Mrs. Vettrano, Student Council Sponsors

Here are a few guidelines we will strictly follow, to ensure that our Penny Drive is a success:

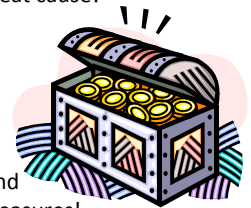
- ✓ The classroom that collects the most PENNIES will be designated as the winner
- ✓ Any type of money that is in the classroom bucket that is NOT a penny will count against their total of pennies, in the matching monetary amount (such as a \$1.00 bill will necessitate us taking off 100 of the pennies in the bucket)
- ✓ Each classroom's bucket will be available for deposits, each day (May 14-18) from 7:55 to 8:07 ONLY. At the 8:07 bell, the teachers will close their doors, secure the bucket, and students will return to their classrooms by 8:08
- ✓ Any student can contribute to any bucket. There are no guidelines on this, which means that there is the potential for one class to sabotage another by placing alternate currency in another class's bucket
- ✓ No guarding the buckets, no warning signs. This is fun, but can get a bit competitive; however, it is for a great cause!

Come Join the Fun

On Monday, May 21, Murphy will be hosting a Treasure Hunt and Open House from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. All current Murphy families are invited to attend. Bring your family and solve fun clues that will lead you around our building, discovering some of Murphy's treasures!

This event is also open to other Lapeer Community Schools families who may be attending a new school in the fall. With the closing of Seaton and Maple Grove Elementary, as well as the transition of Turrill to a focus school concept, many Lapeer families will have a new elementary school next year. Please join us at the Treasure Hunt to welcome our new families, and meet some of our newest Murphy students!

We are looking for a few parent volunteers to assist us without Treasure Hunt. If you are interested and able to join us the night of the event to help pass out clues or prizes, please contact Barb Martin, Dean of Students, at the school office (810-538-2345) or email at bmartin@lapeerschools.org.



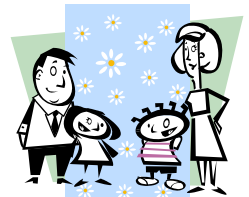
16th Annual Mother-Son & Daddy-Daughter Dance

This year's dance was a HUGE success!

Next year the dances will be held on April 26th & 27th. The dances would not be possible without all of our volunteers. We would like to thank the following people for making this Murphy tradition possible:

- * The Athmer Family for the BEST DJ service! They rock!
- * Photo Factory USA for the precious photos and quick picture taking!
- * Mr. Hutton and Ms. Janet for their dedication in keeping our school so clean and cleaning up!
- * Thank you to Mrs. Nass for our beautiful masquerade ball decorations! Our school looked great!
- * Thank you to Mrs. Tunison, Mrs. Erla, Ann Marie Tunison and crew for our organizing our snack room!
- * Thanks to all of the parents who brought in yummies treats!
- * Thank you to Mrs. DePuy and Mrs. Martin for selling the dance tickets!
- * A BIG thank you goes out to Mrs. Beachum and Miss. Kopchick for the use of your classroom!
- * To the staff that came to help chaperone and give up their personal time ... Thank you! Miss. Kopchick, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Allmen and Mrs. Martin.

Watch for pictures to be posted at school! Thank you all for coming and keep on dancing!!!



May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Talent Show Rehearsal</i> 3-4:30 p.m.	3 <i>Talent Show East High School</i> 6-8:30p.m. <i>Skinner Lake Mrs. Duncan</i> 8:30-11:15a.m. <i>4th Grade Bake Sale</i>	4	5
6 <i>Buy One Get One Free Book Sale All Week</i>	7 <i>4th Grade to Lansing</i>	8 <i>Safetyville Mrs. Miles</i> 8:45-10:15a.m. <i>Skinner Lake Ms. James</i> 8:30-11:15a.m.	9 <i>Safetyville Mrs. Beachum and Ms. Kopchick</i> 8:45-10:15a.m. <i>Stanley School Ms. Rinke</i> 10:30-3:30p.m. <i>Kris Cakes</i> 4:40-7:00p.m.	10 <i>Skinner Lake Ms. Rinke</i> 11:45-2:30p.m.	11 <i>Penny Drive Assembly</i> <i>Stanley School Ms. James</i> 10:30-3:30p.m.	12
13 <i>Penny Drive All Week</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>Building Council/ Coffee with the Principal</i> 8:45 <i>4th Grade State Presentations</i>	18 <i>Stanley School Mrs. Duncan</i> 10:30-3:30p.m.	19
20	21 <i>Treasure Hunt/ Open House</i> 6-7:30p.m. <i>4th Grade Awareness</i>	22 <i>4th Grade Awareness</i> <i>5th Grade Rolland Warner tour</i> 9:30-12:00p.m. <i>PTC</i> 8:30a.m. <i>Popcorn Sale</i>	23 <i>4th Grade Awareness</i>	24 <i>Mrs. Duncan to Suncrest</i>	25 <i>Honor Roll Extra Recess</i>	26
27	28 <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	29	30	31 <i>Bake Sale 5th Grade</i> <i>2nd Grade Music Performance</i> 6:30pm <i>at East High School</i>		



