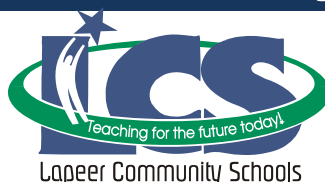


Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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Jeff Stanton, Principal
Laura Van Y, Dean of Students
Jerri DePuy, Secretary

LOST AND FOUND

All items remaining in Lost and Found will be donated to charity on Friday, April 4th at the end of the day. This is the last day of school before spring break. There are boots, snow pants, and many, many hats, gloves, mittens and sweatshirts. If your child is missing something, be sure to make time to stop by the school and look through the piles.

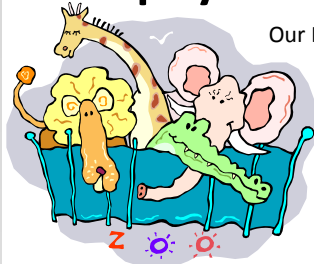
REMINDERS:

- * Babysitting forms must be filled out **each year** and should be filled out now if you know who your Day Care provider will be in the fall. You can get your forms from your school or the Transportation Department
- * LINKS Lock-in on the 28th of March has been cancelled.

LINKS NEWS:

As some of you may know, April is Autism Awareness month. The Murphy LINKS Team has a few events scheduled in honor of this special time of the year. On April 2nd, we're asking for everyone to wear blue as part of the Light it Up Blue initiative, which helps raise awareness about autism. We will also have guest readers sharing books about autism during the day on April 2nd. On April 3rd and 4th bring your extra money for the LINKS Bake Sale! Some tasty treats will be .25 and others will be .50. Thank you for your continued support! Murphy LINKS Team

Murphy Students were WILD about Books!



Our March is Reading Month festivities were great fun and a wonderful chance to celebrate reading with our friends! Murphy students met Bryan Chick, the author of *The Secret Zoo* book series. They also met illustrator Cyd Moore. They loved the illustration she drew and they all took home to color! Students kept track of their reading hours for the month, and reached nearly 3,770 hours read *outside* of the school day. Our Family Reading Night on March 25 was a huge event, with over 450 Murphy students and family members attending. Thank you to the whole Murphy community for celebrating reading with our students!

Jump Rope for Heart Post-Event News



During the week of March 3rd, 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, to earn an invitation to the school jump rope contest.

The individuals who qualified were: Paige Erla, Jade Caron, Megan Ragge, Colin Baker, Carter Dundas, Ally McNulty, Bryson Stewart, Gabby Mirza, Rebecca Schultz, Avery Parsons, Lauren Aragones, Colin Mullaney, Nick Parker, Kody Easton, Julianna Miller, Caitlyn Todd, Connie Moore, Summer Mauk, Ashley Olko, Maxton Ragge, Jacob Ranney, Cristina Locke, Kylie Stewart, Payton Berard, Charity Dundas, Addison Lee, Christine Curry and Jake Bolton.

The school competition will be held on April 4th. Good luck to everyone!!

Funds collected this year totaled \$7,713.39. The top donators this year included: Nevaeh Moshier, Austin Driscoll, Alexis LaSalle, Damion Earle, Angelina Earle, Morrigan Fifield, Lukas Hart, Gavin Miles and Tyler Angle. The thank you gifts were ordered on March 21st and should arrive within a few weeks. Thank you everyone that donated to this great cause to help fight heart disease.

Section 504: Who is a student with a disability?

A student has a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and is entitled to a free, appropriate education, if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Some major life activities include, but are not limited to:

| | | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Walking | Seeing | Concentrating | Speaking |
| Working | Hearing | Breathing | Learning |
| Performing Manual Tasks | Major bodily functions | | |
| Caring for one's self (such as most bodily systems) | | | |

Section 504 also protects two other types of students from disability-related discrimination and harassment, even though they are not entitled to a free, appropriate public education.

These are students who have a record of having a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities or are regarded as having such impairment.

Free Appropriate Public Education

Under Section 504, students with disabilities are entitled to a free, appropriate public education, regardless of the nature or severity of their disability. Appropriate education is the provision of regular or special education and related aids and services that are designed to meet the individual educational needs of a student with a disability as adequately as the needs of the students without disabilities are met.

How to Request a Section 504 Evaluation and/or Section 504 Policies and Procedures

If you believe your child may have a disability, you can contact your child's building principal.

