

Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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Calendar on the Web!

Please check out the calendar on our web site. It is updated with important information on upcoming events at the school. Go to lapeerschools.org, click on Murphy and then calendar.

Project Red

Third graders are going to the Imlay City Fairgrounds for Project RED on Tuesday, October 6. Students will learn about the agriculture of Michigan and the importance of farming on the economy.

Mark Your Calendar!

Parent Teacher conference will be on Monday, October 26th and Wednesday, October 28th this year. We will be scheduling appointments with Rapidware.com, an online scheduling program. Further information and directions will be coming home soon.

Cold Weather is Coming!

As the weather becomes chillier, please remember to have your child bring a jacket or sweatshirt to wear on the playground.

Picture Retakes!

Will be on Tuesday, October 13th starting at 8:30. Please remind students if they are having retakes they must turn in the complete package from the original session.

New Students at Murphy Elementary this Year

We would like to welcome all of our new Kindergarteners this year and also the following children in 1st through 5th grades.



- William Mauzy
- Harper Yanuska
- Madison Fryer-Richards
- Avionna McCluney
- Scarletta Loiacono
- Anthony Garica
- Dylan Smith
- Abraham Merrill
- Anthony Muns
- Emily Covert
- Anna Joan Patton
- Aiden Gleason Hicks
- Asher Terklen
- Makenzie Suttle
- Cameron Vancicek
- Ayla Rundel
- Lorenzo Garcia
- Cameron Gillispie
- Elizabeth Richards
- Kristopher Usher
- Kristen Mauzy
- Ariana Suttle
- Alycia Ring
- Giselle Gillim
- Teagan Yanuska
- Jayden Henley
- Brandon Hughes
- Harmony Kinney
- Jonathan Moreno
- John Reid
- Noah Hotchkiss
- Abigail Patten
- Alanna May
- Lydia Leuck
- Owen Tottingham
- Christa Detloss
- Jenna White
- Ava Feather
- Matthew Congrove
- Logan Frasier
- Adam Campbell

Murphy Book Fair, October 23rd – 29th

Friday October 23rd through Thursday October 29th Hours are as follows:

Friday	(10-23-15)	8am-4pm & 5:30pm-7:30pm
Monday	(10-26-15)	8am- 8pm
Tuesday	(10-27-15)	8am-4pm
Wednesday	(10-28-15)	8am-8pm
Thursday	(10-29-15)	8am-10am

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/murphyelementaryschool2>



Attention Parents!

Be a "Super Volunteer" at Murphy Elementary Volunteer Workshop

Do you (or do you want to) regularly help out in your child's classroom? Do you want your time to be the most valuable? We want to show you how. Our volunteers are one of our most valuable assets. Attend one of our two sessions offered on Thursday, October 8th, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. or 6:00-7:00 p.m. Participants will receive a certificate and a "SUPER" lanyard only available at the trainings. Light refreshments will also be served.



Super Volunteer Training

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2015

Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: Murphy Elementary School

For more information, contact Amy Duncan, Learning Coach, at 538-2345 extension 4615.



2015 Murphy Lightning Roster



5th grade

- #1 Michael Steffler
- #2 Tyler Kopka
- #4 Bryson Stewart
- #6 Nick Olko
- #8 Xander Eurich
- #16 Lucas Wilk
- #21 Owen Campbell
- #26 Ethan Fry
- #30 Riley McCreedy
- #35 Jacob LaBar
- #53 Henry Kalisz
- #66 Brian Donovan
- #81 Carter Dundas

4th grade:

- #3 Grayson Boustead
- #5 Kyle Chouinard
- #11 Joe Voss
- #24 Logan Woollard
- #27 Essa Mashni
- #34 Ryan Clark
- #40 Nickola Mashni
- #87 Nicholas Dennis

Coached by Jeremy LaBar,
Eric Olko, Greg Peterman,
Mike Wilk, Mike Steffler
Manager, April LaBar



