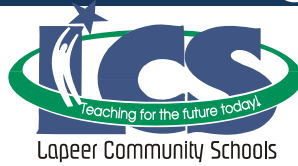


Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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PICTURE RE-TAKES

Our picture re-take day will be on Tuesday, October 23. If your child missed the picture taken on the first day or you are unhappy with your pictures, your child may have their picture retaken. Please bring your old pictures in if you are getting them retaken.



MEAP

It's that time again... MEAP Testing Time. Grades 3 through 5 will be taking the test from October 9th through 26th. Make-ups will be taken during the third week. Help your child get ready by making sure they get a good night's sleep before testing and providing breakfast on the mornings of testing.

COLD WEATHER COMING

As the weather becomes chillier, please remember to have your child bring a jacket or sweatshirt to wear on the playground.

ENTERING THE BUILDING IN THE MORNING

Students are allowed to enter the building at 7:55 when the bell rings unless they are eating breakfast. Students eating breakfast can enter the building at 7:45 and go straight to the cafeteria. Please remind your children of this rule.

BOOK MOBILE BOOKS

If you were one of the lucky ones to borrow books from the book mobile this summer and you have not returned them please do so as soon as possible. We are so pleased with the amount of families that were able to come and enjoy the books but we want to make sure we have all the books back for next year.

NEWSLETTER

The Murphy Newsletter will be available online for the rest of the school year. Copies will be available upon request.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for Murphy parents the evenings of October 23rd and 25th. Our goal is 100% parent/teacher participation so please help us by attending or arranging a phone conference. If you didn't sign up for a time during the Meet the Teacher Night your teacher will be contacting you to sign up.

Book Fair

Our annual book fair will take place the week of October 21 in our Media Center. It will be open before and after school and during the evenings of conferences. Students will be able to go during class time to look at the books.



To Ensure the Safety of Students:

No dogs are allowed on school grounds during school hours or at dismissal time. Also be aware that our school is a no fur/ no feather school, which means that animals with fur or feathers are not allowed at any time. Many children like to bring in pets for show and tell or other activities but because of allergies of some we cannot allow pets in our school.

Parking Lot Etiquette

Please be cautious and careful when driving in the parking lot. It is for the safety of our staff and students. Please be aware when a staff member steps out into the lot to allow buses to exit the lot, please DO NOT attempt to drive around them to beat the buses. We appreciate your patience and cooperation. Also, at dismissal time if you plan to get out of your vehicle to meet your children/child please park in a parking in the parent parking spaces provided. The drive by the side walk is a "No Parking" zone.



National School Lunch Week

*Please join Murphy in celebrating **National School Lunch Week.***

We are sponsoring a "Bring yourParent To Lunch Day" (see schedule at right).

We will be having several fun contests for the students focusing on eating fruits and vegetables. Of course you do not need to be a parent to participate. Grandparents, aunts, uncles or any other adult may join us. If you would like to purchase a lunch an adult meal is \$2.50. So come out and see the healthy choices your child is offered every day and join in the fun.

Permission slips will be coming home. Please return permission slips by Friday, October 5, so we know who will be attending.

"Bring Your Parent To Lunch" Schedule:

- **Monday October 15th**
Mrs. Martin & Vetraino & Mrs. Nuggent & Homer/ Phillips' classes
- **Tuesday October 16th**
Mrs. Beachum, Miles & Miss Kopchick's classes
- **Wednesday October 17th**
Mrs. Hayes, Pake & Dodson's (Rinke) classes
- **Thursday October 18th**
Mrs. Duncan, James, & Withey's classes
- **Friday October 19th**
Mrs. McCreedy, Rehm, & Miss Steele's classes

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Ms. Kopchick Skinner Lake 8:30-11:15 Mrs. Miles 11:45- 2:30</i>	3 <i>Count Day PTC Meeting 8:15AM</i>	4 <i>Fund Run School Board Meeting Administration Bld. 7PM</i>	5	6
7	8	9 <i>MEAP testing tarts</i>	10 <i>MEAP testing</i>	11 <i>MEAP testing</i>	12	13
14 <i>Bring your Parent to Lunch Week</i>	15 <i>MEAP testing</i>	16 <i>MEAP testing</i>	17 <i>MEAP Testing</i>	18 <i>1st Grade Bake Sale</i>	19	20 <i>Craft Show</i>
21 <i>Book Fair All Week</i>	22	23 <i>Parent Teacher Conferences Picture Retakes 8:30AM</i>	24	25 <i>Parent Teacher Conferences</i>	26 NO SCHOOL	27
28	29	30	31 <i>Halloween Parties</i>			



Dear Parents,

Your child will be participating in the Elementary Physical Education program this year. They will be involved in activities that will help them in their growth and maturation, and ultimately help them in the classroom. Your child will receive 45 minutes of physical education per week for the first through fifth grades.

Your child will be graded on the elementary report card for elementary physical education. Below is the grading key.

Key: P= Performing as expected IP= Inconsistent Performance N= Not Performing as expected

Students will be participating in the President's Physical Fitness Tests. Each test has a certain benchmark based on student's age and gender. A benchmark is an objective defining the necessary criteria each student needs to pass each of the fitness tests. Students meeting the benchmark on all five of the tests will receive the National or Presidential award at the end of the school year.

Presidential Physical Fitness Tests:

- Curl-ups
- Pull-ups/and or Flexed arm Hang
- Sit-n-Reach
- Shuttle Run
- ¼ Mile Run/Walk, ages 6,7
- ½ Mile Run/Walk, ages 8,9
- 1 Mile Run/Walk, ages 10-12

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE E5 & KINDERGARTEN

Participation in physical activity offers many health benefits, including increasing general mood, self-esteem, confidence and sleep quality. Due to the fact that we only see your child once a week for 45 minutes, they are expected to participate every week. Students who cannot participate for one week need a written note from a parent. Students who cannot participate for multiple weeks will need a doctor's note.

