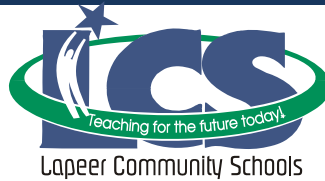


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WINTER/ CHRISTMAS BREAK

Winter recess will begin at 3pm, Friday, December 20th. School will resume on Monday, January 6th. We wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable break. See you next year!

VOLUNTEER LANYARDS

We are missing many of our volunteer lanyards from the office. If you have an extra one in your car or at home please bring it in at the beginning of January. Thanks for your help!

FAMILY PICTURES

Mrs. Duncan is still looking for family photos. Please send one in after the first of the year.

PTC MEETING

Our next PTC meeting will be January 14th at 8:30am.



COLD WEATHER

Please remember to send your child with warm outer wear for recess. Unless a child has a doctor's note they will go outside.

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. Proper shoes will make it safe for your child to run, stop, hop, leap, turn, etc.. If you do not know when your child has PE class, you may e-mail Mr. Baginski for that information at: kbaginski@lapeerschools.org



Physical Education News

Just before the Thanksgiving Break, the students in P.E. class performed the curl-up test. The test is timed for one minute. The following students recorded the most for their class.

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| Mrs. Miles | Saryn Weatherhead, Bree Stevens and Dominic Hudson |
| Miss Kopchick | Averee Berard and Alex Przekora |
| Mrs. Dodson | Lucas Garland and Hope Dahlin |
| Mrs. Hayes | Nickola Mashni and Ryan Garwolds |
| Mrs. Pake | Logan Woollard and Sephora Miller |
| Mrs. James | Rebecca Schultz and Tyler Preece |
| Mrs. Chouinard | Liam Nass and Sylvia Gajewski |
| Mrs. Withey | Dan Curry and Lauren Aragones |
| Mrs. McCreedy | Megan Ragge and Chris Best |
| Ms. Steele | Morgan Lange and Cole Stevens |
| Mrs. Nugent | Jacob Ranney and Dakota Humble |
| Mrs. Homer/Phillips | Charity Dundas and Riley LaFoy |
| Miss Lawrence | Caitlyn Todd and Sean Nolan |

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.

WAY TO GO EVERYONE!

Thanks to everyone that contributed to the annual Good Fellow Can Good Drive in December. We have such great kids and parents here at Murphy school and appreciate all your generosity.

THE THINGS KIDS SAY:

Best Color: Sparkle

Many of you will say, "Kim, Sparkle is not really a color." And I will say, "Who are you and why are you speaking to me? Security!" Sparkle may not be a color but it is a state of mind. It is the shining extravagance that lusters the greatest diamond. It is the light flickering off the iris of the warm body staring back at you. It is the shimmy of jazz hands as they make their way across the stage. It is the pop of color of a perfectly chosen pair of socks as they peek out between shoe and hem. It is the rain as it taps the cone of light under a streetlamp. Sparkle is everything you love in life and everything you ever need. It is sparkle: both invisible and ever present. It will color your entire universe



HAT DAY FOR UNITED WAY!

Our school raised \$202.00 for United Way just by wearing hats! What fun we had and for a good cause. Way to go Murphy kids!

Student of the Month: November & December



Grade	Teacher(s)	Student
K	Mrs. Martin	Douglas Creason
K	Ms. Gasieski	Samantha Parker
1 st	Ms. Kopchick	Kathryn Droz
1 st	Mrs. Miles	Amber Kenny
2 nd	Mrs. Dodson	Fiona Betzold
2 nd	Mrs. Pake	Joseph Voss
3 rd	Mrs. Chouinard	Allyson McNulty
3 rd	Mrs. Hayes	Andrew Campbell
3 rd	Mrs. James	Michael Davis
4 th	Mrs. McCreedy	Melissa Herrera
4 th	Ms. Steele	Morgan Lange
4 th	Mrs. Withey	Colin Preston
5 th	Ms. Lawrence	Madelyn Campbell
5 th	Mrs. Nugent	Jacob Ranney
5 th	Mrs. Homer & Mrs. Phillips	Keegan Garwolds

It's not too early to think Golf!

If you're already tired of the cold weather... think golf! It's not too early!

Watch for more information coming home on our Annual Golf Outing which will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014, at Metamora Golf & Country Club.

We will be looking for teams, sponsors and volunteers.