5th grade

- Lilly Sauve
- Kayla Boger
- Cammie Swain
- Lexi Martinez
- Ally McNulty

4th grade

- Halle Baldwin
- Kamryn Loomis
- Hannah Dennis
- Charleah Whipple
- Fiona Betzold
- Lydia McCain
- Sophie Mazur-Batistoni
- Alexis Barrett Kurek

Coached by Tina Sauve
Jr. Coach, Emily Chouinard

Elementary Physical Education Program at Murphy

Dear Parents,

Your child will be participating in the Elementary Physical Education program this year. The students will be involved in activities that will help them in their growth and maturation, and ultimately help them in the classroom. Your child will receive 45 minutes of physical education per week in grades E5 through fifth grade.

Your child will be graded on the elementary report card for elementary physical education.

Below is the grading key.

- P = Performing as expected
- IP = Inconsistent Performance
- N = Not Performing as expected

Students will be participating in the Lapeer Lightning Fitness Tests. Each test has a goal or benchmark that students will be trying to reach for each test. The benchmark is based on the student's age and gender. A benchmark is an objective defining the necessary criteria each student needs to pass each of the fitness tests. Students meeting the benchmark on all five of the tests will receive the Gold or Silver award at the end of the school year.



Lightning Physical Fitness Tests

- Sit-ups
- Pull-ups/and or Flexed arm Hang
- Sit-n-Reach
- Shuttle Run
- ¼ Mile Run/Walk, ages 6,7
- ½ Mile Run/Walk, ages 8,9
- 1 Mile Run/Walk, ages 10-12
- This DOES NOT include E5 and Kindergarten

Participation in physical activity offers many health benefits, including increasing general mood, self-esteem, confidence and sleep quality. Due to the fact that we only see your child once a week for 45 minutes, they are expected to participate every week. Students who cannot participate for one week need a written note from a parent. Students who cannot participate for multiple weeks will need a doctor's note.

One way that you can help your child have a successful year in Physical Education is by making sure that he/she is dressed appropriately on the designated day. It is important for students to have athletic shoes for Physical Education class. Athletic shoes are required to participate in Physical Education class. **Four** or more P.E. classes without proper shoes will result in an IP grade on the report card.

Sincerely,

Please Thank Our Sponsors For Supporting the Murphy Golf Outing When You See Them!

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MURPHY ELEMENTARY

PTC HAPPENINGS

Summer Flashback & September News



Parent Welcome Packets The PTC created a parent welcome packet which was available to those who attended Kindergarten Round Up or Meet the Teacher Night. These packets contain information about the PTC and upcoming events along with forms, school calendar, PTC calendar and more! Email us if you would like us to get you a packet.

NEW This year - the PTC will be holding some of our meetings in the evening to allow more parents to get involved with the PTC. The PTC meeting schedule is the third Thursday of each month. Evening meetings will be held in the months of October, February and May.



PTC 2015-2016 Events Calendar The PTC met over the summer to plan activities and set budgets and goals for this school year. The calendar of activities is listed below. We hope to see you at some (or all) of the events! The PTC is always open to new suggestions and ideas to help promote our participation in our meetings or activities. If you have any thoughts on this, please let us know.

October 1, 2015	Fund Run
October 23, 2015	Halloween Happenings
October 26 & 28, 2015	Parent Teacher Conference Dinners
November 3 - 6, 2015	Penny Wars
November 7, 2015	Murphy Morning at the Movies!
December 8 - 11, 2015	North Pole Express
February 26, 2016	Chris Cakes
March 19, 2016	Murphy Crop
April 16, 2016	Rummage Sale
May 2 - 6, 2016	Teachers Appreciation Week
June 10, 2016	Carnival
June 15, 2016	Field Day

School Store was started this year! You should have seen a note come home in your child's backpack. The school store sells, school supplies, locker accessories and other things. It runs



once a month on Popcorn/Spirit days. Items range in price from .25 to \$1.00. Proceeds go to the PTC.



