

# Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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## Medication

If you brought medication to school such as Epi-pens, etcetera for your child this year please make sure you stop by the office and pick it up.

Medication will be discarded after school is out for the summer.

## Donate with Purpose

Have you done your spring cleaning and found some things you haven't used in a while or practically new clothes the kids have outgrown?

We can help you with that!

We have a new, easy way for you to financially support Murphy through the New to You Consignment store in Lapeer.

You can donate your clean, in-season clothing items, antiques and collectables to them under Murphy's consignment account or purchase something from them that is a designated Murphy item and we will receive 40% of the proceeds.

New to You Consignment is a division of Lapeer Team Works, Inc. and supports local community groups while providing on-the-job training for adults with disabilities.

They are located at 1785 West Genesee Street near Big Lots and their phone number is (810) 245-7272.



## Golf Outing Success

Our golf outing was a huge success thanks to so many volunteers and sponsors.

A big thank you goes out to the Metamora Golf and Country Club and Rick Fleming. The facilities and staff were outstanding.

Another thank you goes out to Missy Olejniczak and Kim Dundas for

organizing the event. Thank you to all of the Murphy staff and parent volunteers that came out on the day of the event and volunteered their time.

We raised approximately \$7,500 which will be used to purchase Chromebooks for the students. Listed are all the sponsors for our event. Without these individuals and business the event would not be possible.

### \$1000 Sponsor

- Bat Specialist of MI - John Sullivan

### \$500 Sponsor

- Jacob Chiropractic
- Metamora Lions Club

### Hole in One

- Jim Riehl's Chrysler Jeep
- Ray C's

### \$100 Hole Sponsor

- Advantage Automotive
- Caldwell Banker - Bertie Hoyt
- Coventry Realty
- Dave Best
- Metamora Twp Supervisor
- ELGA Credit Union
- Family Dentistry-Larry Papcun
- Forty F Fabricators
- Homer Concrete Products
- Kobelle Plumbing
- Lapeer County Vision Center
- Lou's Auto
- Lynch & Son's
- Capstick Chapel
- Metamora Country Club
- Ninja #8
- Ortho Michigan - Dr. Yap
- Papa Bella's Pizza
- Photo Factory
- Pine Knob-Mobil
- Superior Painting
- View Newspaper Group

### Sponsors

- Angtiques
- Arcadia Hills Golf Course
- AW Excavating
- Best Western, Lapeer
- Blackheath Golf Club
- Boulder Pointe Golf Club
- Carriage Town Chiropractic
- Chilly Cow, Attica
- Chouinard Family
- Daniel & Linda Athmer
- Design Works, Metamora
- Devil's Ridge Golf Club
- EG Nick's
- Eric Gasper - Edward Jones
- Glass & Metal Concepts
- Heavenly Cakeballs
- Indianwood Golf Course
- Katie's Spa
- King Par
- Lapeer Country Club
- Lapeer County Bank & Trust
- Metamora Market
- Muir Brothers Funeral Home
- Mulberry Hills Country Club
- Murphy Fifth Grade
- Murphy First Grade
- Murphy Fourth Grade
- Murphy Kindergarten
- Murphy PTC
- Murphy Second Grade
- Murphy Third Grade
- NCG Lapeer Cinemas
- North Branch Bakery
- Oxford Hills Country Club
- Pat Hutton
- Pizza Peddlers
- Polar Palace
- Sky Adventures
- Steve Pake - Allstate
- Sundance Grille
- Vertical Expeditions
- Wabeek Country Club

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion & Clap-Out Information — Tuesday, June 9th

It is our final farewell to our fifth graders! The clap-out is at 3:05 and parents are encouraged to line the hallway. At night, we would like the students to dress up and look nice for their walk on the red carpet. Students may start to walk down the red carpet at 5:40. The Graduation Ceremony will start at 6pm.

Also, we wanted to let you know that students will be wearing their 5th grade t-shirts to school on Tuesday, June 9th. They will need to bring a snack to eat during the daytime because the luncheon doesn't start until 2pm. Additionally, it would be great if students could bring a black pen or fine point permanent marker to sign yearbooks with during the luncheon.