Also, we are looking for a volunteer to take over and organize the golf outing. This is the perfect time to get involved in a great event and help support our students. This is my last year putting on the golf outing so it's a great opportunity to see how much fun this event is.

If you are interested, please contact Debbie Bridges at dbridges100@yahoo.com or 810-441-3023.

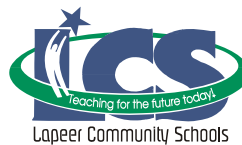


Coming to LCS in 2014: Project Lead the Way

Starting with the 2014-15 school year, students in Lapeer Community Schools (LCS) will have the opportunity to participate in a cutting-edge STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) curriculum that promotes critical thinking and creativity.

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is the leading provider of rigorous and innovative STEM education in the United States. PLTW's comprehensive curriculum has been collaboratively designed by teachers, university educators, engineering and biomedical professionals, and school administrators to hone the real-

world problem solving skills in students. PLTW courses will be delivered to students at the District's Center for Innovation – West Campus, starting in Fall 2014.



LCS will host two informational meetings in January to showcase this program and other academic offerings coming in 2014-15. Zemmer Middle School will host the first at 6pm on January 8. The second meeting will be at 6 pm on January 28 at Lapeer East High School.

"PLTW will give students more than just a glimpse into the future; it will help prepare them to not only compete, but thrive in the new economy," said LCS Superintendent Matt Wandrie. "The project-based model is proven to increase student engagement and achievement, so we're really excited to be able to offer this to our students moving forward."

For more information, visit Lapeerschools.org and click on the PLTW link on the right side of the main page.

LINKS CELEBRATION

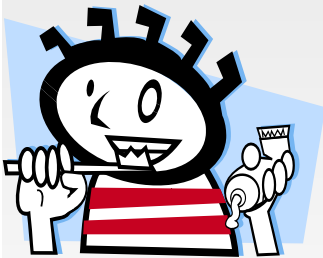
On Tuesday, December 17th, all students involved in the LINKS program were invited to participate in a holiday craft. Throughout the school day, classes will come to the gym to make a decoration to keep.

We are so thankful for the support LINKS students give to their fellow Murphy Wildcats!

MILEAGE CLUB

Every Tuesday and Thursday the kids run during their recess. We could use a couple of parents to help out. Lunch periods are from 10:55 to 12:05.

Anyone interested please contact Laura Van Y in the office, 810-538-2345, extension 4603.

**WIDE SMILES MOBILE DENTAL FOR KIDS**

Wide Smiles Mobile Dental is a program for kids which provide diagnostic, preventative and restorative mobile dental care for children. If we can get 25 students signed up they will come to Murphy School and provide on-site services such as dental exams, cleaning, digital x-rays, sealants and minor extractions.

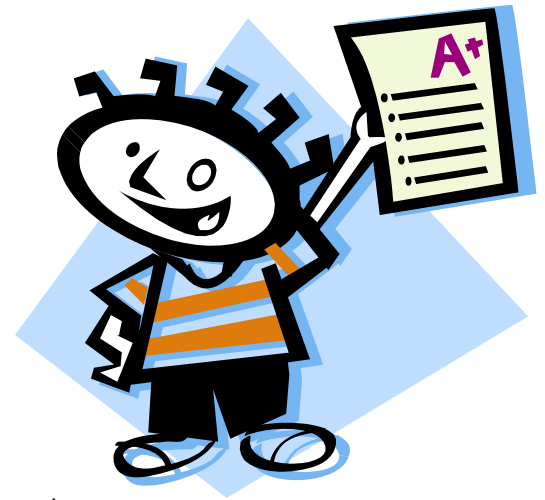
If you are interested please sign up as soon as possible. Forms were sent home this week.

