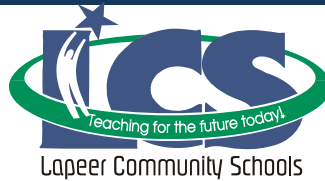


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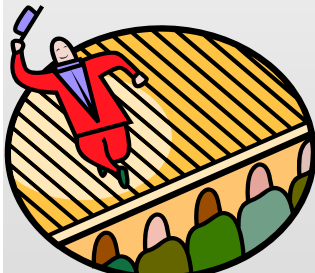


Scott Warren, Principal
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Jerri DePuy, Secretary



POETRY NIGHT

Students from Mrs. Beachum's/Mrs. Melkerson's, Mrs. Miles' and Ms. Kopchick's class held their annual poetry night on Tuesday, March 26th. The first grade poets shared their original poems at the microphone in a coffeehouse setting. The lights were dimmed as the students read to a standing room only crowd. A "latte" fun was had by all!



MURPHY TALENT SHOW

Our 2nd annual Talent show will be Friday May 10th at Lapeer East at 6:30 P.M. There is no admission charged. Come watch all the talented Murphy Students.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to, Jacob LaBar, from Mrs. Hayes' second grade class.

Jacob's piece, *The Feathers on a Bird*, was selected for publication in the Michigan Reading Association's 22nd annual Kaleidoscope! This publication showcases student writings' from across the state.

Aside from this, Jacob, was invited to attend the Michigan Readers' Association annual conference in Grand Rapids on Sunday, March 10. While there, he met children's author Taylor Joseph. Congratulations, Jacob!



The Feathers on a Bird

The feathers on a bird,
fifty-six to be exact.
Ten on each wing. Eight on
the tail. And thirty-two on
the chest. Have a good flight
little bird!

Lunch Contest

During the month of April our Food Service is having a contest for all the elementary schools in the district. The contest is to see which school can increase their hot lunches from the month of March to April. Each day there will be prizes given and at the end of April the Grand Prize will be:

The elementary school that has the highest percentage increase in the month of April, from March will get to throw a cream pie(s) into the face of your favorite Food Service Director. One student per line will be chosen, per line, to make this throw. 4 lines = 4 throws, 4 pies. One student will be pick at random from each line. This will be held in the first week of May.

Prizes given the during the month of April:

- * April 8th, Monday-Tiger Baseball Day-free baseball giveaways, 5 free gifts per line
- * April 10th, Wednesday-Lucky Tray Day-5 free gifts per line
- * April 19th, Friday- Lucky Tray Day-5 free gifts per line
- * April 22nd, Monday- Earth Day-free Earth Day dessert for all hot lunchers
- * April 24th, Wednesday-Celebrating April birthdays-free treat for all hot lunchers
- * April 30th, Tuesday- Fresh Market Day-feature new fresh fruits and vegetables on the salad bars.

Students who qualify for a free lunch should be receiving a hot lunch every day. There are still students who are not taking advantage of this program. Some students may not be aware that they are part of this program and are going hungry. Please encourage your students to utilize this benefit and don't forget that breakfast is still FREE for ALL students in the district.





MURPHY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten

- Mrs. Martin
 - ✓ Madison Kaatz
- Mrs. Vettriano
 - ✓ Bree Stevens

1st Grade

- Mrs. Beachum(Melkerson)
 - ✓ Brenden Klug
- Ms. Kopchick
 - ✓ Sophie Mazur-Batistoni
- Mrs. Miles
 - ✓ Luke O'Donnell

2nd Grade

- Dodson(Halibecky)
 - ✓ Tyler Preece
- Mrs. Hayes
 - ✓ Emily Duncan
- Mrs. Pake
 - ✓ Lukas Hart

3rd Grade

- Mrs. Duncan
 - ✓ Jamie Hayden
- Ms. James
 - ✓ Caleb Jarvis
- Mrs. Withey
 - ✓ Ashtyn Salayko

4th Grade

- Mrs. McCreedy
 - ✓ Casey Aragones
- Ms. Rehm
 - ✓ Parker Duncan
- Ms. Steele
 - ✓ Ben Meister

5th Grade

- Mrs. Phillips/Mrs. Homer
 - ✓ Marley Eurich
- Mrs. Nugent
 - ✓ Taran Desai

Hunger Awareness Week

Murphy School is once again stepping up to reach out to our neighbors needing some extra help. Stone Soup Food Pantry in Lapeer has asked us to participate in Hunger Awareness Week by having a food drive here at school the week of May 6 – 11th.

