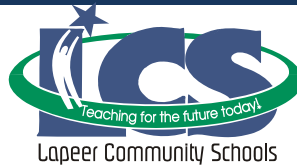


Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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Scott Warren, Principal
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THANK YOU!

The Murphy Staff would like to thank the parents that brought in all the delicious food for Parent Teacher Conferences. What a treat to sit down to a wonderful meal on such a long day. We also want to thank Tina Hall for coordinating everything. We have such awesome parents!



Goodfellows Food Drive

Our building will be participating in the food drive for Goodfellows again this year. All of the food that is collected goes to families who live in our school district. We will begin the drive on Monday, December 3rd and finish it on Monday, December 10th. We are asking that the food be **non-perishable** and in either in cans, boxes or plastic containers. The Goodfellows **cannot** use food in glass jars and bottles. The food will be collected in each of the classrooms and teachers will be giving the students more information as the collection time gets closer. We know that the food we collect will go to families that need our help.



REPORT CARDS

The end of the first trimester is November 21st. Report cards will be sent home with your child on Thursday, November 29th. There will be no school November 21 – 23 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanksgiving Feast at Murphy

The Thanksgiving Feast will take place on Tuesday, November 20th for grades Kdg.-2nd at 2:00PM. Students will be busy making placemats, headaddresses and other items to reminisce the way it was with the Indians and Pilgrims. Menus will include corn muffins, pumpkin pie, popcorn and lots more!



Murphy Shoe Policy

The cold weather is here! It's time for boots, mittens, hats and warm coats!

From now through the first of May students are to have either shoes or slippers for inside and boots or winter shoes for outside wear. Students may bring a pair of inside shoes/slippers to keep in their locker during the winter months. If students do not have outside shoes/boots we ask them to remain on the pavement for recess.

EARLY DROP OFF

For the safety of your child, we are asking that you please be conscientious of the time that you drop your student off at Murphy. We do not have anyone to supervise students until 7:45 am. We are having a problem with students arriving prior to 7:45 and we are concerned for their safety.

If you would like information for Kids and Company for child care prior to 7:45 am, we would be happy to provide you with information.

Murphy Volunteers are the BEST!

Thank you to Mrs. Bara, our Librarian, who organized our Book Fair this year. We also want to thank all the volunteers who worked the Book Fair. With your help, the profit we made from the Book Fair went directly into purchasing new books for our school library. We can't thank you enough for taking the time to help and be a very special part of what we do at Murphy for all our children. Thank you, volunteers. As always, you did a great job!



Getting to School on Time

Our starting time is 8:04 am.

It is important for parents to instill in students the value of good school attendance and punctuality to class.



MURPHY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Martin - Kindergarten

- Jayden Conger

Mrs. Vettraino – Kindergarten

- Saryn Weatherhead

Mrs. Beachum – 1st Grade

- Robert Chenhalls

Ms. Kopchick – 1st Grade

- Sephora Miller

Mrs. Miles – 1st Grade

- Zakery Olejniczak

Mrs. Dodson – 2nd Grade

- Jacob Lilly

Mrs. Hayes – 2nd Grade

- Michaela Ray

Mrs. Pake – 2nd Grade

- Brenden Keahl

Mrs. Duncan – 3rd Grade

- Jade Caron

Ms. James – 3rd Grade

- Morgan Campbell

Mrs. Withey – 3rd Grade

- William Houvener

Mrs. McCreedy – 4th Grade

- Avery Beaumont

Mrs. Steele – 4th Grade

- Anna Sauger

Ms. Rehm – 4/5 Split

- Dominic White

Mrs. Homer/Mrs. Phillips – 5th Grade

- Hannah Baldwin

Mrs. Nugent – 5th Grade

- Dawson Peskey

POPCORN/ SPIRIT DAYS

The PTC will be selling popcorn the 3rd Tuesday of each month and the class showing the most Murphy spirit by wearing school garb gets free popcorn the next month. The cost is 25 cents per bag.



Selection Criteria for Student of the Month

The candidate for student of the month should exemplify the characteristics listed below. It should be understood that no person is perfect, and a student of the month is not necessarily the best at everything but rather a well-rounded individual.

Academic: A student should be a hard-worker in all aspects of academics

Attitude: A student should possess a positive attitude at all times and demonstrate this attitude to peers as well as adults.

Behavior: A student should be well-behaved in structured and non-structured environments.

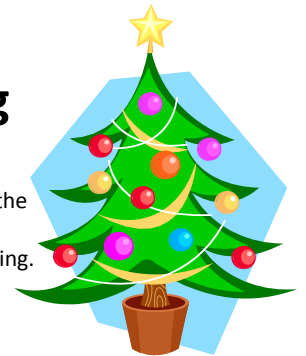
Cooperation: A student should cooperate at all times with peers as well as adults.

Respect: A student should show respect to adults as well as peers at all times. Good manners should always be demonstrated.

Award: A student will receive an award suitable for framing and lunch with the principal. A picture will be displayed on a hall bulletin board, and the students of the month will be announced in the newsletter posted on the Murphy Website.

Tree Lighting & Christmas Sing-a-long

Come join the fun on December 6th at Harmer Park in Metamora at 6:30 p.m. Our second graders will be singing all the Christmas Carols that we love to hear during the Christmas season. The Metamora Lions Club provides cookies and hot chocolate in the park and Santa will be over at the "Old Town Hall" when the kids are done singing. We will also be having the Hadley Tree Lighting on Tuesday, December 11th at the old Hadley Town Hall on Hadley Road at 6:30 p.m. Our first graders will be singing Christmas Carols. See you there!



