

Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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Parent Pickup

Parents if you are picking your child up every day please make sure you are using a student pickup card. If you do not have one come in the office and we will print a card with your child's name on it to put in your dashboard.



Spring Break

Spring break begins Thursday, April 2nd, at the end of the day. We will return Monday, April 13th. Have a safe and fun filled break.

Books to Borrow

Mrs. Duncan, our Learning Coach has supplied us with some books that she would like to lend out to our parents. They are in the bookshelf in the office. If you come in check out the selection. There is a sign-out sheet on the shelf if you find something you would like to read.



Congratulations!

The Wolverine Wildcat by Aubrey Weber

One warm summer day we went on a long road trip. "Ahhhh!" I gasped with amazement! AND THERE IT WAS! Michigan's Adventure!!!! I could tell it was going to be an exciting day.

We went and paid for our tickets. It took some time and it was kind of boring. Then we parked our car. We ran with excitement inside and found a gate. A man was taking people's tickets. We got in line. Soon it was our turn. We got through. I saw rides everywhere! It looked like a crowded store. And wait...there was also a water park! We began to go on all of the rides. Some that spin, some that rock, some that tilt, some that splash, and some that go a-l-l t-h-e w-a-y a-r-o-u-n-d.

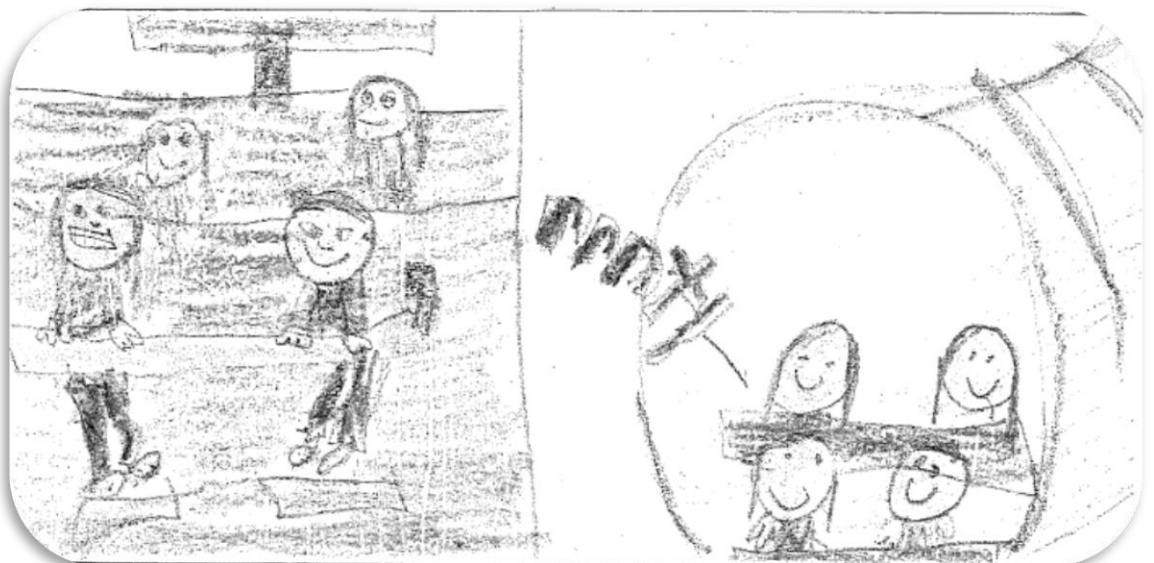
The sun was setting. "Momma," I said. "how many rides can we still go on?"

"One" she answered.

Clomp, clomp, clomp went our shoes. We decided to go on the Wolverine Wildcat rollercoaster. Squeak, squeak, squeak went our shoes. We arrived in front of the big, wooden, creaky, clack-it-y, very high, and fast roller coaster! Lilah (my six year old sister) was not tall enough to ride it so she did something with Momma. We got in line. I was shaking. I sat with Eli. Soon...we were going up, up, and up, and ZOOM down we went! My eyes were open. My hair was blowing wild. Soon it was really dark. We were in a tunnel and RRRRT! We stopped. It was over. That was fun! I wish I could do that again but the saddest part was I had to leave. I had a frown on my face. But I also had an excellent day. I will never forget the time I went on the Wolverine Wildcat. That will be a wonderful time I will never forget.

Congratulations to second grader Aubrey Weber. Her writing piece, The Wolverine Wildcat was selected to be published in the Michigan Reading Association's 2015 edition of the student publication, Kaleidoscope.

She was honored at a luncheon in Grand Rapids during the annual Michigan Reading Association conference on March 29th.





Lightning Leaders for Second Trimester

Kindergarten

Ms. Gasieski

- Abbie Capstick

Mrs. Martin

- Aylah Wilk

1st Grade

Mrs. Gardiner

- Michael Owens

Mrs. Miles

- Cadence Parks

2nd Grade

Mrs. Dodson

- Joshua Lilly

Mrs. Pake

- Alexander Przekora

3rd Grade

Mrs. Chouinard

- Ryan Clark

Mrs. Hayes

- Alex Makela

Ms. James

- Eli Weber

4th Grade

Ms. Steele

- Esmeralda Sanchez

Mrs. Withey

- Sydney Meister

Mrs. McCreedy

- Simeon Kirk

5th Grade

Mrs. Nugent

- Avery Parsons

Mrs. Phillips/Mrs. Homer

- Colin Fleming

Murphy Students Read Like ROCK STARS!