TALENT SHOW

The 2014 Murphy Talent Show will be held at Lapeer East Auditorium on May 16th at 6:30 P.M. It is free and family friendly. Come out and support our students and their friends.

DRESS POLICY REMINDER

Hopefully the weather will start getting warmer and with that said we would like to remind parents and students of some of our dress code policies. Please be careful of shorts/skirts that are too short. Also, the following items are not allowed at school: spandex clothing/leotards, tube tops, halter tops, bike shorts, or clothes that show the child's middle. Hats are not to be worn in school. Please remember your child should wear only tennis shoes outside for recess. Sandals, flip flops and Crocs are not appropriate for play and can be very dangerous. More details of the Student Dress Code can be found in the Student handbook

HELP NEEDED!***Do you have a spare hour on Tuesdays?***

Last fall we started "Murphy Mileage Club" which is a running activity for the students during their recess. The students run an established path around the playground, as many times as they want, to have fun, get some exercise, and earn foot tokens they can tie on shoelaces or a backpack or a zipper pull. We need 1 or 2 parents to tally the totals as the runners come by the check point. It's a small time commitment and an easy way to help encourage our kids to be active and healthy. Can you help even one or two days per month? Please call Mrs. Van Y to volunteer. 810-538-2345 ext. 4603.

Honor Roll for 2nd Trimester**3rd Grade**

- Aliano, Malachi A
- Baker, Sydney L
- Beard, Kasie M
- Beneteau, Aydan Kay
- Bergstrom, Nathan M
- Betterly, Jesse O
- Boger, Kayla M
- Buchanan, Kaitlyn J
- Campbell, Andrew W
- Campbell, Owen W
- Chamarro, Sarah R
- Champane, Nicholas T
- Cox, William Z
- Davis, Michael J
- DeBolt, Austin R
- Duncan, Emily G
- Dundas, Carter J
- Earle, Angelina F
- Eurich, Xander E
- Feierabend, Perry J
- Fletcher, Brett M
- Fletemier, Kaeleigh B
- Freeland, Leah J
- Fry, Ethan M
- Gajewski, Sylvia R
- Garwolds, Ryan E
- Gilling, Ellamae E
- Hart, Lukas C
- Hobbins, Mia M
- Hurley, Brandy L
- June, Riley C
- Kalisz, Henry R
- Keahl, Brenden A
- Kimber, Jake R
- LaBar, Jacob A
- Leandres, Antonio C
- Lilly, Jacob M
- Martinez, Lexi C
- McNulty, Allyson J
- Meister, Sydney R
- Mills, Brody J
- Mirza, Gabriella C
- Muller, Madison R
- Nass, Liam D
- Olko, Nicholas C
- Ortiz, Brent A
- Osentoski, Julia F
- Perkins, Michael D
- Porritt, Madison A
- Preece, Tyler B
- Ray, Michaela E
- Sanchez, Esmeralda
- Satkowski, Ava R
- Sauve, Lilly R
- Schneider, Kendrik K
- Schultz, Rebecca S
- Skindell, Collin A

- Smith, Kelsey M
- Smith, Sophia G
- Steffler, Michael A
- Stewart, Bryson M
- Swain, Cammie M
- Williams, Lily C
- Zuhlke, Paul R

4th Grade

- Addison, Halee M
- Appleton, Kayden B
- Aragonese, Lauren L
- Baker, Colin L
- Baldwin, Hayden D
- Ballard-McCrandall, Peyton C
- Boren, Jack W
- Campbell, Lindsay R
- Caron, Jade M
- Chouinard, Emily J
- Curry, Daniel R
- Curry, Nathan J
- Dulin, Andy
- Erla, Paige M
- Fletcher, Marlie R
- Fritz, Cameron C
- Granger, Archer E
- Granger, Delaney D
- Grzyb, Coral A
- Hayden, Jamie L
- Herrera, Melissa L
- Hudson, Shelby P
- Jacob, Alyson M
- Jarvis, Caleb A
- Kirk, Simeon N
- Lake, Dominic A
- Lange, Makenna C
- Lange, Morgan L
- Lee, Gwyneth C
- Li, Alyvia R
- Lord, Constance M
- Masterson, Brady R
- Masterson, Garrett M
- Meister, Paige E
- Moore, Madelyn A
- Moran, Caleb M
- Moran, Harley D.W.
- Mullaney, Colin K
- Opalewski, Brandon T
- Papin, Gracelyn F
- Parsons, Avery D
- Polzin, Adrieanna K
- Preston, Colin
- Ragge, Megan R
- Rowley, Alicia F
- Salayko, Ashtyn N
- Smith, Breeanna S
- Smith, Kaylee L
- Staley, Nicholas T

