

# Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### Murphy Talent Show

The 2017 Talent Show will be held at Lapeer High School on May 11th (Thursday) at 5:30pm. All grades are welcome to be part of the Murphy Talent Show!



### Spring Break/Easter Holiday

Spring break begins Saturday, April 1, and we will return Monday, April 10. We will have Good Friday off, which is April 14, but will not have April 17 off because it will be a makeup snow day.

### 2017 Murphy Dances!

#### Mother/Son, Daddy/Daughter



This year the fun will be out of this world as students and parents dance the night away at a fun evening with a Lost in Space theme. The Mother/Son dance will be on Friday, April 28. Followed by the Daddy/Daughter dance on Saturday, April 29. Information regarding tickets will be sent home with students closer to the time of the dances and fun filled break.

### Art Show/2nd Grade Musical

Murphy will be holding our Annual Art Show on Tuesday, May 18. 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! There will also be a 2nd Grade Musical at 6:30pm in the Gym. Come join the fun and see all our talented students.

### B.O.G.O Book Fair

April 27th – May 4th

The BUY ONE GET ONE FREE book fair will be in the Murphy Library. The Book Fair will be open every day from 8:15am to 3:15pm and also during lunch.



## A few words from our Principal...

It is hard to believe that March is almost over and April will be here soon. I would like to thank all of the parents and families that have taken the time to read Charlotte's Web with their children. There have been so many wonderful conversations happening throughout the building. Thank you to the Murphy PTC for purchasing these books so that our school could experience this together.

April and May bring about our testing window for the State assessment, M-STEP and also our district MAP assessment. Students in grades 3-5 will take the M-STEP and all students (K-5) will take the MAP test. If you are wondering what you can do to help your child, here are some suggestions

- \* Encourage your child to try his/her best!
- \* Help your child get a good night's sleep and have a good breakfast in the morning.
- \* Be on time to school.
- \* Help your child with time management.
- \* Remind your child to read carefully.
- \* Remind your child to check his/her work.

I am excited for the activities and events that will take place over the next three months. Thank you for being supportive parents and helping your child to be the best version of themselves.

Katie Jordan, Principal



## Congratulations to 2nd grader Olivia Hayes!

Her writing piece, "The Day I Went Up in a Hot Air Balloon", was selected to be published in the Michigan Reading Association's 2017 edition of the student publication, Kaleidoscope.

She was honored on March 12th at a luncheon in Grand Rapids during the annual Michigan Reading Association Conference.

### The Day I went Up in a Hot Air Balloon

*The warm day of the hot air balloon launch I woke up with excitement! First, I had to wait for my cousins to get to my house. When they got to my house we played and then we got in the car and drove to the field where people launch their hot air balloons. When we got to the field, we had to wait for more people and for the balloons to blow up. When I was waiting for the balloons to blow up I met a new friend. Me and my mom went to see if the balloons were blown up. The person that drove the hot air balloon said "It's time to go!" Then we hopped into the huge basket. My mom was scared. I was too. The driver turned on the fire switch. I did not like the fire switch. Suddenly, we were off the ground and in the air. I looked all around. It was so pretty. The cars looked like toy cars. The buildings looked like dollhouses. The people who were watching looked like dolls. I was so, so, so high. I hope to go again soon.*



By: Olivia Hayes, Second grade

### Lost + Found

All items remaining in Lost and Found will be donated to charity after the end of the year. There are 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.

### Note from the Transportation Dept

**Reminder:** 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 the school office or the Transportation Department.

### Pickup Cards for your Car

Please remember to place your card in your passenger side dash so the ladies will know who you are picking up. If you do not have one, please let the office know and we will get you one. Thanks

### Toys at School

Please remind your child/children that they should not bring any toys to school. If they are broken or stolen the school is not responsible. They can also be very distracting. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

### 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.

## Post-Event News: Jump Rope for Heart



During the week of March 1st, 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 students in grades 3-5 had the opportunity to jump rope for 3 minutes without stopping. The following students achieved this goal: Nick Dennis, Brandon Li, Zakery Olejniczak, Aidan RaCosta, Kaden Capstick, Shay Mullaney, Scott Lake, Luke O'Donnell, Elle RaCosta, Sephora Miller, Fiona Betzold, Nevaeh Moshier, Alanna May, Jaxon

Stapf, Logann Michals, Nickola Mashni, Sam Rogers, Charleah Whipple, Lucas McLaren, Aubrey Kirk, Jackson Blaine, Alex Przekora, Jordan Klinkenberger, Kat Droz, Derick Durden, Ariana Suttle, Lilah Weber, Riki Fujita and Allison Steffler.