MURPHY ELEMENTARY

PTC HAPPENINGS

Thank you to everyone that attended the April PTC meeting. Mrs. Vettrains's classroom won for the most parents in attendance at the meeting. We appreciate everyone taking time out of their busy schedules to attend. We hope to see you at the May meeting!



Thank you to all of the Murphy volunteers, vendors and shoppers that made our 1st annual Murphy PTC Craft Show a success! Also, a big thank you to Holly Grzyb and Tracy Addison for putting the craft show together.

Chris Cakes Pancake Dinner is returning to Murphy Elementary on **May 9**. You won't want to miss a chance to catch your dinner. There will be a lot of flying pancakes! Stay tuned for more information to come home with your student. If you would like to volunteer to help with this fun event, please contact Kathryn Dennis at kathden@gmail.com.



Popcorn Days The PTC will be selling popcorn once a month. The next popcorn sale date will be May 22. Watch for a reminder to come home with your student.

Turn in your Box Tops and Labels for Education The last day to submit your Box Tops and Labels for Education (Campbell's) is **May 21** to be counted for this school year. Please continue to save them over the summer, and turn them in when school starts up in the fall. We have been able to purchase great items for the classrooms through the Box Tops and Labels for Education programs.

Earn Money for Murphy Elementary PTC with Amazon.com.

Start every Amazon purchase with www.lapeerschools.org/murphy, then click on the red link at the bottom of the page. Remember to use the school link to purchase books for Kindle readers too, because even free books count as items purchased.

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

PTC Board Nominations Please be sure to attend the next PTC meeting if you are interested in being on the PTC board for the 2012-2013 school year. Nominations will be accepted at the May meeting, and voting will take place at the June meeting. If you are unable to attend the next meeting and would like to be considered for a position, please contact a current PTC Board Member.

The next PTC meeting will be a morning meeting. Please join us for the **May PTC meeting**.
May 22, 2012 @ 8:30 am in the Murphy Library.

Feel free to contact the PTC board at any time. PTC Contact Information: President – Debbie Bridges, dbridges100@yahoo.com
Vice-President – Missy Olejniczak, misolejniczak@yahoo.com, Treasurer – Kathy Aalbertsberg, kathyaa2@centurytel.net, Secretary – Debbie Martinez, debbielexi@yahoo.com, Communications Liason – Kim Dundas, kdundas@sbcglobal.net



ELEMENTARY SPRING EVENTS 2012

Many elementary students will attend new buildings in the fall. We hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity for you and your child to attend the open house for new families or the spring activity night for the building your child will attend in the fall. Students will have the opportunity to see the facility and meet students currently attending the building. Information is also provided for the spring PTC/PTA meetings for each building. Parents with students attending new buildings in the fall are invited to participate in the spring meeting as many building parent groups will be holding elections and beginning plans for the fall.

Turrill Elementary

Spring Carnival: June 1st
5:30pm-8:30pm
Admission is \$3.00 per student. Admission will include several games and one food item. Other food and snacks will be available for purchase.

Spring PTC:
May 16, 2012
3:00pm

Lynch Elementary

Spring Carnival: May 18th
5:30pm – 7:30pm
\$10.00 Punch Card for 20 Games
Contact Tami Curry at 667-2448 or Sharon Marzola for more information.

Open House for New Families:
June 5, 2012
4:00pm – 6:00pm
Spring PTC Meeting:
May 8, 2012
8:30am and 6:00pm

Mayfield Elementary

Spring Carnival: May 18th
5:00pm – 7:30pm
Free
Tiger Meals will be available for purchase.