- Stevens, Cole B
- Stonehouse, Jasper A
- Williams, Jeremy M
- Williams, Michael D

5th Grade

- Aragonese, Casey James
- Beaumont, Avery Roarke
- Berard, Payton R
- Bolton, Jake M
- Boustead, Maddie M
- Bridges, Rian E
- Buchanan, Brandon L
- Campbell, Madelyn C
- Carey, Bradley J
- Chenhalls, Emily T
- Cruze, Ethan G
- Curry, Christine E
- Davis, Jack
- Dennis, Alexander R
- Duncan, Parker R
- Dundas, Charity K
- Easton, Kody Randall
- Fantin, Dylan R
- Farmer, Michael G
- Feierabend, Lydia R
- Fifield, Morrigan R
- Flynn, Gavin L
- Fuchs, Devyn R
- Garwolds, Keegan F
- Gilling, Stephanie M
- Hersha, Noah A
- LaFoy, Reilly James
- Land, Jett
- Lee, Addison L
- Mashni, Naim B
- Mashni, Ramzi
- McGeary, Nicholas M
- McGeary, Nolan M
- Meister, Benjamin William
- Miller, Julianna Nicole
- Moore, Connie E
- Nogueras, Ahrianna Alyse
- Nolan, Sean Michael
- Olko, Ashley M
- Parker, Nicholas Chance
- Patterson, Dylan N
- Patykowski, Nicholas M
- Ragge, Maxton Steven
- Ranney, Jacob M
- Sauger, Anna C
- Snowden, Jordan R
- Stewart, Kylie F
- Taylor, Brendan John
- Todd, Caitlyn J
- Turner, Joseph W



MURPHY ELEMENTARY

PTC HAPPENINGS

March Flashback



The Scrap-a-looza occurred on March 22 and we had a great time! While we had a small number of ladies participating, it was a nice mix and allowed us to “learn the ropes” on how to run one of these events. We learned a lot and met some new parents! Thank you very much to our 2 vendors – Claudia from Close to My Heart and Cindy Smith and Dawn Betzold who sold a dizzying array of paper and embellishments! We are calling it a success and plan to host another one next year!

April and Beyond Preview & News

Next PTC meeting – the next PTC Meeting will be on April 16 at 8:15am in the Library. This meeting will include nominations for next year’s PTC board. If you are interested in any position on the board, please stand up and let us know!

A new event this year is a **Spa Day!** Ladies only (sorry guys) – just in time for Mother’s day. Bring yourself, your mom, your grandma to enjoy a day of pampering. May 10th is the day so make a date with yourself to be there! More news in on this in future newsletters.



Teachers Appreciation Week festivities will be occurring the week of May 5 - 9. Food, prizes and sincerest thanks will be given to the teachers. Keep your eyes out for flyers to come home in your child’s backpack outlining what the theme will be and asking for help. We will again be having drawings for prizes for the teachers over the course of the week so will be looking for donations for appropriate prizes. We will also need help for the food activities (breakfast, lunch and desserts) as well as set up and clean up. If you are interested please make sure to fill out and send back the forms.

Free Money for the PTC and Murphy

If you are shopping online through Amazon, please remember to start your purchase by clicking on the **Earn Money with Amazon.com** link at the bottom of the Murphy website (also here www.lapeerschools.org/murphy). This is free to you and no private information is shared with us.



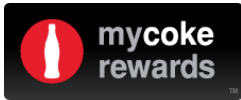
The PTC also participates in the **Tyson A+ Program**. Please clip and save the “Support Your School” label on packages of Tyson products (like those chicken nuggets the kids just LOVE) and send them into the office.

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 – murphy_ptc@yahoo.com. Board Member Contact Information: President – Holly Grzyb, hollymgrzyb@gmail.com, Vice-President – Dawn Ray, raydawn4@aol.com, Treasurer – Kathryn Dennis, kathden@gmail.com, Secretary – Debbie Martinez, debbielexi@yahoo.com, Communications Liaison – Robin Buchanan, mibigbird@yahoo.com



Let's Dance!