We Will We Will SHOCK You! – The lightning bolt frenzy continues this year! Until November 15 you can nominate someone you love (or don't) to have their lawn filled with lightning bolts! Email us if you did not get the forms for nomination.

Volunteer Opportunities! Each and every one of our events or fund raising activities requires volunteers. That is just the way it goes. The more volunteers we have the less time each person has to be working. Work during the day? We have events at night you can help with. Work at night? We have events during school days that need your assistance. Your kids will think you are the cool parent for being “behind the scenes” at the events (ask them, they will). Volunteering helps support the PTC and therefore your children. All money raised by the PTC goes directly back into the school. If you are interested in volunteering to help, in any way, please send us an email letting us know what you can sign up for.



October/November Preview & Information

The Next PTC meeting will be on **Thursday, October 15th** at 6:30 pm in the library. This is our first evening meeting.



The Fund Run is right around the corner. This is the largest fund raiser for the PTC. It is also the only one in which we ask that students, themselves, raise money. The run itself is **Thursday, October 1**. The kids get really excited with the potential to earn prizes so please help them to get a few people signed up with pledges. Pledge forms (with listed prize tiers) went home in your child's backpack. If you need another one, please let us know.

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up at the end of this month (**October 28th and 29th**). We will be sending out requests for volunteers to bring in food for the teachers and help with set up and clean up. If you know you are interested in helping let us know and we'll put your name on the list.



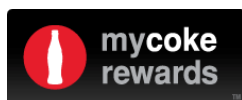
Halloween Happenings - Our first Halloween Happenings was such a blast that we decided to hold this event again this year. It is coming up on **October 23 from 5:30- 7:30**. Haunted Forest, Mad Scientist Lab, Gravestone Golf Games and Trunk r Treat are just a few of the fun activities. More details will be coming out soon. If you can help, please contact April LaBar (ajlabar@gmail.com).

It's baaaaack.... **Penny Wars** will be running **Monday, November 3 – Friday, November 6**. SAVE YOUR PENNIES! The way it works is that the class with the most pennies wins first place. The class raising the most money wins second place. The kids just love it! They scheme on who's classroom they are going to dump their quarters in.



Murphy Morning at The Movies! New this year! We have worked with the NCG Theater in Lapeer to secure the theater for the Murphy Crew! The movie will be The Peanuts Movie! The day is **November 9**. 9:30am is the time. Tickets will be \$10 per person (pre-pay/\$15 at the door) and includes the movie ticket, and all you can eat pop and popcorn. Pre-orders are due by November 2.

“What does that PTC do, exactly? Where does the money go?” The answer is that it doesn’t just go to support one thing or the other. There are some very fundamental/rudimentary things that the funds purchase like bus transportation for our kids to get to field trips such as the Detroit Institute of Arts, Tiger Stadium, Camp Copenaconic and more. Each classroom gets publications that are funded by the PTC raised money. We bring Science Alive to Murphy each year. Playground equipment, teachers supplies and essentially, all the “little things”. But without those “little things” our students would not enjoy learning as much.



Juice Pouch Brigade & Coke Rewards Cancelled – Unfortunately the PTC will **not** be able to continue the Juice Pouch Brigade nor Coke Rewards programs due to lack of volunteers to support them.

The PTC has an easy to remember **email address!** MURPHY_PTC@YAHOO.COM Please feel free to use it at any time to email us questions or comments. Our meeting minutes, newsletters and general messages will be coming out from this email address so add us to your list!



Free Money for the PTC and Murphy

Gift Card Fund Raiser – the PTC has come up with a new fund raiser that everyone will love! We introduced it at the Carnival last year and drew some interest so we are officially launching it for this school year. 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. Gift cards will not be available for purchase in the office.



Earn Money with Amazon.com - Start every Amazon purchase with 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.



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.



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 Vice-President – April LaBar – ajlabar@gmail.com, Treasurer – Crystal Paton, drakecrystal22@yahoo.com, Secretary – Debbie Martinez, debbielexi@yahoo.com, Communications Liaison – Dawn Ray, raydawn4@aol.com.