

Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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WELCOME! NEW STUDENTS AT MURPHY FOR THE 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR!

All of our new Kindergarteners

1st Grade

- Jonah Hudspeth
- Cadence Parks
- Killian Garrard
- Kylynn VanHolder
- Kaitlyn Weed
- Ethan Hall

2nd Grade

- Kylie Walton
- Lindsey Makowski
- Charlie Gervais
- Alex VanHolden

3rd Grade

- Logan Parks
- Aaron Hudspeth

4th Grade

- Gavin Weed
- Lukas Dallas

5th Grade

- Brooke Walton
- Ryann Makowski
- Sophia Hall



Book Fair

Our book fair will run Friday, October 24th through Thursday, October 30th.

Our online shopping dates are October 19th through November 8th. Our homepage has our hours of operation and other information for parents.

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/murphyelementaryschool2>

Preview dates will be Thursday, October 23rd and Friday, October 24th. We will be making wish lists during that time.

Bookfair hours

- Friday, Oct. 24th — 8am-4pm
- Monday, Oct. 27th — 8am-8pm
- Tuesday, Oct. 28th — 8am-4pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 29th — 8am-8pm
- Thursday, Oct. 30th — 8am-12noon

Parent Volunteers Needed! For Murphy Mileage Club (MMC)



Every Monday and Friday the kids have the option of running a ¼ mile course around the playground during their recess time. This is a fun, easy way for them to get some exercise and burn off pent-up energy. The kids earn cool “foot tokens” for every 5 miles they complete. Several students earned multiple tokens last year.

We could use a couple of parents to help out! Recess periods are from 11:40 to 12:35. All you need to do is stand out on the playground and punch a hole in the student’s cards as they complete each lap. It’s a very easy job and it gives you a chance to have fun with the kids and support their efforts to be healthy.

If you have time on one or both days, or even every other week, please contact Laura Van Y in the office, 810-538-2345, extension 4603.

Title I Corner

What is “Title I”? Title I is the name of a program from the federal government that provides funding to school districts across our nation. The purpose of the funding is to ensure that ALL students who are struggling at any time in reading, writing, math, science and social studies can get extra support at school or in the classroom. This funding is part of the “No Child Left Behind” Act of 2001. This type of assistance has been in existence since 1965 when President Lyndon Johnson signed the Elementary & Secondary Education Act. Every few years, this legislation gets renewed, and gets a new name and new requirements. Title I is NOT a special education program. It is an added service to students to assist them in keeping up with teacher and grade level expectations. The Title I School (this includes parents, teachers, administrators and other school staff) works to:

- Identify students most in need of educational help
- Set goals for improvement
- Develop programs that add to regular classroom instruction
- Involve parents in all aspects of the program

Plan to attend one of two informational meetings scheduled for Tuesday, October 7th at 11am to 12noon or from 5:30pm-6:30pm both in the Murphy Elementary Library. If you have more immediate questions feel free to contact Mrs. Amy Duncan, Murphy Elementary Title I Learning Coach at (810) 538-2345 extension 4615.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Parent Teacher conference will be on Monday, October 27th and Wednesday, October 29th this year.

We will be scheduling appointments with Rapidware.com, an online scheduling program.

Further information and directions will be coming home soon.

COLD WEATHER COMING

As the weather becomes chillier, please remember to have your child bring a jacket or sweatshirt to wear on the playground. Children will go outside for recess unless they have a doctor's note.

PICTURE RE-TAKES

We will be having our picture re-take day on Monday October 20th. If your child missed having their picture taken on the first day or you are unhappy with your pictures, your child may have their picture retaken. Please bring your old pictures in if you are getting them retaken.

SHOES FOR GYM CLASS

Tennis shoes are an important component in your child's Physical Education class. Not only do they protect and support your child's feet, but they also protect the children from falls. During P.E. class, your child will make frequent stops, starts, and turns. It is important that the shoes stay on their feet and give them the support they need. Shoes should be securely tied; the laces should not be tucked. Tennis shoes with no backs or just a strap across the back, skateboard shoes, Heelys, bar lace shoes, sandals, flip flops, stocking feet and slippers are not allowed. Any tennis shoe that completely covers the foot and provides support is fine in P.E. class. It is not necessary to go out and buy the best or more expensive shoe. P.E. class is different from recess or just going out and playing with friends. We want your child to have a safe and enjoyable year. Your child's safety is our main concern, as we know it is a concern of yours as well. Any student with these shoes on will be sitting out until proper shoes are worn.



