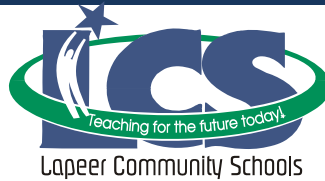


Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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Jeff Stanton, Principal
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SPRING BREAK

There will be no school April 7th through the 11th for spring break. We will also have Friday April 18th and Monday, April 21st off for Easter.

BOOK DRIVE

Everyone knows that Murphy students love books! Let's get the books you have sitting around at home into the hands of some new readers. Murphy Elementary will be collecting new and gently used books during the week of March 17 – March 24. The books collected will be used to expand teachers' classroom libraries and supply the book swap. Remaining books will be donated to the Family Literacy Center. More details will be coming to you soon. Start sorting your books now and our book drive will be a huge success!

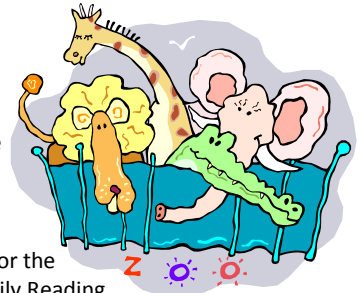
REPORT CARDS

END OF 2nd TRIMESTER

The end of the 2nd Trimester is March 14th. Report cards will be **sent home with students** on Thursday, March 20th. They will come home in an envelope. Parents will review and keep the report card, sign the envelope and then return the envelope to the teacher. Third trimester report cards will be **mailed home** to the parents using this same envelope.

It's a ZOO in here!

Murphy students will be going wild about books as we prepare to enjoy some great reading during the month of March! Every year, we celebrate reading during March, and this year we'll follow the tracks for some really great fun! Our students will have the opportunity to participate in an At-Home Reading Challenge during March, tracking the time spent reading to rack up minutes for the classroom challenge! We'll celebrate reading with our entire families on Family Reading Night, which will be held at Murphy Elementary on Tuesday, March 25 from 5:30 – 7:30. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a great evening! Please watch for more information regarding our Reading Month festivities, and remember, at Murphy, *We're Wild About Books!*



18th Annual Mother-Son & Daddy-Daughter Dance

Join us for a fun filled evening of dancing in the Murphy school gym. Dance tickets are \$7.00 each. Tickets include D.J. music, dancing, refreshments and one FREE 4x5 photo per couple. Tickets will go on sale the week of April 7th. The Mother/Son dance is scheduled for Friday, April 25th and the Daddy/Daughter dance is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th. More information will be coming home soon!



2014 Spelling Bee



We are very proud of our fifth graders who participated in the spelling bee this year. It was obvious the students spent a lot of time studying for this event. In the end, Joseph Turner was our 1st place champion! He will move on to represent Murphy Elementary at the 2014 Lapeer County Spelling Bee on March 26 at Zemper Middle School. Connie Moore also did a fantastic job, earning second place.

We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs. Duncan for being our pronouncer this year; and to Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Vetraino, and Mrs. Gaylor for volunteering to be our judges.

Spelling Bee participants: Wyatt Immell, Connie Moore, Casey Aragones, Maxton Ragge, Charity Dundas, Christine Curry, Ben Meister, Joseph Turner, Alex Dennis, Anna Sauger, Den Vincent, Naim Mashni, Cristina Locke, Stephanie Gilling, Devyn Fuchs, Tim Polidor.

Teacher Requests

Class assignments for the 2014-2015 school year will be tentatively made in the spring. Many considerations go into these placement decisions. Parents sometimes have preferences of the teachers that they want for their children. While it is not always possible to accommodate all such preferences, we will consider parents' written requests as placement decisions are made.

A Student Placement Request form can be picked up in the office that needs to be filled out. To insure that your requests are available to us when we make these decisions, we ask that all placement requests be submitted by May 16, 2014.



RAT RACE WINNER

Mrs. Withey's class won the competition with a total of 2225 donations of pop cans, bottles, receipts and cash donations. Our overall total for the whole school added up to \$953. This money will be used to support our literacy programs. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to come in and supervise the collection and took the bottles back to the stores for us! You are greatly appreciated!