Open House for New Families:
Same night and time

Spring PTC Meeting:
May 21, 2012
6:00pm

Seaton Elementary

Spring Fling: May 10th
6:00pm – 7:30pm
Free
Contact school office at 538-2415 for more information.

Spring PTC:
May 14, 2012
9:30am

Schickler Elementary

Spring Carnival: May 18th
5:00pm – 8:00pm
Free Games and Activities
Dragon meals and additional activities available for purchase
Open House for New Families:
May 30th, 2012 6:00pm-8:00pm
Spring PTC Meeting:
June 4th, 2012 8:15am
Schickler Media Center
Contact Schickler for additional information regarding all Schickler activities at 667-2440.

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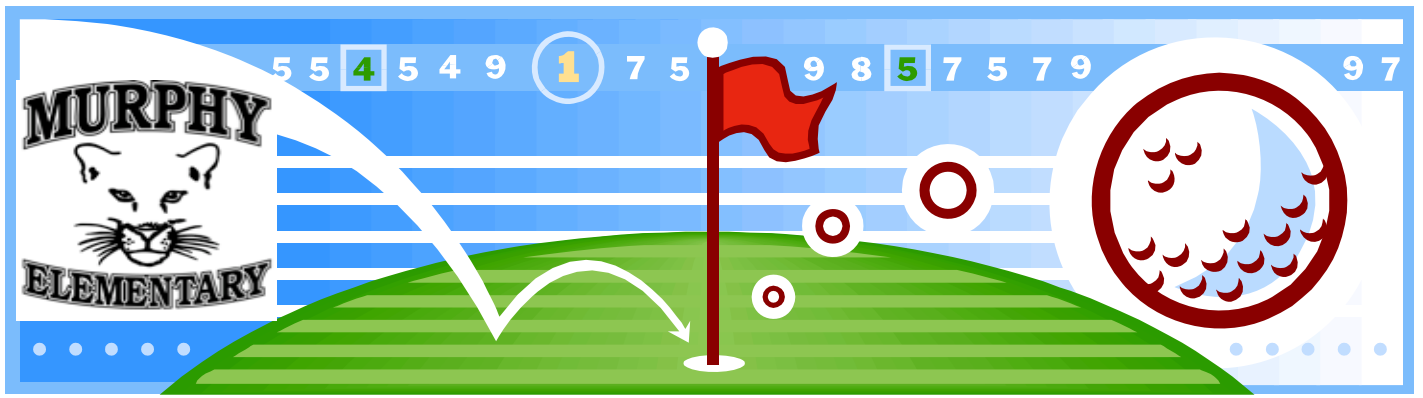
Treasure Hunt: May 21st
6:00pm – 7:30pm
Free
Contact school office at 538-2345 or PTC President at 441-3023 for more information.
Open House for New Families:
Same night and time.

Spring PTC Meeting:
May 22, 2012
8:30am

Maple Grove Elementary

Spring Carnival: June 4th
5:00pm-7:00pm
Free
Contact Brooke Fisher at 667-2444 for more information.

May PTA Meeting:
May 14, 2012 - Library
3:00pm



Murphy's Drive for Education 2012 GOLF SCRAMBLE

Saturday, June 2nd, 2012

Metamora Golf & Country Club

7:30 AM Registration begins, 8:00 AM Shotgun Start

Register Your Team

\$75 PER PERSON — (\$300) PER TEAM

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE

Includes

18 Holes of Golf with Cart
Coffee & Donuts
Hot Dogs, Chips & Beverage
Dinner
Give-a-ways & Team Picture

HOLE-IN-ONE

1ST & 2ND Place Prize Money,
Vegas Hole, Skins Game, Longest Drives,
Closest to the pins, 50/50 Raffle
Raffles for great golf courses & other door prizes!

LOTS OF GREAT DOOR PRIZES!

