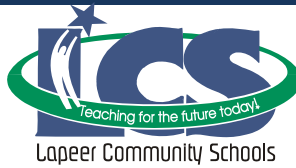


Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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ITEMS FROM HOME

Murphy parents we are having many problems with students bringing trading cards to school. Please remind your student that this is not allowed per the Lapeer Schools Student Code of Conduct. "Items from Home", students may not bring to school... electronics devices, trading cards, toys, etc. Thanks for your cooperation.



GOODFELLOWS CAN DRIVE

A reminder that once again we will be participating in the Goodfellows Canned Food Drive which will be the week of Monday, December 3rd through Tuesday, December 11th with pick up on Wednesday, December 12th. Non-perishable food items in cans, boxes, bags, and plastic are accepted. They cannot use outdated cans or any glass containers.

Cafeteria Chronicles

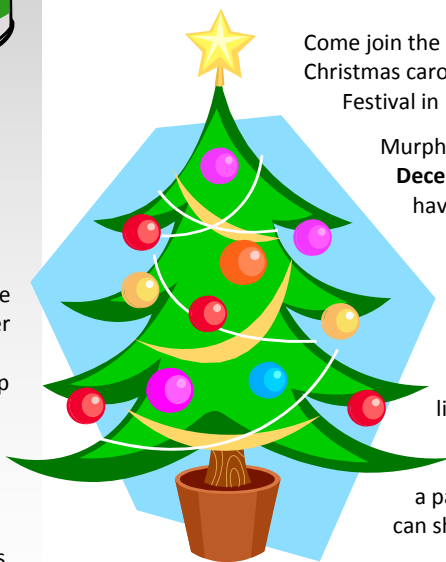
Murphy Cafeteria celebrated "National School Lunch Week" by hosting a "Bring Your Parent To Lunch Day".

For the week of October 15-19 each class was offered an opportunity to bring the adult of their choice to lunch.

Events included a chance to hear School Board member Peggy Bush talk about healthy eating, an essay and poster contest along with a fruit and veggie decoration contest. A great time was had by all.



Christmas Tree Lightings and Sing-A-Longs



Come join the fun on **Thursday, December 6th**. The Murphy Second Graders will sing Christmas carols at Harmon Park in downtown Metamora. It is also the 1st Annual Winter Festival in Metamora so there will be many activities going on.

Murphy 1st Graders will sing carols at the Old Township hall on **Tuesday, December 11th** at 6:30. After the lighting you will be able to visit Santa and have goodies in the hall.

Shop for Christmas

The North Pole Express will be December 12th -14th. It will take place in the library before, during, and after school on those days. Classes will visit during their library time. Teachers can also send individual kids down at other times as needed. It will be open before and after school for students with a parent only. Items will be \$1.50 each and wrapping will be provided, so kids can shop for gifts for their families

WINTER/CHRISTMAS BREAK

Winter recess will begin at 3pm, Friday, December 21th. School will resume on Monday, January 7th, 2013. We wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable recess. See you next year.

LINKS News

For new LINKS enrollees (those new to sign up to participate in the Links program this year who have never received a t-shirt before), the order has been placed for t-shirts. For all others interested in purchasing a new LINKS t-shirt, there will be an order form at school so the correct size can be ordered. Your child can request an order form in the office to bring home and fill out. Also, LINKS suckers will soon be for sale during lunch times. You can buy one sucker for \$0.50 or 3 for \$1.00. We are also planning our first LINKS activity. More details on that to come. Lastly, and most importantly, we wanted to express our thanks to the LINKS themselves for volunteering to help others and to their parents for allowing them to do so. Sincerely, The LINKS Team



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Mother-Son & Daddy-Daughter Dance is April 26 & 27, 2013! Watch for details to come home after the first of the year!

Also, we are looking for a volunteer to take over responsibilities in the snack room. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Debbie Bridges at dbridges100@yahoo.com.

LOST AND FOUND

Please check out the lost and found box by the office if you come in to the school.

We have many unclaimed items. We also got a email from the bus garage and they have accumulated many items off the buses.

You can stop by their office any time during the day and check out their collection.



DON'T FORGET!

Now that winter is here, don't forget to have an extra pair of shoes at school.

Physical Education News

During the week before Thanksgiving Break, the students in physical education class completed the curl-up fitness test. The students had one minute to perform as many curl-ups as possible. The following students recorded the highest scores for their class.