PAPER RECYCLING AT MURPHY

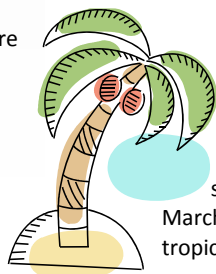
Just a reminder if you have newspapers, etc. that you want to recycle bring it to Murphy. There is a recycling bin on the West side of the parking lot. The money we earn helps fund the 5th grade graduation at the end of the year.

FYI FOR PARENTS

Regarding your children and internet safety.

Our school district complies with guidelines set by CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act). Our proactive measures include setting appropriate internet filters by category. These filters prevent your children from accessing any websites deemed inappropriate by the district anytime they are using district issued electronic equipment.

If you would like further information, check out the government website at www.fcc.gov > [Guides](#)



Hawaiian Dance!

Murphy Student Council is planning a dance! The Dance is for 4th and 5th grade students only. The dance is scheduled after school on Friday, March 7 (3:00-4:30). Parents will need to pick their student up at 4:30. Tickets are \$2.00 each. They will be on sale during the 4th/5th grade lunch hour March 3 through March 7. Tickets will also be sold at the door. The theme is Hawaiian, so wear some tropical attire, and come join the fun! Proceeds from the dance will be donated to local animal shelters.

Student of the Month



K	Mrs. Martin	Oliva Redd
K	Ms. Gasieski	Ever Miller
1 st	Ms. Kopchick	Sebastian Kelly
1 st	Mrs. Miles	Jesi Caron
2 nd	Mrs. Dodson	Nevaeh Moshier
2 nd	Mrs. Pake	Charleah Whipple
3 rd	Mrs. Hayes	Julia Osentoski
3 rd	Mrs. Chouinard	Bryson Stewart
3 rd	Mrs. James	Nathan Bergstrom
4 th	Mrs. McCreedy	Jeremy Williams
4 th	Ms. Steele	Jamie Hayden
4 th	Mrs. Withey	Avery Parsons
5 th	Mrs. Homer & Mrs. Phillips	Jake Bolton
5 th	Ms. Lawrence	Ahrianna Nogueras
5 th	Mrs. Nugent	Emily Chenhalls

Murphy Welcomes ... Author and Illustrator

Local author, Bryan Chick, is visiting Murphy Elementary on the morning of March 13th. He will talk to Murphy students about being an author and about his series of books called *The Secret Zoo*. Bryan will discuss how he created this popular book series from an idea he had when he was just nine years old. The focus of his discussion will be on the writing process as well as on the value of curiosity and imagination.

Cyd Moore will delight Murphy students with her enthusiasm for life, reading, and art. She will discuss the beginnings of her art career that began as a pre-schooler. Her inspiring message is to practice what you love and try hard enough to achieve your dreams. Moore's natural storytelling and spontaneous drawings will delight our young audience.

Bryan and Cyd both have books available for sale. Flyers went home with classroom teachers and extra copies are available outside the office. Orders are due on or before February 28th.



Artists at Murphy

Ms. Burgess, our Art teacher would like to share some exciting news about the wonderful opportunity some of our Murphy students have been given. A select handful of artists have been chosen to be featured in this year's K8 Art Show at Gallery 194 in downtown Lapeer. The show runs from Feb. 25th until Mar. 22nd. The show is comprised of artwork from students within Lapeer County, including Dryden, Almont, Imlay City, and especially Lapeer. This Saturday, Mar. 1st, from 12-2pm there is a Meet the Artist Reception! This show is completely free and open to all! So, if you have a spare moment, hopefully you'll be able to check out the awesome artwork our students have created.

Attached you will find the show's flyer. Be excited! We have very talented students within our school!