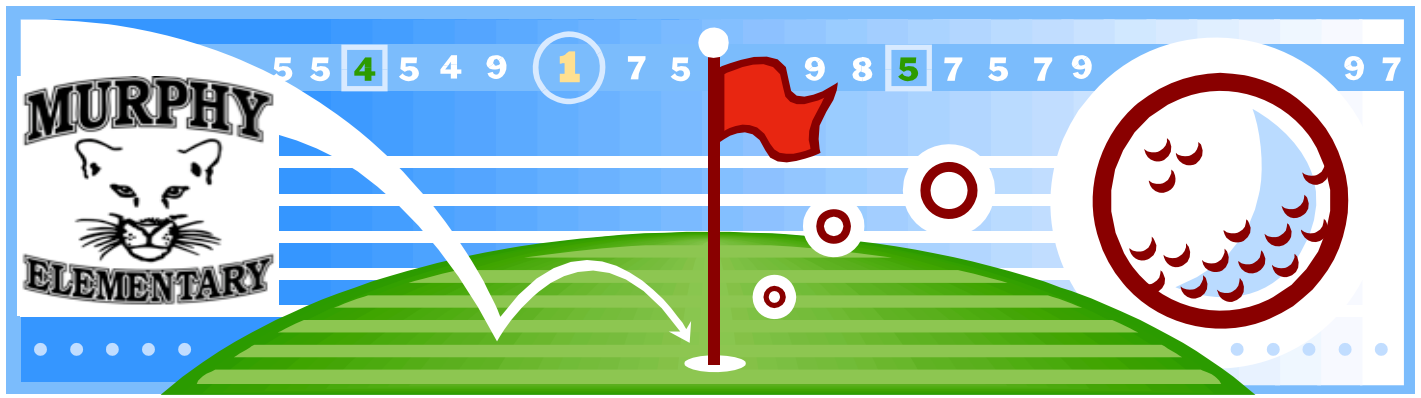
Questions?

Contact Murphy Elementary at (810) 538-2345

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

www.lapeerschools.org/murphy

All proceeds will benefit the wonderful students of Murphy Elementary School



Murphy's Drive for Education 2012 GOLF SCRAMBLE

REGISTRATION FORM

*Proper attire is required at all times (no denim and collared shirts are required).
Players not adhering to the dress code will not be allowed to participate.*

CAPTAIN/CONTACT _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ T-shirt size _____	TEAM MEMBER _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ T-shirt size _____
TEAM MEMBER _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ T-shirt size _____	TEAM MEMBER _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ T-shirt size _____
Don't Golf? Come for lunch!	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 Lunch Only
Total Amount Enclosed \$75 per person (\$300 per Team for Golf)	

Please make checks payable to Murphy Drive for Education Committee.
Be sure to register early. Last year we had a waiting list.

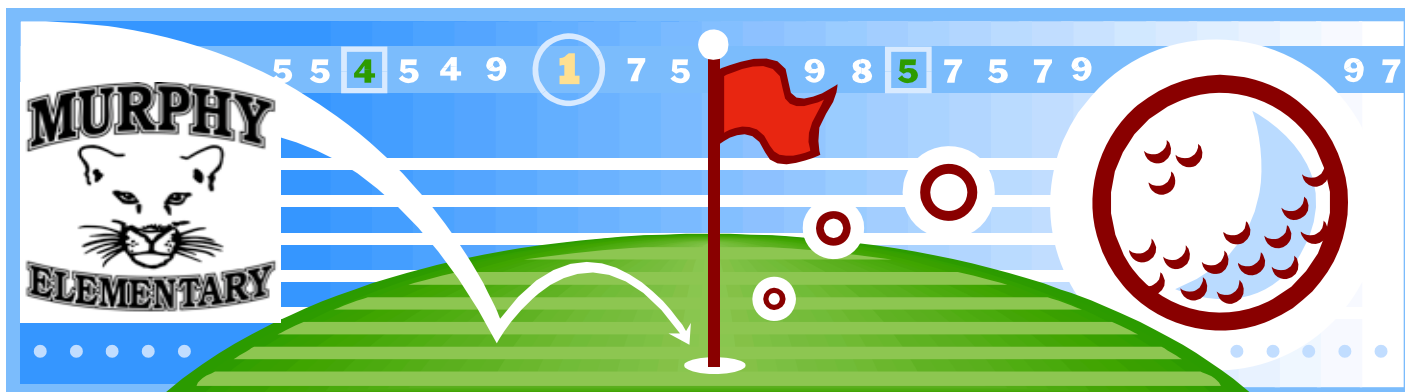
Please register by May 30, 2012

Please Return To

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Questions?