Our *March is Reading Month* festivities were great fun and a wonderful chance to celebrate reading with our friends! Murphy students celebrated World Read Aloud Day with author Skype visits around the world. Our farthest visit was to the UK! They met news anchor/author Devin Scillian who read his award winning book [Memoirs of a Goldfish](#). Murphy students and their parents had the opportunity to meet and share an ice cream with nonfiction author Buffy Silverman. Students kept track of their reading hours for the month, and reached nearly 3,235 hours read *outside* of the school day. Our Family Reading Night was a huge event with close to 300 Murphy students and family members attending. We swapped books, played games, made instruments, and more. Finally, we celebrated the end of reading month with a Rock Concert featuring our own Mr. McEachern and The Fairlanes. Top classroom readers received a VIP pass and special seating for the event. Thank you to the whole Murphy community for celebrating reading with our students! Read on!

Physical Education News

During the first part of March, the students in Mr. Baginski's P.E. classes performed the flexed arm hang/pull up test. The following students recorded the best scores for their class:

Mrs. Miles	Ethan Hall and Gabby Grossbauer
Mrs. Gardiner	Carson Olejniczak and Elise Drake
Mrs. Pake	Alex Przekora, Egan Mattila and Jesi Caron
Mrs. Dodson	Jackson Blaine and Amber Kenny
Ms. James	Grayson Boustead, Nevaeh Moshier, Fiona Betzold and Josie Jacob
Mrs. Chouinard	Kaden Capstick and Olivia Pachuki
Mrs. Hayes	Nickola Mashni, Raiden Smith and Alex Shepherd
Mrs. Withey	Bryson Stewart, Carter Dundas, Shelby Brock and Ally McNulty
Mrs. McCreedy	Jeremy Williams, Hayden Baldwin, Sylvia Gajewski and Ashtyn Salayko
Ms. Steele	Tanner Hart, Rebecca Schultz & Mia Hobbins
Mrs. Nugent	Devon Vick, Cole Stevens and Brooke Walton
Mrs. Homer/Phillips	Tanner Hart, Dan Curry, Alyvia Li and Emily Chouinard



Golf Outing

Spring is here and the 14th Annual Murphy Tee Off For Technology Golf Outing is right around the corner!

The outing is, once again, at the beautiful Metamora Golf and Country Club. The cost to golf is \$85/person or \$340/team. Golf includes 18 holes with a cart, breakfast, lunch on the course, and an awards dinner.

Not a golfer? There are still plenty ways to contribute. We have several sponsorship levels for businesses or families. We are also in need of donations for our raffle. Any support is much appreciated! We accept checks made out to Murphy Elementary and we are also accepting CREDIT CARD payments this year!

If you have any questions, please contact Missy Olejniczak, 810-656-9423 or misolejniczak@yahoo.com.

Teacher Requests

Class assignments for the 2015-2016 school year will be tentatively made in the spring. Many considerations go into these placement decisions. Parents sometimes have preferences of the teachers 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. 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, 2015.

19th Annual Mother-Son & Daddy-Daughter Dance

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT THE MURPHY TROPICAL GETAWAY!

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.

The Mother/Son dance is scheduled for Friday, April 24th.

The Daddy/Daughter dance is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th.

Tickets will go on sale starting the week of March 30th. Send your check/cash in an envelope with your child's name, teacher, phone number and number of tickets and we will send the tickets back or stop in the office and we will take care of you.

Fine Arts Night at Murphy!



**Save the Date
May 19, 2015**

On, May 19, 2015, at 6:15pm in the school gym second grade students will be performing in the annual second grade musical!

They will be performing "Seussical the Musical" which celebrates the positive messages of Dr. Seuss. The second grade students are working diligently in class in order to perform this wonderfully inspiring musical.

For your convenience, on this same date there will be an art show in the hall! Please join us for the celebration!!!!



**Jump Rope for Heart
Post-Event News**

During the week of March 2nd, Murphy Elementary Physical Education students participated in the annual Jump Rope For Heart Event. During regularly scheduled P.E. classes, the students participated in a variety of jumping activities. The 3rd-5th graders had an opportunity to jump for 3 consecutive minutes without stopping.

The following students made it for 3 minutes and will compete in the school competition next month:

Ally McNulty	Liam Nass	Kaitlyn Buchanan	Bryson Stewart
Ellamae Gilling	Sophia Hall	Lauren Aragones	Cameron Fritz
Elizabeth Lanza	Cole Stevens	Rebecca Schultz	Charlie Burns
Brenden Keahl	Nickola Mashni	Emily Chouinard	Paige Erla
Jamie Hayden	Charleah Whipple	Neveah Moshier	Alaina Przekora
Hayden Baldwin	Sylvia Gajewski	Gabby Mirza	Ashtyn Salayko
Jade Caron	Brandon Li	Elle RaCosta	Kaden Capstick
Sephora Miller	Scott Lake		

The kindergartners through 2nd graders had a long rope competition and the following students were the champions for their class: Kylie Walton, Cooper Hoyt, Matthew Garland, Madeline Mills, and Aubrey Kirk

Nice effort by everyone who participated!

Funds collected this year totaled \$7,064.92 The top donators this year included:

Alexis Lasalle	Robert Lavachery	Austin Driscoll	Myla Case
Tanner Hart	Nathan Bergstrom	Luke O'Donnell	Fiona Betzold
Melissa Herrera	Esmeralda Sanchez	Aubrey Kirk	Connor Stiff
Alex Makela	Caden Gregory	Jackson Blaine	Payton Gourlay
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The thank you gifts were ordered on March 18th and should arrive within a few weeks. Thank you everyone that donated to this great cause to help fight heart disease.