

# Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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## Mark your Calendar!

### Tree Lightings + Sing-a-long

Come join the fun on Thursday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, at Harmer Park in **Metamora** at 6pm. Our second graders will be singing all the Christmas Carols that we love to hear during the Christmas season. The Metamora Lions Club provides cookies and hot chocolate in the park and Santa will be over at the "Old Town Hall" when the kids are done singing. We will also be having the **Hadley** Tree Lighting on Tuesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, at the old Hadley Town Hall on Hadley Road at 7pm. Our first graders will be singing Christmas Carols and you should be able to say hi to Santa. See you there!

### No School Dates!

No school Friday, October 28. We will also be off Monday, Nov. 21 through Friday, Nov. 25 because of Records Day and the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### Late Arrivals

Some mornings are just rough! While we recognize that and the difficulties with sometimes getting yourself and your children where you need to be on time, please remember that if your child(ren) are arriving at school after 8:24am you are required to come into the office with them and sign them in.

## Physical Education News: Top 10 Race Times

The students in grades 1-5 completed the endurance run fitness test in mid-October. Students who are 6 years or 7 years old ran a ¼ mile, 8 and 9 year olds ran a ½ mile, and everyone 10 years old or older ran a mile. The following chart lists the ten fastest times at every distance.



### 1 Mile

Kaden Capstick	7:44	Elle RaCosta	8:18
Zakery Olejniczak	7:44	Sephora Miller	8:22
Brandon Li	7:48	Alaina Przekora	9:59
Nickola Mashni	7:53	Alanna May	9:59
Jayden Henley	8:12	Ginger Grzyb	10:43
Logan Woollard	8:17	Lydia Leuck	11:07
Kyle Chouinard	8:18	Khloe Johnson	11:08
Caden Klinkenberger	8:22	Shay Mullaney	11:17
Shane Ross	8:33	Eva LeClaire	11:18
Zachary Yens	9:13	Briana Hearit	11:27

### ½ Mile

Gavin Hibbler	3:19	Aubrey Weber	3:31
Ever Miller	3:19	Averee Berard	3:38
Jackson Blaine	3:24	Sam Parker	3:42
Joshua Lilly	3:31	Fiona Betzold	3:47
Lucas McLaren	3:33	Lilah Weber	3:49
Alex Przekora	3:37	Emma Zehr	3:56
Jonathan McLaren	3:47	Kat Droz	4:02
Evan DeBolt	3:52	Brooke Sonnenberg	4:16
Riki Fujita	3:58	Kaydence Schudlich	4:19
Carson Olejniczak	4:02	Baylea Roerink	4:22

### ¼ Mile

Kody Walton	1:44	Abby Capstick	1:48
Taylor Kurek	1:46	Keira Flesher	1:51
Ethan Vernatter	1:50	Kylee Roark	1:54
Ashton Barker	1:51	Madison Fryer-Richards	1:59
Tyler Sonnenberg	1:53	Payton Gourlay	2:00
William Mauzy	1:53	Jacklyn Schnieder	2:02
Anthony Garcia	1:54	Harper Yanuska	2:04
Jack Chernich	1:54	Myla Case	2:06
Wyatt Cross	1:55	Gabby Mercier	2:06
Kameron Roark	1:56	Grace Garcia	2:10

## Morning Car Rider Drop Off:

If you are driving your child(ren) to school in the morning and using the student drop off lane, please keep in mind that this is a "drop and go" lane. In order for arrival to go quickly and smoothly for everyone, it is important that your child be able to get themselves out of the car with everything they need for the day. If you need to help them, please pull into a parking spot and walk them to the cross walk for safe, easy entry into their school day. Also, please pull as far forward as possible before letting your child out. Traffic quickly backs up out to Pratt Road causing congestion for everyone.

## Murphy Thanksgiving Feast



The Thanksgiving Feast will take place on Friday, Nov. 18, for grades Kdg.-2nd. It will start at 2:30pm and ends at 3:10pm. Students will be busy making placemats, headaddresses and other items to reminisce the way it was with the Indians and Pilgrims. Menus will include corn muffins, pumpkin pie, and popcorn and lots more!

## Thank You!

The Murphy Staff would like to thank the parents that brought in all the delicious food for Parent Teacher Conferences. What a treat to sit down to a wonderful meal on such a long day. We also want to thank April LaBar for coordinating everything. We have such awesome parents!

## Our Volunteers are the Best!

Thank you to Mrs. Harris, our Librarian, and Mrs. Van Y who organized our Book Fair this year. We also want to thank all the volunteers who worked the Book Fair. With your help, the profit we made from the Book Fair directly benefits all our Murphy students. As always, you did a great job!