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Murphy's Drive for Education 2012 Golf Scramble

**Saturday, June 2nd, 2012
Metamora Golf & Country Club**

"Helping students connect to the world...TODAY!"

\$1,000 "WILDCAT" SPONSOR

- Logo printed as event host on the cover of the event program
- TWO foursomes includes: 18 holes of golf with carts for the event and dinner
- 5 hole sponsor signs & company name displayed on all tables
- Recognition at lunch and on all advertising
- Your company banner placed on site during the event provided by your company

\$500 "CUBBIE" SPONSOR

- Logo printed as event host on the cover of the event program
- ONE foursome includes: 18 holes of golf with carts for the event and dinner
- Five hole sponsor signs
- Recognition at lunch and on all advertising
- Your company banner placed on site during the event provided by your company

\$250 "LAPTOP" SPONSOR

- Your company name printed in the event program
- TWO GOLFERS includes 18 holes of golf with cart for event & dinner
- Three hole sponsor signs
- Recognition at lunch and on all advertising

\$100 "PC" SPONSOR

- Your name or company name printed in the event program
- ONE GOLFER includes golf, cart & dinner
- One hole sponsor sign
- Recognition in school newsletter and on all advertising

\$50 "FAMILY HOMEPAGE" SPONSOR

- Family or company name printed in the event program
- One hole sponsor sign
- Recognition in school newsletter and on all advertising

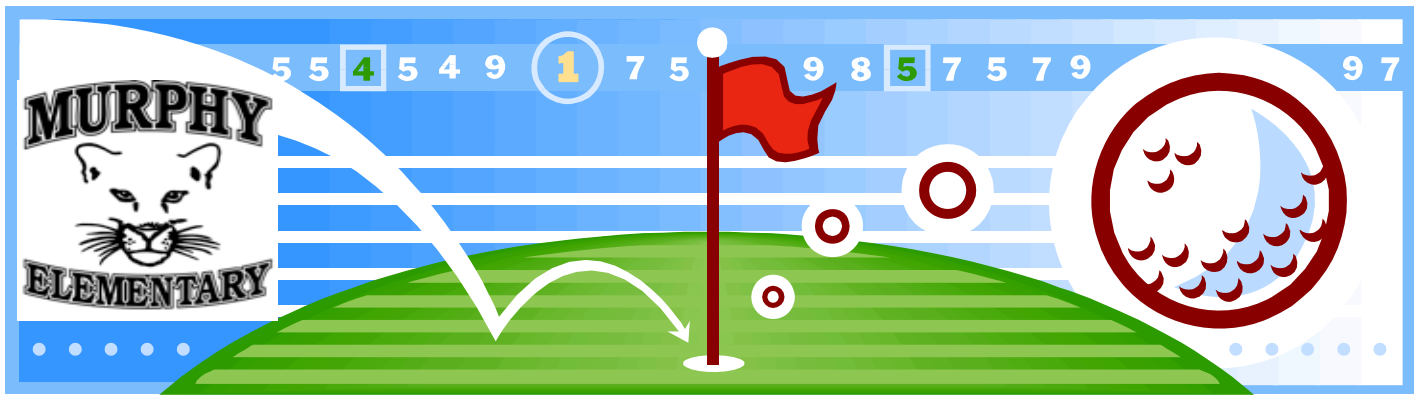
\$25 "PERSONAL" DONATION

- Name in event program
- Recognition in school newsletter and on all advertising

REMEMBER YOUR DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Last year's golf outing and raffle profits enabled us to purchase on-line educational subscriptions for students, software, printer supplies, books for classrooms, and to fund summer reading programs. This year the money that is raised will be used to continue to support our technology, literacy programs and summer school programs at Murphy Elementary.

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SPONSORSHIP FORM

Check sponsorship(s) below:

"WILDCAT" Sponsor - \$1,000

"CUBBIE" Sponsor - \$500

"LAPTOP" Sponsor - \$250

"PC" Sponsor - \$100

"FAMILY" Sponsor - \$50

"PERSONAL" Sponsor - \$25

Total Due:	
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Please make checks payable to Murphy's Drive for Education)

Company/Family Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Golf Hole Sign _____

(How do you want your hole sponsor sign to read? You can attach a business card)

NAME _____
AMOUNT _____
DATE _____
RECEIVED BY _____