The amazing artists in this show include:

- ✓ Casey Aragones - 5th – Mrs. Homer & Mrs. Phillips
- ✓ Cole Stevens - 4th – Ms. Steele
- ✓ Morgan Lange - 4th – Ms. Steele
- ✓ Alyson Jacob - 4th – Mrs. Withey
- ✓ Liam Nass - 3rd – Mrs. Chouinard
- ✓ Michaela Ray - 2nd/3rd – Mrs. Hayes
- ✓ Ethan Fry - 2nd/3rd – Mrs. Hayes
- ✓ Gabriella Mirza - 3rd – Mrs. James
- ✓ Nevaeh Moshier - 2nd – Mrs. Dodson
- ✓ Sephora Miller - 2nd – Mrs. Pake
- ✓ Aubrey Weber - 1st – Ms. Kopchick (She has 3 pieces in the show!)
- ✓ Lilah Weber - K – Mrs. Martin
- ✓ Carson Olejniczak - K – Miss Gasieski

K8 Art 2014

February 25 - March 22

Featuring the imaginations of Children studying art in education programs across Lapeer County

**Meet the Artist Reception
Saturday, March 1
Noon - 2:00p.m.
Free and Open to the public**

**194 W. Nepessing St.
Open Tue. - Sat. 11a.m. - 6p.m.
810-667-1495**

www.gallery194.com





**Murphy Elementary
Students Are Jumping To Save Lives!!!
March 5th, 6th and 7th during P.E. class**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On March 5th, 6th and 7th during PE classes, our school is holding its annual **Jump Rope For Heart** to help the **American Heart Association**. All students will be having fun jumping rope & doing other heart-healthy activities.

While encouraging community service, it is also an **educational program**. Messages of staying tobacco free, eating right and exercising as a lifestyle choice are reinforced while the students raise dollars critical to the development of life-saving research.

Unfortunately, heart disease and stroke are the No. 1 and No. 3 killers in America today. **Do you know someone who has been affected by heart disease, stroke, or other heart related illnesses? Or perhaps someone who has benefited from the research funded by the American Heart Association?**

Family and friends are welcome to support your child's volunteer efforts by making contributions. Your student will be given a collection envelope for that purpose. **Checks for all donations** should be made payable to the **American Heart Association** and submitted by **March 7th**. As a 501© status non-profit organization, donations are tax deductible. We are asking the students to ask for their parents help collecting donations. Please help them think of trusted adults that they can ask to support their school's Jump Rope for Heart program and the American Heart Association. We do not support children going door to door!

Your child can **even** raise funds on-line! *Step by step instructions about our **simple** on-line donation program are provided on the envelope.*

Those who collect donations can receive thank you gifts shown on the envelope based on the amount of money they raised. Our school also has the chance to earn **free physical education equipment** to help keep the students active!!

If your employer has a **matching gift program**, please indicate the matched amounts on the collection envelope and include the completed form provided by your employer or HR Department. The American Heart Association will take care of the rest.

Please support our event and this worthwhile community service project

Sincerely,

Mr. Baginski
Physical Education Teacher

MURPHY ELEMENTARY



PTC HAPPENINGS

February Flashback



Chris Cakes is back again! This is the LEGENDARY dinner of the year! Pancakes and sausage for dinner and the pancakes get thrown at you! Literally! Mark your calendar for THIS FRIDAY - February 28th between 4:30 and 7:30 and join us for a funny dinner experience (away from your own dinner table that is)! Cost is \$5 per plate.

March and Beyond Preview & News

Next PTC meeting – the next PTC Meeting will be on March 11.



The Scrap-a-looza event is coming soon! The event will be on March 22 from 9am – 9pm and will have lunch and dinner, snacks, beverages, door prizes, vendors and raffles! This is our first crop and we hope that it is a success so that we can keep doing it each year! Make some time to come out and scrapbook with us! Don't scrapbook but need some alone time to finish some other project? You are more than welcome to join us too!

Another new event this year is a **Spa Day!** Ladies only (sorry guys) – just in time for Mother's day. Bring yourself, your mom, your grandma to enjoy a day of pampering. May 10th is the day so make a date with yourself to be there! More news in on this in future newsletters.



Free Money for the PTC and Murphy

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.



The PTC also participates in the **Tyson A+ Program**. Please clip and save the “Support Your School” label on packages of Tyson products (like those chicken nuggets the kids just LOVE) and send them into the office.

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.

Feel free to contact the PTC board at any time – murphy_ptc@yahoo.com. Board Member Contact Information: President – Holly Grzyb, hollymgrzyb@gmail.com, Vice-President – Dawn Ray, raydawn4@aol.com, Treasurer – Kathryn Dennis, kathden@gmail.com, Secretary – Debbie Martinez, debbielexi@yahoo.com, Communications Liaison – Robin Buchanan, mibigbird@yahoo.com

Calling all Murphy Students, Parents and Staff



****Send a little sunshine to our Soldiers****

We will be collecting items that will be sent overseas to our soldiers

The room or staff team that collects the most items will win a pizza party.