## Food Drive

Lapeer Interfaith Community Association is a group composed of several local Churches that provide a food pantry for local families in need and host soup kitchens to give a hot meal to the hungry. We will be doing a food drive again this year, but it will be a few weeks earlier. The food will be picked up on Nov. 18th so the drive will start on Monday that week, Nov. 14th.

We are doing daily themes again this year.

- Nov. 14 - Granola, Oatmeal or cold cereal
- Nov. 15 - Pasta day
- Nov. 16 - Soup and crackers
- Nov. 17 - Canned fruit and vegetables
- Nov. 18 - Protein day (tuna, nut butters, canned meat)

As always, we cannot accept items that are expired, dented or in glass jars. Non-perishable food items in bags, boxes, cans and plastic containers are needed. The class with the most donations will receive a prize.

## Campbell Soup Labels

Murphy will not be collecting soup labels any more. We appreciate everyone saving the labels and sending them in but we have found that for all the work the rewards are not worth it. We will still collect box tops and have a contest for each room. Thanks again for all your dedication to our school sponsored programs.

## Visit Murphy's Little Free Library

### How it works-

This library belongs to everyone!  
Anyone may use it-neighbors, friends, and passerby.  
The books are always free.

### Take books-

If you see something you'd like to read, take it! It's for you. Some books include a note about who gave it or has read it. You may leave your own note in it when you're done.

### Share books-

When you're finished with a book, you may pass it along to a friend or return it to this Library or any other Little Free Library. All Lapeer elementary buildings house a Little Free Library.

### Leave books-

Your books are welcome at any Little Free Library. If your local library is full, there may be another Library nearby that could use them. Especially desired are books you recommend to friends, your childhood favorites, and books that teach and spark conversation. Learn more at [www.LittleFreeLibrary.org](http://www.LittleFreeLibrary.org).



## Flag Football Season Ends

The 2016 Lapeer County Flag Football League has come to a close, and Murphy Lightning came in 4th place, with a regular season record of 3 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie

against the league winners. The Bachman Bowl was held on Saturday, October 15th at Fitzpatrick Field, where Mayfield beat Chatfield for the third year in a row, 24-20. Murphy played in the 2pm game against Bishop Kelly, and lost by the score of 14-43. We played hard until the very end and our team played with determination and a true sense of team spirit. It was a perfect day for football and the children were all so excited to play on the new silver AstroTurf.

It is important to remember that this league is successful only because of the parents, coaches, board members and members of our fine community working together and volunteering countless hours for the benefit of our kids. We are here only for the kids, and as long as that motto is followed, this league will stay strong!

On Friday, November 4th from 6-8pm, we will be having our banquet and potluck dinner, celebrating our 24 players and 11 cheerleaders in the Murphy gymnasium. We hope to have our entire team there, along with parents and loved ones, to acknowledge our achievements. Many thanks to the parents and volunteers who worked the concession stand, held the chain gang, and helped monitor the scoreboard at our home games and to all who cheered on the sidelines. We want to send out a huge thank you to Pat Hutton, Al Przekora, Dean Dennis and Brian Betzold, who, as assistant coaches, were vital to our team's organization and maintaining equipment, designing plays, and keeping the team conditioned. We could not have competed as well as we did without your tireless efforts.

It is also a bittersweet time, to reflect on those who will be moving on...to the 5th graders, we hope that you remember your time in flag football as a learning and enjoyable experience. To the cheerleading coach, Tina Sauve, we thank you for the last 3 years of mentoring our girls and having the dedication to keep Murphy cheering away! It truly has been a great season, with wonderful parents, old and new. It would not have happened without the support, dedication and encouragement from you. Thank you so much for entrusting your child with us, and for believing in us.

Jeremy and April LaBar

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# MURPHY ELEMENTARY PTC HAPPENINGS

## What a busy fall it has been!

We started off the month with the **Murphy Fund Run** on October 5th. Our Murphy kids raised \$5308.20 and had a great time running together! Thanks to all who donated and the money goes right back to the kids through the activities that the PTC funds.

We had another great **Popcorn / Spirit Day** in October with 582 bags popped. Mrs. Withey's class won the spirit award with EVERY student wearing spirit wear! The class has earned free popcorn for November!

**Murphy Morning at the Movies!** We had a great turnout for the 9AM showing of Storks this month. We are busy scheduling another one so look for the flyer to come home with your child or to our Facebook page!

It was great to see so many people in attendance for our first evening **PTC meeting** of the school year. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 16th at 8:30AM in the Library.

Our third annual **Halloween Happenings** was a spooktacular success with lots of silly Halloween fun. Thank you to the families who participated in the Trunk or Treat and to all those who donated their time to help with the event. We couldn't do it without you! Be sure to check out the Murphy Elementary PTC Facebook page to see photos from the event!

