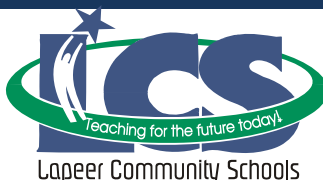


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NO SCHOOL!

There will be no school the week of November 25th for Records Day and for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

REPORT CARDS

The end of the 1st Trimester is November 22nd. Report Cards will be sent home on Thursday, December 5th.



Christmas Tree Lighting

Metamora Tree Lighting will once again take place on Thursday, December 5th at Harmer Park in downtown Metamora, at 6:30. This is a fun, community evening with our second graders. Refreshments will follow in the old town hall. As always, Santa will be on hand to greet you.

Our First Graders will participate in the Hadley Christmas tree lighting at the Hadley Town Hall on Tuesday December 3rd at 6:30 PM. Please come and join in the fun as we celebrate the beginning of the holiday season.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Come join the fun at our annual Mother-Son and Daddy-Daughter Dance on April 25th and 26th, 2014. Watch the newsletter for more details.

2 HOUR DELAY

Don't forget we have a 2 hour delay on Wednesday, December 11th. School will start at 10:04. Buses will pick up 2 hours from your normal time of pickup. Breakfast will not be available on this day.

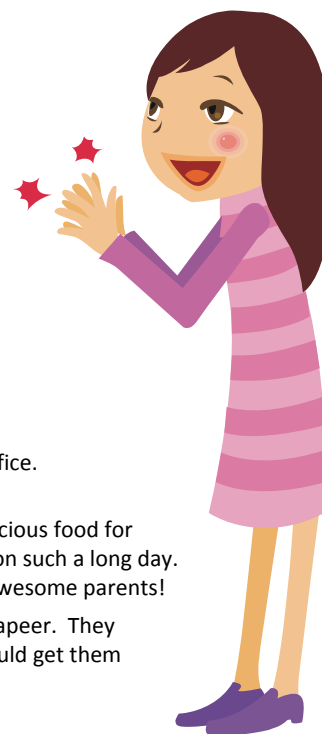


COAT DRIVE

Thanks to all of you who donated to our coat drive this year. We ended up with 3 full boxes of coats, about 50 items, to donate to the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Many people will stay warm because of your generosity and kindness.

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!



THANK YOU!

- * We would like to thank Mrs. Miller for updating our bulletin board by the office. Wow it looks great!
- * 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 our PTC for coordinating everything. We have such awesome parents!
- * A BIG THANK YOU goes out to **Intouch Communications** on Main Street in Lapeer. They courteously installed the screen protectors for all of our new iPads so we could get them quickly into the hands of our students. We sincerely appreciate it!



The RAT RACE is just around the corner!

Dear Murphy Parents,

It's time to start thinking about the RAT RACE. We need to start saving those cans and bottles!!

For those of you who have no idea what the RAT RACE is, the explanation is simple: Every year, Murphy students send in all their pop cans and bottles they've been saving and recycle them to purchase books for classroom libraries and independent reading books for our school. It's a competition for Murphy students. They just need cans and bottles to power them up. The rats will run again this year beginning Monday, Jan. 27th and run through Tuesday, February 4th (this includes Super Bowl Sunday on Feb.2nd.) Children bring in cans and bottles to their classrooms. They are counted daily and do a grand total at the end of the week.

If you choose, you can take the cans/bottles back to the store yourself and then send in the bottle receipt to be counted. **We will accept receipts through February 7th to give parents time to take bottles and cans back from the big Super Bowl parties.** We ask that the cans & plastic bottles be **rinsed**. **We also request that donations consist of non-alcoholic beverage** and no glass containers. The competition is between all the classrooms at school. At the end of the competition, the overall winning class (bringing in the largest amount of cans/bottles for the week) will receive a special prize.

MURPHY ELEMENTARY

PTC HAPPENINGS

November Flashback



The **Penny Wars** were craziness as its best. The kids looked forward to each morning so that they could sabotage other classrooms to try and win themselves! The 2 prizes up for grabs were a Pizza Party for the class with the highest pennies and a Donut Party for the class with the highest overall money. The activity netted about \$925 for the PTC! Thanks to **Holly Grzyb** for coordinating and running the event with major help from **Debbie Martinez!**

The classes who won are:

Mrs. Hayes (2/3 split grade) won the Pizza Party

Ms. Gasieski (Kindergarten) won the Donut Party

The **Dine In at Louie's** was another activity we had in November. Thank you to the families who came out to support us for this and to Louie's for sponsoring. Dine-Ins are a simple way to help us – you show up with our Dine In flyer and eat at the establishment – how easy is that! Keep your eyes peeled for the next one which we are planning in January.



December Preview & News

No PTC meeting – there will be no PTC meeting in December – the next one will be on January 14.



The **North Pole Express** is coming!!!! The kids will get a chance to shop at school for presents, grandparents, aunts and uncles! Let them experience the joy of giving! All items are \$1.50 and include a gift bag that the kids, themselves, decorate. This event will happen on Tuesday December 10, Thursday & Friday, December 12 & 13. Look for more details to come home soon!

The Scrap-a-looza event which was planned for November 9 is being re-scheduled for March! More details to come out soon. The timing will be perfect to scrap your holiday pictures and create pages or cards for Easter!



The PTC has a new, group, easy to remember email address! MURPHY_PTC@YAHOO.COM
Please feel free to use it at any time to email us questions or comments. Our meeting minutes, newsletters and general messages will be coming out from this email address so email us to have us add you to our distribution list!

Free Money for the PTC and Murphy

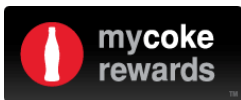
The holidays are almost here and we know many of you have or will start your holiday shopping soon. If you are shopping online through Amazon, please remember to start your purchase by clicking on the **Earn Money with Amazon.com** link at the bottom of the Murphy website (also here www.lapeerschools.org/murphy). This is free to you and no private information is shared with us.



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).



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. Box tops go directly to your child's teacher. Campbell's soup money is pooled together and then used to purchase additional supplies.



Are you a CocaCola product drinker? Then collect the bottle caps and enter the points for Murphy School online. You can select the school to donate to.

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



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