Featuring: Athmer DJ Service + photo Factory USA

18th Annual

Mother~Son Dance

Friday, April 25th from 6:00-8:30 PM

Daddy~Daughter Dance

Saturday, April 26th from 6:00-8:30 PM

Tickets Include:

\$7.00 Per Person

Dancing, DJ and Snack Room

1 FREE 4x5 Photo Per Couple

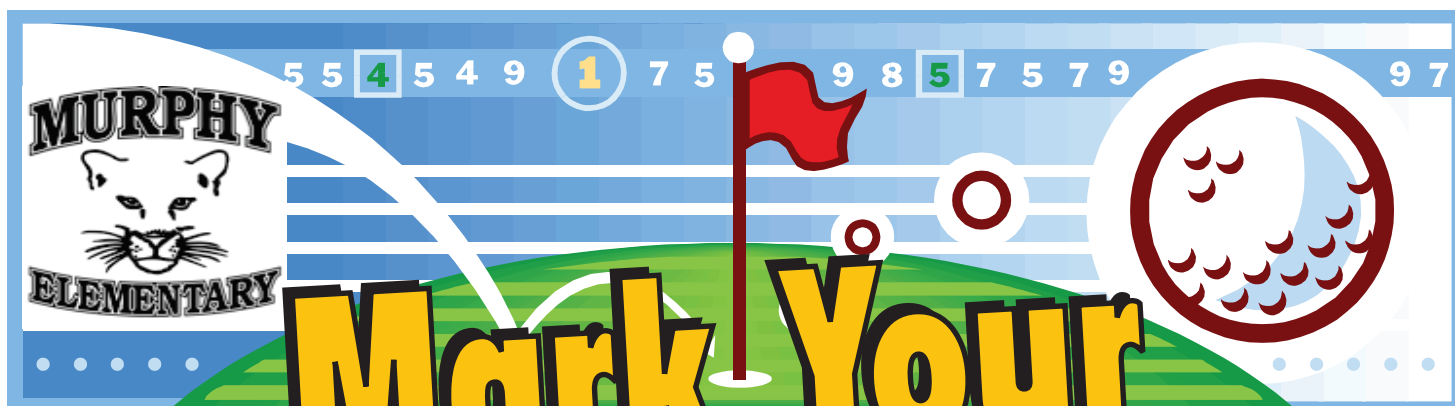
To Purchase Tickets:

Send money in for tickets in a sealed envelope with the following information: Children's full name, teacher, telephone number and number of tickets to be purchased. Tickets will be sent home with the students. Cash or Make checks payable to: Lapeer Community Schools

We also need sweet donations for each dance.

Please contact Laura Van Y to donate!
(810) 538-2345 or lvany@lapeerschools.org





Mark Your Calendar!

Murphy's Drive for Education 2014 Golf Scramble

WHEN:

Saturday, June 7th, 2014

TIME:

7:30 AM Registration begins

8:00 AM Shotgun Start

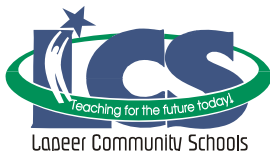
WHERE:

Metamora Golf & Country Club

CONTACT:

Murphy Elementary at (810) 538-2345

Debbie Bridges (810) 441-3023



Laps for LINKS 5K Run/Walk



Spaghetti Dinner



When:

Friday, April 25, 2014

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm



Where:

Rolland Warner Middle School Cafetorium

3145 W. Genesee St, Lapeer MI

Price:

Adults \$5.00 Kids 12 and under \$3.00 (kids 2 and under free)

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

Cash or check only. Please make checks to: Lapeer Community Schools

No refunds will be issued

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

_____ Adult tickets x \$5.00 each = _\$_____

_____ Kids tickets x \$3.00 each = _\$_____

Total Enclosed _\$_____

Mail ticket and payment to:

Lapeer Community Schools

C/O Heidi Leadley

3145 W. Genesee St., Lapeer MI 48446

*Tickets for the Spaghetti dinner will be mailed to you upon receipt of payment, if payment is received after April 18th tickets will be available to pick up at the door.