Thanks to our Murphy families for providing the delicious dinners for our wonderful Murphy teachers during **Parent Teacher Conferences**. The teachers sure appreciate all the wonderful dishes and desserts!



## Upcoming Events

**Nov. 2nd:** Butter Braid orders due

**Nov. 9th:** Popcorn / Spirit Day

**Nov. 16th:** PTC Meeting 8:30AM

**Nov. 18th:** Butter Braid delivery

**Dec. 5-9:** North Pole Express

\*\* **Penny Wars** was rescheduled to the week of 1/9/17.

## A BIG THANK YOU to local businesses that supported Halloween Happenings!

- Baci Salon
- The Lake Inn
- Le Fleur Decor
- Woodchips
- Pueblo Viejo
- Belle Tire
- Hadley Acres Golf & Country Club
- Lake Nepessing Golf Land
- Hungry Howies – Metamora
- The Pix Theater
- Ashley Robertson - artist

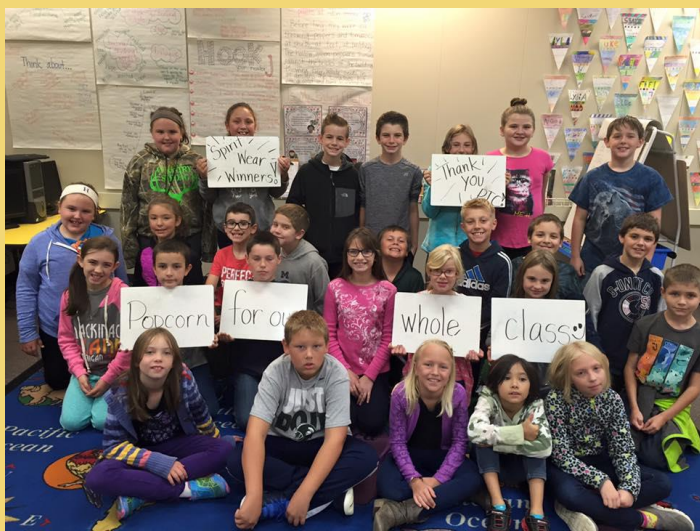
Halloween Happenings is a big event to execute and without the partnership of our local businesses really wouldn't be the same. We are grateful for the support we receive with raffle prizes and other assistance. (i.e. pizza deliveries!) Please let the businesses above know you appreciate their support!



## Popcorn / Spirit Day!

On the second Wednesday of each month Murphy students get a chance to show their school spirit and enjoy some fresh popped popcorn! Kids are encouraged to wear their Murphy / Lapeer Lightening spirit-wear on popcorn days. The class with the most students wearing spirit-wear will win free popcorn the following month! Be sure to pack those quarters for your kids on the following days (11/9, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10).

In October we popped 582 bags for the kids. It was Mrs. Withey's 4/5 class who had the most kids wearing their spirit-wear and have won free popcorn for November!



## More Information on Upcoming Events:

**Nov. 2nd: Butter Braid orders due.** Order forms were sent home with the kids. If you need another just let us know. Each delicious Butter Braid comes frozen so on **Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** we'll set up a table outside of the school for parents to pick up the orders. We'd love some help at 2PM sorting and handing out orders that day. Let us know if you are available.

**Nov. 9th: Popcorn / Spirit Day** – Bring quarters and don your Lapeer Lightening / Blue and Green!

**Nov. 16th: PTC Meeting** 8:30AM in the Library

**Dec. 5-9: North Pole Express.** This is a great event where we set-up a Christmas market in the library for kids to come and purchase gifts for family members. We are looking for volunteers to help the kids make their purchases and wrap their gifts. It's a lot of fun and the kids are very cute when they go about their shopping. If you are interested be sure to reach out to the PTC.

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**PTC Meetings** are the **third Wednesday** of each month. We alternate mornings and evenings. Meetings are: 11/16 8:30am, 1/18 6:30pm, 2/15 8:30am, 3/15 6:30pm, 4/19 8:30am, 5/17 6:30pm & 6/7 8:30am.

## Easy ways to Support the PTC:

**Collect Box Tops!** This is a very effective way to get money and supplies into your children's classrooms and does not require any money out of pocket from you. They add up quickly and teachers are most appreciative when the kids bring them in. Please try to cut them out on the dotted line as that's how they need to be submitted for reimbursement.

**Shop on 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.

The PTC has a new email address: [murphyelementaryptc@gmail.com](mailto:murphyelementaryptc@gmail.com). Please email any questions you may have or to add your name to our list for the monthly PTC meeting minutes.

Our PTC Board Members are: April Labar – President; Ashley Robertson - Vice President; Amber Steffler – Secretary; Lindsay Makela – Communications, Crystal Paton – Treasurer.

**The Murphy Elementary PTC is also on Facebook! Be sure to 'Like' us and get the latest updates!**