We will do this just like our food drive at Christmas. Students and staff can bring in any non-perishable food items they would like to donate. Each classroom will have a collection box at their door and we will have one near the office, as well. Please be as generous as you can.

Let's keep our giving spirit alive year-round and thank you for your support!



Jump Rope for Heart



This year, students jumped to raise money during the week of March 4th. The students raised **\$4,003.73** for the American Heart Association, which funds research, programs and education to fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 4 killers.

Jump Rope For Heart is a program that promotes physical activity and heart health through jumping rope. It is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

The top fundraisers in the school this year included the following:

RJ Bohn \$303	Jake Bolton \$111
Alexis LaSalle \$175	Maevyn Becker \$100
Michael Muston \$150	Faith Regulinski \$95
Vanessa Blauet \$140	Ashtyn Salayko \$75
Sephora Miller \$135	Damion Earle \$73
Logan Wollard \$125	Angelina Earle \$71

Thanks again to everyone that donated for this school year!



A Note from the Transportation Department

Reminder:

Babysitting forms must be filled out **each year** and should be filled out now if you know who your Day Care provider will be in the fall. You can get your forms from the school office or the Transportation Department

April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Spring Break	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Return from Spring Break	9 Student council 3-4pm	10 PTC 8:15 am	11	12	13
14	15	16 Building Council 8:45 am Popcorn/Spirit wear Talent show practice 3-5pm in	17 2 Hour Delay	18	19	20
21	22 Student of the Month Lunch Talent show practice 3-5pm in	23 Student council 3-4pm	24 Science Alive	25 Science Alive Bake Sale 4th Grade	26 Mother/Son Dance 6:00pm-8:30pm	27 Daddy/Daughter Dance 6:00pm- 8:30pm
28 Teacher Appreciation Week	29	30				

MURPHY ELEMENTARY

PTC HAPPENINGS - March 2013



Teachers Appreciation Week is coming up!

The PTC is planning a celebration of our teachers which will span almost 2 weeks!!! Our teachers are so special and work so hard for our children that it

only makes sense to give them the royal treatment. We will be going with a western theme and plan to get our kids involved in the celebration as well. We plan to offer breakfast, lunch (compliments again of **Olive Garden**) and desserts the week of April 29 – March 3 and also will have a coffee “cart” with some light breakfast items on Tuesday, May 7 (this is the actual Teachers Appreciation Day). **BUT** - we cannot do this alone and need your help; from bringing in food, drinks, plates and such to setting up or cleaning up. We will also need a volunteer to pick up lunch from Olive Garden. We will be sending out flyers with the students so please watch your children’s backpacks! If you know you will be interested in helping out and have an idea of how you’d like to help please feel free to email or call Robin Buchanan (mibigbird@yahoo.com) – 248-431-3621.

iPad fund raising – The PTC is working closely with

Scott Warren and Karen Allmen to take advantage of an offer which could put iPads in the school. iPad carts with enough iPads for all the students in a class for a session and 2 iPads in each teachers classroom. iPads can be used



by the teachers as ways to have the kids practice their skills using technology. We need to move quickly on this so are looking to sponsor some high grossing and fast to implement events. If you would like to be on the committee to help with the events or have some ideas, please contact Kim Dundas (kdundas@sbcglobal.net) or Missy Olejniczak (misolejniczak@yahoo.com).

Science Alive is coming to Murphy – April 24th and 25th.

This is a fascinating, interactive event between the students and the reptiles that the PTC sponsors. It builds our children’s interest in science in a fun way! It is one of the many activities the PTC funds. Make sure to ask your kids how it went ☺!