Please help us by helping your child have a successful year in Physical Education. All students are required to have proper shoes for gym class. **Four** or more gym classes without proper shoes will result in an IP grade on the report card.

Sincerely,

Deb Cooper, Ken Baginski, John Fitzpatrick , Colleen Milton



MURPHY ELEMENTARY

PTC HAPPENINGS



Thank you to everyone that attended the first PTC meeting of the 2012-2013 school year. We appreciate everyone taking time out of their busy schedules to attend. The **Winning Class** for the **Ice Cream Treat** based on parent attendance at the first meeting was:

Mrs. Kopchick – 1st grade.

Spirit Wear Winners The PTC held raffle drawings for spirit wear during 2 events this fall. The Metamora Days booth and the Kindergarten Open House. Congratulations to our winners Michaela Ray (spirit wear basket), Joey D’Anna (T-shirt) and Elise Miller (sweatshirt). As a reminder, Spirit Wear is on display at the school and is available for purchase. Order forms can be picked up outside the office.

Murphy PTC will be hosting a Craft Show! on Saturday, **October 20 from 9am – 4pm.** If you are interested in reserving a spot at the Craft Show, please contact Holly Grzyb at 810-441-7509 email hollymgrzyb@gmail.com or contact Tracy Addison at 810-614-2394 email trac4pink@yahoo.com.



Popcorn Days Popcorn sales are back at Murphy! The PTC will be selling popcorn once a month. Get you Murphy colors ready. The class that has the most School Spirit on popcorn days will be rewarded. Watch for monthly notices to come home with your student.

Special Box Tops Contest We are having a special contest for the month to start the new school year off right! The class which turns in the most Box Tops labels by October 9th will win a special prize from the PTC!!! Money from the Box Tops collected goes directly to the teachers for supplies and activities. Check out the BoxTops4Education.com site for more information as well as ways to gain even more points through special shopping promotions.



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.

Juice Pouch Brigade – Don’t forget that we collect empty juice pouches. So help us help the environment and turn them in. Please try to make sure the pouches are clean on the outside, empty on the inside and leave the straw in (this prevents that little bit of juice that usually remains in the bottom from leaking out).



The Next PTC meeting will be on **Wednesday October 3, 8:15 am** 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



Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Jodi Feierabend and I'm the volunteer Box Tops Coordinator at Murphy Elementary.

The box tops that you send in go directly to your child's teacher and the money earned is used for their classroom supplies and activities. Last year we were able to raise more than \$3800.00 for teachers to use!

Here are easy ways you can help:

Clip — Clip the Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth 10¢.

Shop online — Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace® (boxtops4education.com/marketplace). Our school can earn eBoxTops® with every qualifying purchase you make, at no additional cost to you.

Sign up to support our school at boxtops4education.com, where you can: Enter online promotions for chances to win Bonus Box Tops and other prizes as well as Print coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands.

To learn more, visit boxtops4education.com. Thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

Sincerely,

Jodi Feierabend 😊

****** To start the school year off we are having a contest for the class that turns in the most box tops by October 9th. That class will receive a special prize from the PTC!!!! *******



Holiday Depot of Lapeer County

A collaborative effort helping Lapeer County families"

How to apply - If you are a Lapeer County low income resident and are hoping for help during the holidays for food and gifts, please take note. All Holiday Depot applications will be taken in person only.

Deadline for applications is October 31, 2012

Walk-ins are welcome at the times/dates listed. Other dates and times available by appointment if indicated.

Location	When to Go
First Congregational Church of Almont 201 E. St. Clair St., Almont	Walk in: Thurs. Oct. 4 6:00-8:00 For information call Peggy 586-698-8308
Columbiaville United Methodist Church 4696 Pine, Columbiaville	Wed. Oct. 3,10,17,24 1:00 – 3:00 Wed. Oct 10,24 5:00 – 7:00
Dryden Linked Hearts 5595 Main St. Dryden	Walk in : Mon. Oct. 1,8,15,22,29 12:00–4:00 Wed. Oct. 3,10,17,24, 31 10:00–2:00
Hispanic Service Center 204 E. 3 rd Street, Imlay City Spanish-speaking volunteers	Walk in: Wed. Oct. 3 , 24 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:30, 5:00-7:00 by appointment only. Other dates/times by appointment: call 724-3665
North Branch Emergency Aid at North Branch Library, 3714 Huron St., North Branch	Walk in: Thurs. Oct.4, 18 10:00-2:00 Sat. Oct.13, 27 9:30 – 1:30
Human Development Commission 1559 Imlay City Rd. Lapeer Human Development Commission at Lapeer County Center Building,425 County Center, Lapeer	Walk in: Thurs.Oct.4,11,18,25 9:00-11:00 Walk in: Tues. Sept 25, Oct 23 10:00-1:00 (at commodity food distribution)
Goodfellows at First Presbyterian Church 433 N. Calhoun St., Lapeer	Walk in: Tues Oct 2,9,16,23,30 12:00-3:00
Trinity United Methodist Church 1310 N. Main St., Lapeer	Walk in: Mon. Oct 1,8,15,22,29 3:30-4:30
Clifford Library 9530 Main, Clifford	Walk in: Thurs. Oct. 4,11,18,25 2:00 – 4:00

No applications will be accepted without identification (driver's license, birth certificates) for all household members and proof of all household income for the past 30 days when you come to the intake.

Application deadline is October 31th