2014 Murphy Lightning Football Roster

4th grade:

#51 Perry Feierabend
#91 Sarah Chamarro
#81 Carter Dundas
#35 Jacob LaBar
#53 Henry Kalisz
#26 Ethan Fry
#6 Nick Olko
#21 Owen Campbell
#16 Lucas Wilk
#17 Collin Skindell
#15 Liam Nass
#23 Nicholas Champane
#4 Bryson Stewart
#1 Michael Steffler
#90 Madison Porritt

5th grade:

#28 Jack Boren
#20 Daniel Curry
#0 Nathan Curry
#42 Michael Williams
#18 Jeremy Williams
#2 Caleb Jarvis
#99 Adeel Tariq
#24 Archer Granger
#10 Delaney Granger
#34 Kaden Neef
Coached by Jeremy LaBar and Eric Olko.
April LaBar, Manager.

Cheerleading Roster:

Sara Saranchev	Ryan Garwolds
Angelina Earle	Morgan Lange
Ally McNulty	Lily Williams
Emily Chouinard	Cammie Swain
Kayla Boger	Jade Caron
Jesi Caron	Megan Ragge
Marlie Fletcher	Paige Meister
Presley Flynn	Mia Hobbins
Alyvia Li	Lilly Sauve

Coached by Tina Sauve, Traci Chouinard and Christine Curry.

Changes to the Student of the Trimester

We will be choosing student based on the criteria at right and will only be picking students at the end of each Trimester.

Selection Criteria for Student of Trimester

The candidate for student of the month should exemplify the characteristics listed below. It should be understood that no person is perfect, and a student of the month is not necessarily the best at everything but rather a well-rounded individual.

Academic: A student should be a hard-worker in all aspects of academics

Attitude: A student should possess a positive attitude at all times and demonstrate this attitude to peers as well as adults.

Behavior: A student should be well-behaved in structured and non-structured environments.

Cooperation: A student should cooperate at all times with peers as well as adults.

Respect: A student should show respect to adults as well as peers at all times. Good manners should always be demonstrated.

Award: A student will receive an award suitable for framing and lunch with the principal. A picture will be displayed on a hall bulletin board, and the students of the trimester will be announced in the newsletter posted on the Murphy Website.

Seeing How It's Done!

Murphy 3rd Graders learned about using earth materials to create building supplies in a live event field trip on Friday, September 19th.

5 Star Concrete welcomed the students in as they walked across the street to the plant. During the tour, the students were able to see the cement truck being loaded, materials mixed and a slab of concrete poured first hand. Aidan RaCosta memorialized the event by writing "Murphy 2014" in the corner of the new cement.

We also thank the Metamora Police Department for stopping traffic for us to cross the road safely. It was a great experience for everyone involved.





MURPHY ELEMENTARY

PTC HAPPENINGS

September Flashback

Thank you to everyone that attended the first PTC meeting of the 2014-2015 school year. We saw some new faces and some returning parents which is always nice!

PTC Preview The PTC met over the summer to plan activities and set budgets and goals for this school year. The calendar of activities is listed below. We hope to see you at some (or all) of the events! The PTC is always open to new suggestions and ideas to help promote our participation in our meetings or activities. If you have any thoughts on this, please let us know.

October 2, 2014	Fund Run
October 25, 2014	Fall Craft Show
October 27 & 29, 2014	Parent Teacher Conference Dinners
October 30, 2014	Halloween Happenings
November 5 - 7, 2014	Penny Wars
December 9 - 12, 2014	North Pole Express
February 27, 2015	Chris Cakes
March 21, 2015	Murphy Crop
May 19 & 20, 2015	Science Alive
May 4 - 8, 2015	Teachers Appreciation Week
June 4, 2015	Carnival
June 11, 2015	Last Day of School/Field Day

October Preview & News

The Next PTC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15th at 8:30 am in the library.



Murphy PTC will be hosting a Craft Show! on Saturday, **October 25 from 9am - 4pm**. If you are interested in reserving a spot at the Craft Show, please contact Holly Grzyb at 810-441-7509 email hollymgrzyb@gmail.com.

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up at the end of this month (**October 27th and 29th**). We will be sending out requests for volunteers to bring in food for the teachers and help with set up and clean up. If you know you are interested in helping and have not returned a volunteer form stating this, let us know and we'll put your name on the list.



Halloween Happenings - Our first Halloween Celebration is coming up on **October 30 from 3:30- 5:30**. Haunted Library, Mad Scientist Lab, Games and Trunk r Treat are just a few of the fun activities. More details will be coming out soon. If you can help, please contact Crystal Paton – 810-627-3571 or drakecrystal22@yahoo.com.



The PTC has an 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 add us to your list!

Free Money for the PTC and Murphy



Earn Money with Amazon.com - Start every Amazon purchase with www.lapeerschools.org/murphy, then click on the red link at the bottom of the page.

Remember to use the school link to purchase books for Kindle readers too, because even free books count as items purchased.

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. PTC Contact Information: President – Holly Grzyb, hollymgrzyb@gmail.com Vice-President – Dawn Ray, raydawn4@aol.com, Treasurer – Crystal Paton, drakecrystal22@yahoo.com, Secretary – Debbie Martinez, debbielexi@yahoo.com, Communications Liaison – Robin Buchanan, mibigbird@yahoo.com