## Student of the Third Trimester

- Mrs. Martin**
- Zachary Eurich
- Miss. Gasieski**
- Morganna Becker
- Mrs. Gardiner**
- Allison Steffler
- Mrs. Miles**
- Jesse Aragones
- Mrs. Dodson**
- Autumn Mauk
- Mrs. Pake**
- Emma Zehr
- Mrs. Chouinard**
- Halle Baldwin
- Mrs. Hayes**
- Briana Belanger
- Ms. James**
- Sydney Plummer
- Mrs. McCreedy**
- Brandon Opalewski
- Ms. Steele**
- Jacob Lilly
- Mrs. Withey**
- Ryan Garwalds
- Mrs. Phillips**
- Aurora Dwight
- Mrs. Nugent**
- Adeel Tariq



## Jump Rope Competition

The Murphy Elementary jump rope competition was held during the first week of May in the gym. All students in grades 3-5 who jumped for 3 continuous minutes without stopping in PE class earned an invitation to compete. When the competition was down to just one remaining jumper, Sylvia Gajewski was the champion! She jumped continuously for 13 minutes and 13 seconds. Way to go Sylvia! Congratulations to everyone who competed.

## Successful Skills Honor Roll – 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester



We would like to apologize to the following children. The list for the Second Trimester Successful Skills Honor roll was not published in the newsletter. We will have a list of the All Year in a short newsletter in June.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Mrs. Chouinard

- Halle Baldwin
- Luke Boutell
- Robert Chenhalls
- Kyle Chouinard
- Ryan Clark
- Hope Dahlin
- Scott Lake
- Evangeline LeClaire
- Brandon Li
- Kamryn Loomis
- Sophia Mazur-Batistoni
- Sephora Miller
- Shay Mullaney
- Luke O'Donnell
- Zakery Olejniczak
- Olivia Pachucki
- Aidan RaCosta
- Elle RaCosta
- Shane Ross
- Logan Woollard

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Mrs. Hayes

- Briana Belanger
- Hannah Dennis
- Nicholas Dennis
- Darby Fales
- Ginger Grzyb
- Alexander Makela
- Christian Marra
- Essa Mashni
- Nickola Mashni
- Logann Michals
- Jordan Owens
- Alexandra Shepherd

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Mrs. Withey

- Raiden Smith
- Connor Stiff
- Gabriel Warnke
- Zachary Yens

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Ms. James

- Alexis Barrett-Kurek
- Fiona Betzold
- Sylvia Herrera
- Josie Jacob
- Nevaeh Moshier
- Alaina Przekora
- Samantha Rogers
- Elijah Weber
- Charleah Whipple

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Mrs. McCreedy

- Kaeleigh Fletemier
- Sylvia Gajewski
- Gabriella Mirza
- Madison Muller
- Kendrik Schneider

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Ms. Steele

- Nathan Bergstrom
- Lukas Dallas
- Michael Davis
- Arissa Gubanche
- Ashlee Gubanche
- Lukas Hart
- Brandy Hurley
- Jacob LaBar
- Jacob Lilly
- Esmeralda Sanchez
- Ava Satkowski
- Lily Williams

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Mrs. Withey

- Kasie Beard
- Kaitlyn Buchanan
- Emily Duncan
- Carter Dundas
- Ryan Garwalds
- Ellamae Gilling
- Henry Kalisz
- Lexi Martinez
- Natalie McCort
- Allyson McNulty
- Sydney Meister
- Liam Nass
- Julia Osentoski
- Michaela Ray
- Lilly Sauve
- Sophia Smith

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Mrs. McCreedy

- Hayden Baldwin
- Lindsay Campbell
- Jade Caron
- Melissa Herrera
- Simeon Kirk
- Brandon Opalewski
- Colin Preston
- Megan Ragge
- Alicia Rowley
- Ashtyn Salayko
- Nicholas Staley
- Jeremy Williams
- Michael Williams

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Mrs. Homer & Mrs. Phillips

- Peyton Ballard-McCrandall
- Emily Chouinard
- Nathan Curry
- Aurora Dwight
- Paige Erla
- James Fales
- Colin Fleming
- Jamie Hayden
- Alyson Jacob
- Gabrielle Keahl
- Morgan Lange
- Alyvia Li
- Constance Lord
- Paige Meister
- David Satkowski
- Jasper Stonehouse

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Mrs. Nugent

- Kayden Appleton
- Lauren Aragones
- Marlie Fletcher
- Cameron Fritz
- Coral Grzyb
- Caleb Jarvis
- Makenna Lange
- Gwyneth Lee
- Ryann Makowski
- Avery Parsons
- Kaylee Smith

## Chromebooks for Education



Murphy Elementary is excited to announce a \$6000 grant awarded by the Lapeer County Community Foundation for the purchase of 30 Chromebooks for education. The Chromebooks will be utilized by the students at Murphy to expand their opportunities for access to digital media resources and tools.