Each item needs to show your teacher name or show staff to count!!

There will be drop boxes to place your donated items in.

Last day of donations will be March 31, 2014

For more information - Jacob Bales (Mrs. Pake's class)
(Kelly Bales – (810)[614-6979](tel:614-6979)/kbtricity@gmail.com)

**Donation suggestions on the back of this flyer

Baby Wipes, Beef Jerky, Bar Soap, Cookies, Batteries, toothbrushes, deodorant, Crackers, Black Sunglasses (dollar store), Hard Candy, Bug Spray (non-aerosol), Gum, Bug Strips (sticky), Pringles, Doritos, Pretzels, Chap Stick, Cereal (small boxes), Cough Drops, Canned Fruit, Dental Floss, Instant Coffee, Tea Bags, Hot Chocolate, Disposable Razors, Cream, Sugar, Saline Nose Spray, Any individually Wrapped Snacks, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shaving Cream, Socks (black, brown or green), Sun Screen, Scarves (black, brown or green), Toilet Paper, Hats (black, brown or green), Zip Lock Bags (all sizes), Games - Hand Held, Board Games, Electronic Games, Envelopes, Paper, Pens, Energy Bars, Granola Bars, Cereal Bars, Fast Food Sauce Packets, Excedrin, Tylenol, Advil, Motrin, Any Powdered Drink Mixes, Eye Drops (natural tears), Instant Oatmeal, Febreze Spray, Little Debbie Snacks, Foot Powder, Pop Tarts, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Lotion, Microwave Popcorn, Kleenex (pocket size), Ravioli, etc..., Q-tips, Trail Mix, Nuts, Mouthwash, Tuna or Turkey (foil packages), Safety Glasses, Hickory Farms Cheese and Sausage, Toothpaste, Gloves (black, brown or green), Tooth Picks, Blankets, Travel Games, DVD's (new or used), Tums, CD's (new or used), Sports Equipment, Greeting Cards (any occasion),

SOLDIERS WISH LIST:

These items are HIGH IN REQUEST by our soldiers

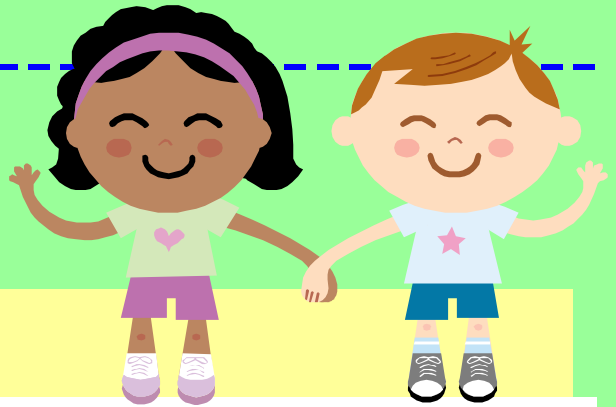
Trail Mix, Beef Jerky, Nuts, Energy Bars, Sunflower Seeds, Candy, Soccer Balls, Footballs, Bats & Balls & Gloves, DVDs, CDs (Music of All Kinds), Religious Music/ Books, Disposable Cameras, Prepaid Phone Cards, Handheld electronic games, Bandana Coolers/Cool-Ties*, Mini-Battery-operated Fans, Other personal cooling products, T-Shirts, Frisbee's, Basketballs, Sports Equipment, Baseball Style Caps, Boxes of Girl Scout Cookies, Socks (Military Colors Please), Holiday Greeting Cards (blank), Commercially sealed Lip Balm, Travel Size containers of Foot Powder, Individual packets of moist towelettes, Packets of Powdered Cold Beverages, Ready To Eat Tuna or Chicken Salad kits, Knit Hats and Gloves; Fleece Neck Gators* Beanie Babies, Novelty Items, Small Stuffed Animals.