Mrs. Miles

- Christian Marra, Preston Broome, Michael Hall, Zakery Olejniczak, Fiona Betzold

Ms. Kopchick

- Logan Wollard and Sephora Miller

Mrs. Pake

- Brandy Hurley and Lukas Hart

Mrs. Homer/Phillips

- Kaiden Beck and Hannah Erla

Mrs. McCreedy

- Nicholas Parker and Charity Dundas

Mrs. Duncan

- Jade Caron, Alyvia Li, Cole Stevens

Mrs. Dodson

- Tyler Preece and Sylvia Gajewski

Mrs. Nugent

- Blake Stevens and Taylor Waked

Mrs. Withey

- Hayden Baldwin, William Houvener and Ashtyn Salayko

Mrs. Rehm

- Ben Schultz, Bobby Opalewski and Emma Goodrich

Mrs. Steele

- Reilly LaFoy, Jake Bolton and Faith Humble

Mrs. Beachum

- Brenden Klug, Cash Mosure and Hope Dahlin

Mrs. Hayes

- Brody Mills and Natalie Eashoo

Mrs. James

- Colin Mullaney and Payton Ballard-McCrandall



Physical Education Reminder

With the winter season rapidly approaching and the winter snow gear making a return, please remember that your child needs to have on proper athletic shoes for physical education class.

If you do not know when your child has PE class, you may e-mail Mr. Baginski for that information at: kbaginski@lapeerschools.org

ONE MILE RUN SCHOOL BEST TIMES

BOYS

Bobby Opalewski
Jacob Loomis
Kaiden Beck
Michael Muston
Hunter Best
Dominic White
Nick Parker
Shane Williams
Ben Schultz
Blake Stevens

GIRLS

Hannah Erla 8:07
Vanessa Sheatzley 8:17
Halle DeLange 8:44
Faith Regulinski 9:09
Taylor Waked 9:51
Ireland Betzold 10:54
Marissa Vittone 11:06
Alicia Saad 11:41
Dakota Humble 11:49
Hannah Baldwin 11:59

1/2 MILE RUN SCHOOL BEST TIMES

BOYS

Christopher Best
Sean Nolan
Reilly LaFoy
Ramzi Mashni
Jake Bolton
Colin Mullaney
Brandon Opalewski
Colin Baker
Brandon Buchanan
Kody Easton

GIRLS

Charity Dundas 3:39
Ashley Olko 3:49
Stephanie Gilling 4:05
Kylie Stewart 4:05
Paige Erla 4:07
Lauren Aragones 4:10
Christine Curry 4:24
Katelyn Nelesen 4:25
Ashtyn Salayko 4:34
Audriya Cornell 4:35

1/4 MILE RUN SCHOOL BEST TIMES

BOYS

Carter Dundas
Henry Kalisz
Nickola Mashni
Brenden Keahl
Ryan Clark
Logan Wollard
Owen Campbell
Daniel Curry
Zackory Walker
Zakery Olejniczak
Jacob DeVary
Perry Feierabend

GIRLS

Kaitlyn Buchanan 1:48
Pariss Meyer 1:48
Shay Mullaney 1:48
Rebecca Schultz 1:49
Sephora Miller 1:52
Fiona Betzold 1:52
Ellamae Gilling 1:53
Elle RaCosta 1:56
Sylvia Gajewski 1:57
Julia Osentoski 2:04
Madison Porritt 2:05
Samantha Rogers 2:05
Abbie Saad 2:05



MURPHY ELEMENTARY

PTC HAPPENINGS - November



The North Pole Express is coming!!!! The kids will get a chance to shop at school for presents! Check out the display case at Murphy to see some of the cool items which will be for sale. All items are \$1.50 and include a gift bag that the kids, themselves, decorate. This event will happen from December 12-14. Look for more details to come home soon!.

Mark your Calendars! Chris Cakes is coming – January 23! Pancakes for dinner you ask??? You BET! This is an exciting event. Pancakes literally fly through the air! Fun for everyone!



We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate an upcoming event - 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).

The holidays are upon us! 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 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!!



Keep Collecting Box Tops and Campbells Soup Labels! These are a very effective way to get money and supplies into your children's classrooms and do not require any money out of pocket from you. Over \$1700 was raised in November. Mrs. Kopchick's class was the winner of the last Box Tops contest bringing in a whopping 2,339 of them!



The Next PTC meeting is cancelled due to the North Pole Express.

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
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <i>5th Grade Family Life</i> <i>Good Fellow Can Drive starts</i>	4 <i>5th Grade Family Life</i>	5 <i>Hearing Make-up</i>	6 <i>Hearing Make-up</i> <i>Metamora Tree Lighting 6:30 PM</i>	7 <i>Hearing Make-up</i>	8
9	10	11 <i>Hadley Tree Lighting 6:30 PM</i> <i>Student Council</i>	12 <i>Good Fellow pickup</i> <i>North Pole Express</i>	13 <i>4th Grade Bake Sale</i> <i>North Pole Express</i>	14 <i>North Pole Express</i>	15
16	17	18 <i>Popcorn Sale</i>	19	20 <i>Christmas Parties</i>	21	22
23	24 <i>Winter Break Begins</i>	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29
30	31				<i>Return to School</i> <i>On Monday January 7th</i>	