The Lapeer County Community Foundation manages over 60 funds to provide grants for a wide range of charitable purposes. Since 1996, over \$2.5 million has been given to enhance the quality of life in Lapeer County.

"A special thank you to local Allstate Agency owner Steve Pake for his generous \$1000 donation to Murphy. With this donation the school will be able to purchase a mobile cart to house 30 of the aforementioned Chromebooks. This cart will allow easy transport of the devices to the different classrooms and will also keep them charged and organized when not in use."

Specific ways students we plan on having students utilize the Chromebooks include:

- Information gathering online
- Statewide mandated online testing (M-Step)
- Research Projects
- Project Design
- Creative and informational writing
- Blog creation
- Distance learning
- Collaboration with peers
- Data analysis
- Google Apps for Education
- Create digital presentations
- Digital Game-Based Learning

# MURPHY ELEMENTARY

## PTC HAPPENINGS



### May Flashback



Huge thanks to Jennifer Buhl for coordinating the Teachers Appreciation Week festivities this year! Again it was an overwhelming success with Thank You cards overflowing the PTC mailbox from the teachers. They just LOVED it! The teachers all got hand crafted lightning bolt keychains too! Many thanks to the following local restaurants who donated items for the lunch – Italia Gardens (Oxford and Davison), Elba Corners, Metamora Tubby’s, Lapeer Dairy Queen and E.G. Nicks. Thank you to Terry Grzyb for making the lightning bolt keychains that all the teachers got. Each teacher also got a booklet

with words of thanks from the children. Much thanks to Andrea Bara and Kim Dundas for coordinating that activity and making the booklets.

The following families contributed raffle items, time or food stuffs for the weeks festivities:

Ethan Roberts	The Labar Family*	Kim Dundas
Amanda Bogdan* – Payton Gourlay	Amy Duncan	The Sjoblom Family*
Laura Van Y	Desiree Cobb*	The Martinez Family*
The Ragge Family*	The Grzyb Family*	Michele Boutea*
Crystal Paton*	The Zehr Family	The Caron Family*
Terry Neuman*	Brooke Marshall	The Makela Family*
The Machia Family*	Dawn Hudson*	The Buhl Family*
Michele Marra*	Jerri DePuy*	The Mattila Family
Val Nass*	The Capstick Family	The Robertson Family
The Roerink Family*	The Erla Family	Christine Hibbler
The Fujita Family	Tami Curry	Jamie Kjorli*
The Reyes Family	The Yens Family*	The Ray Family*
Mike Brown	The Buchanan Family*	Blake Wakefield
Tracie O’Donnell*	Shayna Becker	Ann Mazur*
The Kelly Family*	Teresa Dallas	Pamela Black
Cathy Davis*	Barbara Appleton*	Claudia Leandres*
The Olejniczak Family*	Stephen Gilling*	Kim Peterman* – Tyler Kopla
Kathryn Dennis*		

In cooperation with the Pickle Barrel of Metamora, the Hanging Basket Fundraiser brought in \$480! That is so awesome! Many thanks to Missy O and the folks at Pickle Barrel for setting this up. I bought hanging baskets with the cards that I purchased – what did you buy?



**It’s Shocking Update** – the bolts have brought in about \$300 so far. If you want to purchase a bolt to have for your very own, they are available in the school. Single bolts with either Lapeer or Murphy laser cut into them are \$20 and you can be sporting a bolt in your yard. Or, we are also offering Lightning Bolt keychains for \$10. Bolt sales and shocking will continue through the end of the school year so you can still help us with this super fun fund raiser. For safety reasons we cannot send the big Bolts home with your children on the busses. You will need to pick them up in person.