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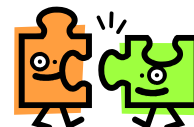
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3145 W. Genesee St. Lapeer, MI 48446

Or register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Lapeer/LapsforLINKS>

One application per person. No refunds



Race Date & Location:

Saturday April 26, 2014
Rolland Warner Middle School
3145 W. Genesee St. Lapeer, MI 48446

Race Time:

Day of the race reg. 8:00am
Registration ends 8:45am
5K run/walk will begin at 9:00 am

Entry Fee

5K run/walk with tee-shirt \$25.00 (pre-registration)
5K run/walk with tee-shirt \$30.00 (day of race registration)
5K run/walk race only (no shirt) \$15.00 (pre-registration)
5K run/walk race only (no shirt) \$20.00 (day of race registration)

Questions

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For more information, please visit <http://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/peer-to-peer-supports-388.htm>.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Birth Date: _____

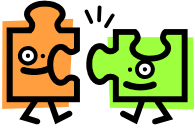
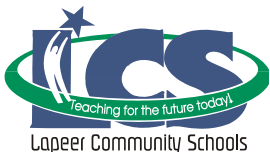
Email Address: _____

T-Shirt Size: please circle one children S M L adult S M L XL 5K run ☐ 5K walk ☐

Packet Pick up for early registration will be at Rolland Warner Middle School, Thursday and Friday April 24th and 25th from 4:00-7:00 pm.

By signing below you agree to the following. Accept my entry in the 2014 Lapeer Community Schools Laps for LINKS 5K Run/Walk. I hereby state I have conditioned myself to participate in the event I have chosen. I for myself my executors, administrators and assignees, do hereby release and discharge the Lapeer Community Schools Laps for LINKS 5K Run/Walk, it's officials, it's sponsors and volunteers from damages, injuries, or expenses occasioned by my participation in Community Schools Laps for LINKS 5K Run/Walk. I also authorize Lapeer Community Schools Laps for LINKS 5K Run/Walk to use my photographs and video tape of my participation in Lapeer Community Schools Laps for LINKS 5K Run/Walk for any and all purposes. By signing my name below, I hereby certify that I have read all the terms and conditions of the release and do intend to be legally bound thereby:

Applicants Signature (Parent signature if participant is under 18)



Laps for LINKS 5K Run/Walk T-Shirt Order Form

Price: \$10.00 per shirt

One order form per person please.

For those who would like a t-shirt but do not wish to participate in the run/walk.

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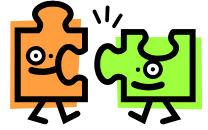
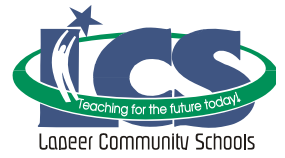
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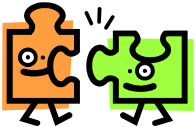
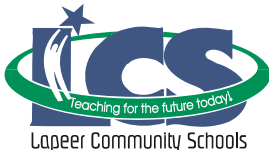
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Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

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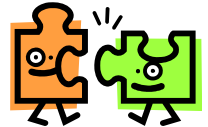
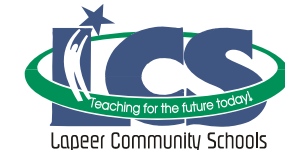
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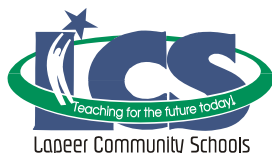
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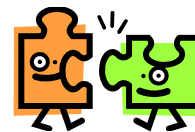
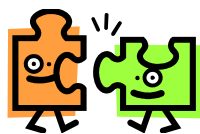


Lapeer Community Schools LINKS Program Presents

Laps for LINKS 5K Run/Walk

Downtown Lapeer, Lapeer MI

Saturday April 26, 2012



5K Sponsor Form

Platinum \$300

Name in EXTRA LARGE print
professionally printed on Race T-shirt
Name listed as a sponsor on 5K website

Gold \$150

Name in LARGE print
professionally printed on Race T-shirt
Name listed as a sponsor on 5K website

Silver \$75

Name professionally
printed on Race T-shirt
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Name/Company Name: _____ **Referred By:** _____

Contact Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Sponsor Level

☐ Platinum \$300

☐ Gold \$150

☐ Silver \$75

Please return this form by April 14, 2014

Thank you! A receipt will be mailed to you.