Part-time Opportunity

Are you looking for part-time work while your children are at school? If you are interested in becoming a substitute paraprofessional, please click on the following link to complete an online application. You would be employed by PCMI, but would be working within the Lapeer Community School district as a substitute paraprofessional on an as needed basis.

<https://www.applitrack.com/pcmi/onlineapp/ application.aspx?starting=true#>

Physical Education News

During the week of September 24th, the physical education classes participated in the first Presidential Fitness test of the school year. All students in grades 1-5 performed the Shuttle Run Fitness Test. The following students recorded the fastest times for their class.

CLASS

Mrs. Miles
Ms. Kopchick
Mrs. Beachum
Mrs. Hayes
Mrs. Pake
Mrs. Dodson
Mrs. Duncan
Mrs. James
Mrs. Withey
Mrs. McCreedy
Ms. Steele

Mrs. Rehm
Mrs. Nugent
Mrs. Homer/Phillips

BOYS

Lucas Garland 10.7
Kyle Chouinard, Logan Wollard 11.1
Charles Dixon, Aiden RaCosta 12.0
Brody Mills 10.6
Bryson Stewart 11.0
Sean Salayko 11.0
Michael Williams 10.5, Brandon Opalewski
Christopher Best 10.5
Malikai Jones, Brady Masterson 10.7
Nicholas Parker 9.8
Jake Bolton, Anthony McClain
Ali Tariq, Reilly Lafoy 10.1

Bobby Opalewski 9.6
Trevor Bearss 9.9
Michael Muston 9.7

GIRLS

Shay Mullaney 11.4
Samantha Rogers 11.5
Neveah Moshier 11.3
Natalie Eashoo 11.0
Brandy Hurley 11.2
Ellamae Gilling 11.1
Paige Erla 10.3, Elizabeth Lanza
Peyton Ballard-McCrandall, Morgan Lange 11.5
Lauren Aragones 11.0
Charity Dundas 10.3, Caitlyn Todd
Faith Humble 10.6

Mallory Vick, Ashley Olko 10.0
Faith Regulinski 10.3
Hannah Erla 10.0





MURPHY ELEMENTARY



PTC HAPPENINGS - OCTOBER

A big **thank you** to everyone who helped with our PTC activities so far. The **Fund Run, Fall Craft Show, Popcorn Days** and **Parent Teacher Conference** meals.

The **Fund Run** was the best one yet and all of our kids will reap the benefits not only from the monetary donations but also because this Wednesday, Halloween, they all get to participate in the Monster Mash! Some of the kids who walked the most miles even got a special treat of lunch with Mr. Warren! Special thanks to the coordinators for the event – **Missy Olejniczak** and **Kim Dundas**. See more details attached.



The **Fall Craft Show** was a hit too. The Murphy parking lot was full of cars, the sidewalk was covered in pumpkins and the halls were lined with all kinds of crafty bounty. This was a prosperous one for us, too. Watch for the PTC meeting minutes in November for the actual amount raised. Thanks so much to **Holly Gryzb** and **Tracy Addison** for coordinating this event.

Popcorn sales returned to Murphy! The corn was popped and it made it's way through the school for the first sale of the year. The PTC will be selling popcorn once a month. Get your 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. Thanks to **Dawn Ray** for coordinating this!



The **Parent Teacher Conference Meals** were enjoyed by all the teachers. Thanks to all the parents who donated food, utensils and drinks. A special shout out goes to **Christina Hall** for coordinating this event. The meals smelled delicious and the teachers really enjoyed a good warm meal while spending the evening at the school.



We are looking for volunteers to coordinate 2 upcoming events next year (not so far away). The Chris Cakes Pancake Dinner (on January 25) and the Teachers Appreciation Week activities (first week of May). If you are interested in coordinating, please email Robin Buchanan – mibigbird@yahoo.com or contact me via phone at 248-431-3621

Earn Money for Murphy Elementary PTC with [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

As much as we might not want to admit it, Christmas (yes, I said it) is right around the corner. If you are going to do any of your shopping on Amazon, please start every Amazon purchase by going to www.lapeerschools.org/murphy, then click on the Amazon link at the bottom of the page. Murphy PTC receives a monies 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 will be on **[Wednesday November 14, 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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> <i>Vision Re-Checks</i> <i>RUNNING CLUB</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Vision Re-Checks</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Student Council</i> <i>3-4 p.m</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Hearing Testing Grades</i> <i>K, 2nd and 4th</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Hearing Testing Grades</i> <i>K, 2nd & 4th</i> <i>Troubadors Assembly</i> <i>2nd Grade Bake Sale</i> <i>Football Banquet 6-9PM</i> <i>at Murphy Gym</i> <i>RUNNING CLUB</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Hearing Testing</i> <i>Grades K, 2nd and 4th</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Student of the Month</i> <i>Lunch with Mr. Warren</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Student Council</i> <i>3-4 p.m.</i>	<i>14</i> <i>PTC Meeting 8:15</i>	<i>15</i> <i>RUNNING CLUB</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>POPCORN DAY</i> <i>Building Council Meeting</i> <i>8:45</i> <i>Fire Safety</i> <i>Grades 3rd-5th</i> <i>Thanksgiving Feast</i> <i>Grades K-2nd at 2PM</i>	<i>21</i> <i>NO SCHOOL</i> <i>End of 1st Trimester</i>	<i>22</i> <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>23</i> <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Student Council</i> <i>3-4 p.m.</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Report Cards go home</i> <i>3rd Grade Bake Sale</i> <i>RUNNING CLUB</i>	<i>30</i>	