We apologize for the Spirit Wear order delay. The printer broke his leg and it caused a bit of a backlog. Next year we will be changing to a different printer so that we can offer new and exciting things like online ordering and being able to put the logo on just about anything! We look forward to announcing the new program for next year!





All year long we ask you to send in your boxtops. We turn them in twice a year and the money goes directly to the teachers who students turned them in. This last time around, the Box Tops brought in \$966!!! Didn't think that those silly little things could do that did ya? Keep on saving them, they really do help!

## June Preview & News



**Carnival Time is here!!!!** – the PTC be holding the year end carnival for the students, staff and general public to attend to celebrate the end of the school year. Walking tacos and cotton candy will be here this year along with a lot of fun games and events. The Silly String Corral will make its appearance again this year as well as the dunk tank! The event is on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 pm. To make this a success requires lots of help so please be generous with your time so that it runs smoothly. If you plan to come up with your kids, perhaps you'd consider volunteering your time? Please let Holly Grzyb know if you can – [hollymgrzyb@gmail.com](mailto:hollymgrzyb@gmail.com) or 810-441-7509.

The PTC wishes everyone a safe and fun filled summer holiday! We've already got plans for some of the favorites for next year but are always looking for new ideas so if you have any, please let us know. The first PTC meeting of the 2015 – 2016 school year is planned (tentatively) for Wednesday, Sept 16 at 8:30 in the library. We hope you will come out to see what we have planned and get involved.



**Year End Shout Outs** - The PTC wishes to extend sincere thank you's to the local businesses that have helped us in our fundraisers throughout the year. Please show them some love and support by frequenting them for your shopping needs all throughout the year. Shop Local! Shop Small!

Dairy Queen of Lapeer	Hadley General Store
E.G. Nicks	Rebekah's Health and Nutrition Source
Elba Corners	Oakland County Fair Organization
Great Lakes Elite Gymnastics	Pine Knob Wine Shop and Gas Station
Greg's Restaurant and Lounge	The Pickle Barrel of Metamora
Italia Gardens	Tubby's of Metamora
Metamora Market	Werner's Hallmark of Lapeer

**Gift Card Fund Raiser** – the PTC has come up with a new fund raiser that everyone will love! The program has approval to kick off and we will introduce it at the Carnival. Very simple concept - you purchase gift cards and the school gets money!!!! Cool huh? These are gift cards to nationally recognized stores so you can purchase them for loved ones who don't live in Lapeer area! Stock up for birthday party, graduation or even get a start on Christmas! Use them to purchase your groceries or gas too! You don't pay any more money for the gift card but the school gets a percentage. You can even create yourself an account online to purchase them. We will launch this in full next school year but be prepared for it. Check out the details at <http://shopwithscrip.com>. If you have questions, email us at [murpygiftcards@gmail.com](mailto:murpygiftcards@gmail.com). Gift cards will not be available for purchase in the office.



The PTC has an easy to remember **email address!** [MURPHY\\_PTC@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MURPHY_PTC@YAHOO.COM) Please feel free to use it at any time to email us questions or comments. Missed a flyer (dog ate it, lost in the kiddies backpacks) or just need another one? Send us an email. If you want to receive emails from the PTC with meeting minutes, newsletters and general messages let us know!

## **Free Money for Murphy**

Some things that the PTC sponsors that we do not ask for a ton of volunteers for but yet yields serious results is the collecting and turning in of labels, boxtops and bottlecaps. You can continue to do this over the summer! Save up BoxTops, shop with Amazon or clip those Campbell's labels! They really do help.

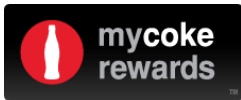


**Earn Money with Amazon.com** - Start every Amazon purchase with [www.lapeerschools.org/murphy](http://www.lapeerschools.org/murphy), then click on the red link at the bottom of the page. Remember to use the school link to purchase books for Kindle readers too, because even free books count as items 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. We have collected 12,633 points as of 2/17/15! These points are now redeemable for gift cards instead of just catalog items! If you can enter the points and donate them that would be the best, but if you cannot, send them in and we'll enter them for you.



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](mailto:hollymgrzyb@gmail.com)  
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