

# Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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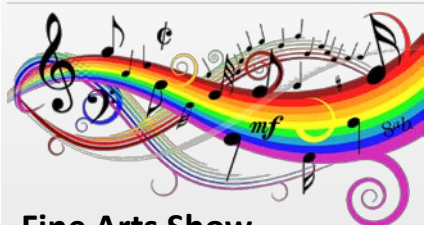


## Mark Your Calendar

### Murphy Talent Show

This year's talent show will be at Lapeer High School Auditorium on **May 11th** at 5:30. This is a Thursday evening.

Please come and support our talented students. Admission is free.



### Fine Arts Show + 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Musical

Murphy will be holding our Annual Art Show and 2nd Grade Musical on **Thursday June 8th**.

Every Kindergarten through 5th grade student at Murphy will have a finished art piece that they have chosen to be displayed during the show.

Please bring your family and friends any time between 5:30-7:30pm to celebrate the accomplishments of our Murphy Artists! The 2nd Grade Musical will be in the gym starting at 6:30pm.

## Annual Golf Outing Moving to Fall

***We have decided to move our Annual Golf Outing to the FALL!***

Our 16th Annual Outing will be Sunday, September 24, and we are thrilled to be hosting it again at the Metamora Country Club!

Money raised from the event is used to purchase technology for Murphy students.

### Not a golfer? No worries!

There are MANY ways to help make this event a huge success! We need volunteers, raffle donations, etc.

Please contact Missy Olejniczak, 810-656-9423 or [misolejniczak@yahoo.com](mailto:misolejniczak@yahoo.com) to register or donate!



## Parent Survey

We are asking Murphy parents to take an anonymous survey to help guide our school improvement process. Your feedback is valuable as we work to improve our school.

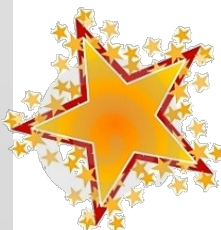
You can take the survey by going to the following link: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/4434120>. Please consider completing the survey as your opinion is important to us. The survey will close on May 25th.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion & Luncheon Information

***Tuesday, June 6th is our final farewell to our fifth graders!***

The luncheon for the students is at 2pm. Only students and parent volunteers may attend the luncheon. They will need to bring a snack to eat during the daytime because the luncheon doesn't start until 2pm. Additionally, it would be great if students could bring a black pen or fine point permanent marker to sign yearbooks with during the luncheon.



At night, we would like the students to dress up as movie stars and look nice for their walk on the red carpet. Students may start to walk down the red carpet at 5:30pm. The Promotion Ceremony will start at 6pm.

The Clap-out will be the last day of school, June 16, at 3pm. Parents are welcome to come and line the halls and give our 5<sup>th</sup> graders a grand farewell.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Immunizations

In order for all 5th grade students to be able to enter 6th grade next year, they need to be up-to-date on all of their immunizations. If there are any they are missing, please acquire as soon as possible to prevent him/her from being excluded in the fall.

Turn the shot record into the office so they can update their file.

## Babysitter Deviations 2017/18

Now is the time to turn in your babysitter Deviation Forms for next school year.

The bus garage will be working on bus routes during the summer and will need this information.

## Changes in Your Contact Info

Make sure the office has your up-to-date information. If your address has changed you must fill out an address change form and bring in 2 proofs of residency. Your proofs should be your driver's license with the new address on it and a bill, lease, etc. that has your name and new address on it.

If you have changed your phone number recently, please make sure we have the new number.

## Check Lost + Found

Lost and Found items will be displayed in the hall during the last few weeks of school. Parents please look over the items if you are in the school for a PTC meeting, field trip or school event. Any items not picked up will be donated.



## Split Classrooms

In an effort to maximize our programming and meet the needs of all of our students, the district will continue to establish split classrooms as they have been a successful option for many years. Our building will be running 3 split level classrooms for the 2017-18 school year.

As in the past, class placements are communicated in August and your child may be considered for this opportunity. Split classrooms provide varied educational experiences much like the other classrooms in our building. These experiences align grade level state expectations for both grades.

However, in addition to each grade level focusing on their grade-level content, the multi-age approach to instruction allows children to progress and grow from his or her ability level, as the teacher provides instruction that is appropriate for the child's learning, including offering enrichment and additional support in each content area that is tailored to individual student needs.

Split level classrooms are a great opportunity for students with a strong ability to work independently, grow and expand their learning at an accelerated pace. For example, we utilize reading and writing workshop in the classroom, which provides opportunities for all students to complete reading and writing tasks that are at an appropriate level and skill. While working in math, if a child demonstrates mastery of a given standard, they are stretched to learn additional content or to delve deeper into the concept.

If you have additional questions regarding split level classrooms, please don't hesitate to contact Katie Jordan via email at [kjordan@lapeerschools.org](mailto:kjordan@lapeerschools.org) or by calling the main office.

## Garden Leaders



Murphy Garden Leaders will begin (with the help of Mrs. Jordan's dad) creating a pumpkin patch on the west side of the building.

Each classroom will have a garden leader that will assist over the summer and into the fall, when we harvest. We are going to plant about 60 pumpkin seeds.

We are in need of a few items to make the garden a success. Items we need are fencing, a fence gate and fertilizer. We also will need a soil sample from the MSU extension office.

Please let Mrs. Jordan know if you have any connections to help out with these needed items.

## Thank You!

Murphy Staff would like to shout out a big thank you to Holly Grzyb for the wonderful job she did on the dances this year. Both dances were awesome. This is one of many that she has organized for the school and has always out did herself. We will miss her creativity and cannot say enough about all her hard work and dedication she has put forth throughout the years. We will miss her!

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## PTC



Our next meeting is Wednesday May 17th at 6:30PM in the library. We will be electing our new PTC board for the 2017-2018 school year!

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### What's Happening at Murphy?

THIS WEEK is **Staff Appreciation Week** (May 1-5). During this week we'll be celebrating our staff by serving a dessert bar on Tuesday and a picnic lunch on Friday. We thank the staff with gift cards and other gifts throughout the week as well. If your child hasn't yet filled out their 'Thank you for being a great teacher' page – please have them do so and send it in!

**Carnival!** The Murphy End of School Carnival is scheduled for Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-8PM. Mark your calendar for this Murphy tradition. We've got some of the great games from the past and are adding some new exciting events. We are looking for volunteers to help us put on this great event so please consider spending time helping make this the fantastic event it is every year.

### Highlights from April!

#### **The Murphy COLOR RUN!**

What a amazing time we had at the Murphy Color Run!!! We had a beautiful day for the runners and the colors were flying! We were able to donate \$257 to the two charities that were previously selected; Operation Care Package Michigan and Lapeer's Adoptable Animals. It was such a great day – to see photos of the day scroll to the next page of the newsletter or check out the Murphy Color Run photo album on the Murphy PTC facebook page.

### Upcoming Events

May 1-5 – Staff Appreciation Week

May 11 – Popcorn / Spirit Day

May 17 – May PTC Meeting

June 9 – Murphy end of year Carnival

June 15 – Field Day

### **Popcorn / Spirit Day!**

On the second Thursday of each month Murphy students get a chance to show their school spirit and enjoy some fresh popped popcorn! Our last popcorn day for the school year is Thursday 5/11. In April we popped 560 bags of popcorn. Mrs. Dodson's class won the spirit wear competition and won free popcorn for May! Congratulations!



## Highlights from the Murphy Color Run!





LIKE Murphy Elementary PTC on facebook – and see more great photos and learn about the great events happening at school!