

# Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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## Way to go Everyone!



Thanks to everyone that contributed to the annual Good Fellow Can Good Drive in December.

**Murphy kids brought in nearly 1000 items.**

Mrs. Withey's class brought in the most donations for the food drive at 243 items and Mrs. Hayes's class came in a close second with 207.

We have such great kids and parents here at Murphy school and appreciate all your generosity.

## Cold Weather



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

## Staff and Students Raised Money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation

**Murphy students and staff wrote 311 letters to Santa Claus at the North Pole this year.**

Macy's Department store donated \$1.00 for each stamped letter they received during their Believe Program again this 2015.

Letters were delivered on *National Believe Day*, on which Macy's doubled the donation to \$622.

What a difference Murphy students continue to make in the lives of children everywhere!



## The RAT RACE Returns

The Murphy Elementary Rat Race is just around the corner. The Rat Race is an annual event where students bring in cans and plastic bottles to see which class can collect the most. The money earned this year will go directly toward the purchase of new personal technology devices for our students (Chromebooks or Laptops). We currently have 120 iPads, a technology lab, and a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Policy, but our goal at Murphy is to have one computer or tablet for every student in our school. Fundraisers like the Rat Race are one of the few ways we can make this goal a reality.

Here is the information for this year's Rat Race.

- \* Starts on February 1 and ends at 8:45am February 9.
- \* Bring cans and bottles in each morning to the drop off areas in the school.
- \* Totals are counted daily and classes are updated which class is in the lead.
- \* Alcoholic containers are allowed.
- \* We ask that you please rinse containers.
- \* Please no glass.
- \* You may also just send in bottle slips from cans/bottles you've returned yourself.
- \* Winning class receives a Grand Prize (last year it was bracelets, two years ago it was T-Shirts)
- \* Cash donations are accepted.

Thank you very much for your support! You can also support the Rat Race by volunteering to help.  
Mr. Stanton, Murphy Principal



### Candy Gram + Sucker Sale

Third grade candy gram sale ends this Friday, 1/29/2016. All money benefits the third grade field trips coming up. All suckers are 25 cents; unless you want a personalized note card then it is 1.00. Please turn money and forms into the office. Thank you!

### Welcome to Murphy!

It is our pleasure to welcome 2 new staff members to Murphy School.

- \* Sheilah Norman who is our new speech teacher. She took Caitlyn Sarnowski's position when she left the district for a new job opportunity. Sheilah comes from Schickler Elementary.
- \* Dawn Nowodworski-Pesky who is now working in our Kindergarten classrooms came from Turrill Elementary. We are so glad you joined our Murphy family.

## Physical Education News

During the week of January 4, students in P.E. class performed the sit and reach flexibility fitness test.

The following students were the most flexible in their class:

Teacher	Boy	Girl
Miles	Christopher Dean	Mariyah McNeil
Gardiner	Robert Lavachery	Sophia Herrera
Dodson	Mitchell Ward	Abby Dusten
Campbell	Ethan Hall	Allison Steffler
Chouinard	Cameron Gillispie	Aubrey Kirk
Hayes	Egan Matilla	Jesi Caron
McCreedy	Owen Tottingham	Alanna May
James	Kaden Capstick	Fiona Betzold
Withey	Logan Woollard	Sydney Meister
Phillips	Michael Perkins	Gabby Mirza
Nugent	Damien Goss	Kaeleigh Fletemier/Ryan Garwolds



## Murphy Elementary Students are Jumping to Save Lives!

March 2, 3 and 4 during P.E. class

Dear Parent/Guardian:

**On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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