Thursday, May 1, 2014

4:00 pm until 7:00 pm

Rolland Warner School Cafetorium
3145 W. Genesee, Lapeer

(park in lot off DeMille Blvd and enter through events entrance)



Lapeer Preschool RoundUp

Lapeer Community Schools Programs

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)

A state funded, tuition free preschool program for 4 year olds meeting qualifying factors.

LCS Preschool

A tuition based program for 3 and 4 year olds.

Other LCS Programs Showcased

- * Summer Camp
- * Big Kids Before and After School Child Care
- * Wee Kids Child Development
- * Early Childhood Special Education

Please Bring the Following Required Documentation for any of the Programs listed:

1. Birth Certificate (children must meet age requirement by October 1, 2014)
2. Immunization Records
3. 2013 Federal Tax Return for Income Verification
4. 2 Proofs of Residency

Kids & Company

QUESTIONS?

About Head Start?

Contact Jane Hoover @ 810-245-1206

About GSRP, LCS Preschool or any other Kids & Company Program?

Contact Melanie Berry (Coordinator) or Jill Mueller (Secretary) @ 810-667-2454

Head Start

A federally funded, tuition free preschool program for families with children 3-5 years of age meeting qualifying factors. Head Start is located at 3333 John Conley Dr. in Lapeer.

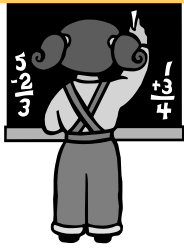




Reserve Your Child's Spot for the 2014-2015 School Year

- Featured Programs**
- Tuition Free GSRP 4 Year Old Preschool
 - LCS 3 and 4 Year Old Tuition Based Preschool
 - Wee Kids Child Development
 - Big Kids Before and After School Child Care (Locations at Mayfield, Murphy, Turrill, Lynch)
 - Summer Camp

Kids and Co. would like to give current families a chance to reserve their child's spot for 2014-2015 summer and fall programs before we open our enrollment to the public! Stop by the Kids and Co. office after March 3rd to pick up your paperwork and pay enrollment fees to reserve your child's spot. We will also be posting enrollment paperwork on our website for your convenience at www.lapeerschools.org. Click on Kids and Company Preschool and Childcare to access the paperwork after March 3rd.



**** Remember, you must re-enroll for all of our programs each year. We do not hold spots unless paperwork and appropriate fees are turned in annually! Don't wait until the last minute! Spots in all programs are limited!!****

Main Office Located in:
 Kids and Co. Early Childhood Center
 Rolland-Warner Middle School
 3145 W. Genesee
 Lapeer, MI 48446

Mark Your Calendar!
March 3: Enrollment begins for currently enrolled families
March 17: Enrollment open to the public
March 18 & 20: Kindergarten Roundup at ASC
May 1: Preschool Roundup at Rolland-Warner Cafeteria

(810) 667-2454





Lapeer Community Schools



<p>When & Where: Tuesday & Thursday March 18 & March 20, 2014 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Lapeer Community School Administration & Services Center 250 Second Street Lapeer MI 48446</p> <p>Questions????? Call (810)667-2401</p>	<p>TRADITIONAL & YEAR ROUND Kindergarten registration for the 2014-2015 School Year The program is for all children who will be 5 years old on or before October 1st of this year*. The program will be full-day Kindergarten held five days a week.</p> <p>Parents please bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your child• Your child’s original birth certificate• Your child’s certified immunization record• Two proofs of residency (picture ID & either a utility bill, lease agreement etc.)• Your work phone numbers and emergency contact names and phone numbers (Please come and register your student even if you are missing some of the above items)
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Other Information Available at Kindergarten Round Up

- Year Round Elementary Program
- Transportation & Food Service Programs
- Schools of Choice Options
- Community Agencies

Preschool and Child Care Information Available

- LCS Tuition Based 3 and 4 Year Old Preschool
- Great Start Readiness Program: State funded 4 year old preschool; must meet qualifying factors.
- Wee Kids Child Development: Child Care for 2 ½-5 years
- Big Kids: Before and After School Child Care for Kindergarten - 5th grade
- Summer Camp

*State law has recently changed the kindergarten birth date requirement. For waiver information for children with October 2nd thru December 1st birthdays please join us at Round Up or contact us at (810)667-2401.