

# 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



# MURPHY ELEMENTARY

## PTC HAPPENINGS

### January 2016 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  
October 23, 2015  
October 26 & 28, 2015  
November 3 - 6, 2015  
November 7, 2015  
December 8 - 11, 2015  
February 26, 2016  
March 7 & 8, 2016  
March 19, 2016  
April 16, 2016  
May 2 - 6, 2016  
June 10, 2016  
June 15, 2016

Fund Run  
Halloween Happenings  
Parent Teacher Conference Dinners  
Penny Wars  
Murphy Morning at the Movies!  
North Pole Express  
Chris Cakes  
Science Alive  
Murphy Crop  
Rummage Sale  
Teachers Appreciation Week  
Carnival  
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 from February – March 2016 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Items range in price from .25 to \$1.00. Proceeds go to the PTC.



**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.

## December/January Review

**The Next PTC meeting** will be on Thursday, February 18th at 6:30 pm in the library.

**North Pole Express** was a success once again. The students enjoyed the shopping for special gifts. Thank you to all our volunteers for your continued support. Also a thanks to our student helpers who lent a hand to our younger shoppers, it was a big help.

**Murphy Morning at The Movies!** The Chipmunks Movie was fun. The students once again enjoyed being with their friends while watching the show!

We would like to give a big THANKS to Michelle Boutell and Jen Meister for all their hard work they do on our Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels. They collect them and keep them organized! We thank you both for your continued support! We would also like to remind you that Tyson Products also have labels that you can cut out and send in for our school.

## Upcoming Events

**Chris Cakes** is coming up! Friday February 26 is the date. Doors will open at 5:30 pm, and serving will start at 6:00-8:00 pm. \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 3-12 and under 2 are free. We have a theme this year! Wear your Jammies! This is breakfast for dinner after all! Please come

**Murphy Morning at the Movies** is happening again. Saturday March 5 we will be seeing Zootopia! Tickets will be \$10.00 in advance. More info and preorder forms will be coming soon. Hope to see you all there.

**Murphy Crop** is scheduled for Saturday, March 19. More details will be coming your way soon.



**“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.



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. 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



**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](mailto:hollymgrzyb@gmail.com) Vice-President – April LaBar – [ajlabar@gmail.com](mailto:ajlabar@gmail.com), Treasurer – Crystal Paton, [drakecrystal22@yahoo.com](mailto:drakecrystal22@yahoo.com), Secretary – Debbie Martinez, [debbielexi@yahoo.com](mailto:debbielexi@yahoo.com), Communications Liaison – Dawn Ray, [raydawn4@aol.com](mailto:raydawn4@aol.com).





**GET YOUR TICKETS  
NOW!**

**LAPEER'S MOST FUN  
NIGHT OF THE YEAR!**

***Only \$25 a Ticket!***

## **FAB '50s DANCE BAND PARTY!**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2016, 7-11 PM, AT LAPEER COUNTRY CLUB!**

To Benefit Local Youth via the Lapeer Community Scholarship & Student Loan Fund

TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND GOING FAST. BUY YOURS NOW!

You must be 21 years or older to attend.

### **GREAT ENTERTAINMENT!**



Comedian/MC Mitch Gill! Local favorite band Fairlanes & DeVilles! Cool crooner TJ Craven!

### **GREAT FUN!**

Dancing! Costume & Other Contests! Raffles!

Silent Auction! Fun Food! Cash Bar!

**PURCHASE TICKETS** at LCS Administration Building or from a LCSSLF board member: Wendy Byard or Bob Dennany, Pete Batistoni & Adam Schlusler at Lapeer County Bank & Trust, Doug Lindsay & Tim Zeeman at Lapeer High School office, Art Sieting at Oesch & Sieting, Jen Taylor at Rolland Warner office, and Jerri DePuy at Murphy office. For questions and/or tickets, contact Sue Wilmers at [swilmers@lapeerschools.org](mailto:swilmers@lapeerschools.org) or 810-441-1611. If you can't make it and would like to make a donation please send checks to 250 Second Street, Lapeer Mi 48446