Murphy Elementary PTC is on

Facebook. We want to use this as a way to communicate upcoming news and activities to you.

Please “**Like**” us on Facebook to get the scoop on our events.

The Next PTC meeting is April 10th at 8:15 in the library. This is the PTC nominations meeting. If you are interested in a PTC position, please make sure to come to this meeting and speak up (NOTE: Each year ALL board positions are to be filled). We will be reviewing the iPad fund raising ideas, have updates on the Lotsa Pasta event and updates on box tops, soup labels and other on-going fund raising.

Free Money for the PTC and Murphy

The following activities raise money for the PTC and hence the teachers and school. These are not out of pocket to the parents but can really add up. Please read below to remind you of ways to contribute which will cost you no extra money. It’s so easy you can even ask friends, neighbors and relatives to help. Ya gotta like that! ☺



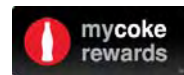
Collecting Box Tops and Campbells Soup Labels!

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.



Amazon.com

This is a no-brainer! The only catch is that you **MUST** start your Amazon 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. 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!!



Are you a CocaCola product drinker?

Then collect the bottle caps and enter the points for Murphy School. You can select the school to donate to.

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



It's Time To Dance!

Featuring: Athmer DJ Service & Photo Factory USA



Mother~Son Dance



Friday, April 26th from 6:00~8:30 PM

Daddy~Daughter Dance

Saturday, April 27th from 6:00~8:30 PM



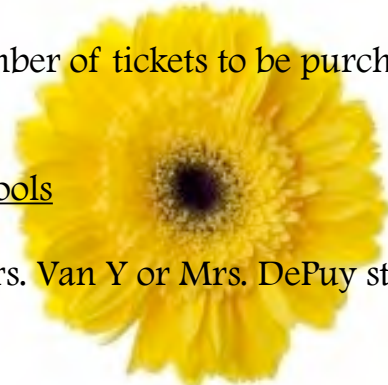
Tickets Include:

- *\$7.00 Per Person
- *Dancing, DJ and Snack Room
- *1 FREE 4x5 Photo Per Couple



To Purchase Tickets:

- *Send money in for tickets in a sealed envelope with the following information:
- *Children's full name, teacher, telephone number and number of tickets to be purchased. Tickets will be sent home with students.
- *Cash or Make checks payable to: Lapeer Community Schools
- *Dance tickets can also be purchased in the office from Mrs. Van Y or Mrs. DePuy starting April 8th.



We also need sweet donations
for each dance.
Please contact Laura to donate!

Please contact: Laura Van Y (810)
538-2345 or lvany@lapeerschools.org



Mark Your Calendar!

Murphy's Drive for Education 2013 Golf Scramble

WHEN:

Saturday, June 1st, 2013

TIME:

7:30 AM Registration begins

8:00 AM Shotgun Start

WHERE:

Metamora Golf & Country Club

CONTACT:

Murphy Elementary at (810) 538-2345

March Madness is here!

Book Drive

March 18 – March 25



Murphy Elementary School will be accepting donations of new and gently used books. The books can be children or adult, fiction or non-fiction, but should be in *good* condition. **We are especially looking for children’s chapter books!** The books collected will be used to expand teachers’ classroom libraries and supply the book swap on Family Reading Night. Remaining books will be donated to the Family Literacy Center.

Here’s what you need to do:

Step 1: Go through your shelves and gather your unwanted books.

Step 2: Send your unwanted books to school the week of March 18-25

Step 3: Receive a coupon from your child’s teacher for each book donated and **SAVE** your coupons.

Step 4: Bring your family (and your coupons) for a fun night of games, crafts, and reading on Tuesday, March 26 from 5:30-7:30. Visit the book swap to exchange your coupons for a “new” gently used book. You may still bring your unwanted books to the Family Reading Night but sending them in sooner helps us have a better organized swap.

Please let your friends and family know about the book drive. There will be a community donation box located at the school office. Any questions? Contact Lisa Schultz at 797-5537 or lisaschultz@centurytel.net.