Honor Roll for 1st Trimester**5th Grade**

- Aragones, Casey
- Beaumont, Avery
- Berard, Payton
- Bolton, Jake
- Boustead, Maddie
- Bridges, Rian
- Buchanan, Brandon
- Campbell, Madelyn
- Carey, Bradley
- Cornell, Audriya
- Curry, Christine
- Davis, Jack
- Dennis, Alexander
- Duncan, Parker
- Dundas, Charity
- Easton, Kody
- Fantin, Dylan
- Farmer, Michael
- Feierabend, Lydia
- Flynn, Gavin
- Fuchs, Devyn
- Garwolds, Keegan
- Gilling, Stephanie
- Humble, Faith
- Jimkoski, Nathan
- Kanthook, Colby
- LaFoy, Reilly
- Land, Jett
- Lee, Addison
- Mashni, Naim
- Mashni, Ramzi
- Mauk, Summer
- McGeary, Nicholas
- Meister, Benjamin
- Milioto, Ryli
- Miller, Julianna
- Moore, Connie
- Nogueras, Ahrianna
- Nolan, Sean
- Olko, Ashley
- Parker, Nicholas
- Patterson, Dylan
- Patykowski, Nicholas
- Ragge, Maxton
- Ranney, Jacob
- Ranshaw, Dannielle
- Sauger, Anna
- Stewart, Kylie
- Tariq, Ali
- Taylor, Brendan
- Todd, Caitlyn
- Turner, Joseph
- Wizinsky, Elaina

4th Grade

- Appleton, Kayden
- Aragones, Lauren
- Baker, Colin
- Baldwin, Hayden
- Ballard-McCrandall, Peyton
- Campbell, Lindsay
- Caron, Jade
- Chouinard, Emily
- Cox, Correy
- Curry, Daniel
- Curry, Nathan
- Dulin, Andy
- Erla, Paige
- Fletcher, Marlie
- Flynn, Presley
- Fritz, Cameron
- Granger, Archer
- Granger, Delaney
- Grzyb, Coral
- Hayden, Jamie
- Houvener, William
- Hudson, Shelby
- Jacob, Alyson
- Jarvis, Caleb
- Keahl, Gabrielle
- Kirk, Simeon
- Lake, Dominic
- Lange, Makenna
- Lange, Morgan
- Lee, Gwyneth
- Li, Alyvia
- Lord, Constance
- Meister, Paige
- Moore, Madelyn
- Moran, Caleb
- Moran, Harley
- Opalewski, Brandon
- Pachucki, James
- Papin, Gracelyn
- Parsons, Avery
- Plummer, Joshua
- Polzin, Adrieanna
- Preston, Colin
- Ragge, Megan
- Rowley, Alicia
- Salayko, Ashtyn
- Satkowski, David
- Smith, Kaylee
- Staley, Nicholas
- Stonehouse, Jasper
- Williams, Jeremy
- Williams, Michael

**3rd Grade**

- Beard, Kasie
- Bergstrom, Nathan
- Betterly, Jesse
- Blaine, Jeweli
- Boger, Kayla
- Buchanan, Kaitlyn
- Burns, Charlene
- Campbell, Andrew
- Campbell, Owen
- Chamarro, Sarah
- Champagne, Nicholas
- Cox, William
- Davis, Michael
- DeBolt, Austin
- DeJesus, Zondra
- Donovan, Brian
- Duncan, Emily
- Dundas, Carter
- Earle, Angelina
- Eurich, Xander
- Feierabend, Perry
- Fletcher, Brett
- Fletemier, Kaeleigh
- Fry, Ethan
- Gajewski, Sylvia
- Garwolds, Ryan
- Gilling, Ellamae
- Hart, Lukas
- Hobbins, Mia
- Hudson, Lucas
- Hurley, Brandy
- June, Riley
- Kalisz, Henry
- Keahl, Brenden
- Kimber, Jake
- Kopka, Tyler
- LaBar, Jacob
- Leandres, Antonio
- Lilly, Jacob
- Martinez, Lexi
- McNulty, Allyson
- Meister, Sydney
- Mirza, Gabriella
- Muller, Madison
- Nass, Liam
- Olko, Nicholas
- Ortiz, Brent
- Osentoski, Julia
- Perkins, Michael
- Porritt, Madison
- Preece, Tyler
- Ray, Michaela
- Sanchez, Esmeralda
- Satkowski, Ava
- Sauve, Lilly
- Schneider, Kendrik
- Schultz, Rebecca
- Skindell, Collin
- Smith, Kelsey
- Smith, Sophia
- Steffler, Michael
- Stewart, Bryson
- Swain, Cammie
- Williams, Lily
- Zuhlke, Paul

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mother-Son & Daddy-Daughter Dance

April 25 & 26, 2014

Watch the newsletter for more details!



We are looking for a volunteer to organize the Mother-Son & Daddy-Daughter Dance for the school year 2015. This will be my last year to put on the dance and it's a great time to work with me to see how fun & easy it is! Without our parent volunteers, these special events would not take place for our students. If you are interested or have any questions, please e-mail Debbie Bridges at dbridges100@yahoo.com or contact me at 810-441-3023.