The kindergartners through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade had a long rope competition and the following students were the champions for their class: Lucas Prince, Kody Walton, Paetyn Roerink, Andrew Ryan, Jordan Boger, Abby Melton and Cooper Hoyt.

Nice effort by everyone who participated! Funds collected this year totaled **\$6,076.95**. Students who donated over \$100 this year included: Parker Cunningham, Rylan Rodabaugh, Josh Droz, Jada Rodabaugh, Trevor Lake, Kat Droz, Brayden Davis, Payton Gourlay, Landon Sawyer, Myla Case, Hannah Dennis, Nick Dennis, Scott Lake, Kaymryn Loomis, Aubrey Kirk, Alex Makela, Danielle Overmyer, Abby Overmyer and Joe Voss.

We had one student achieve the highest prize level of 8 and raise \$1,000 this year! CONGRATULATIONS to Alexis LaSalle, a fourth grader, nice job!

Thank you gifts were ordered on March 10th and should arrive within a few weeks. Thank you everyone that donated to this great cause to help fight heart disease.

## Student Placement Request Forms

Based upon the teacher's knowledge of each student, they work as a team in the placement decision for the coming year to ensure balanced classrooms.

Our goal is for your child to receive a placement that best meets the needs of their learning style. Factors considered when making student placement decisions include, but are not limited to the following: academic ability, special instructional support needed, peer relationships, ratio of males to females, general work habits and behavior. Therefore, a request is not a guarantee.

Student Placement Requests are available online at [www.lapeerschools.org](http://www.lapeerschools.org) or in the school office.

All request forms are due to the office by May 15th.

## Student of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester



### Kindergarten - Mrs. Martin

- Lucas Paluch

### Kindergarten - Mrs. Chouinard

- June Land

### Kindergarten - Mrs. Campbell (Starr)

- Trinity Fader

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Mrs. Miles

- Payton Gourlay

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Mrs. Gardiner (Melkerson)

- Preston Conforti

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Mrs. Dodson

- Harper Yanuska

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Mrs. Pake

- Andrew Leandres

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Mrs. Hayes

- Victoria Bridges

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Ms. James

- Brooke Taylor

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Mrs. McCreedy

- Meryl Johnson

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Mrs. Withey

- Caden Klinkenberger

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Mrs. Nugent

- Alanna May

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Mrs. Phillips

- Aidan RaCosta

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## PTC HAPPENINGS



### Upcoming Events

**April 13 – Popcorn / Spirit Day**

**April 19 – April PTC Meeting**

**April 22 – Murphy Color Run!**

**April 28/29 – School dances**

**May 1-5 – Teacher Appreciation Week**

**May 11 – Popcorn / Spirit Day**

**May 17 – May PTC Meeting**

**June 9 – Murphy end of year Carnival**

Our next meeting is Wednesday April 19th at 8:30PM in the library. We will be accepting new PTC board position nominations for the 2017-2018 school year!

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## The Murphy COLOR RUN!

Join us on Saturday, April 22 ( 9 or 10:30AM) for a colorful run / walk on the school grounds. Tickets are \$12 and include a white T-shirt to wear to the event to be SPASHED with color as you travel the course! A flyer was sent home with the kids – and if you have any questions – just contact event chair, Crystal Paton, at [drakecrystal22@yahoo.com](mailto:drakecrystal22@yahoo.com).

### Murphy Mom/Son & Dad / Daughter Dances!

Soon flyers will be going home regarding the Mom / Son & Dad / Daughter dances which will be on Friday April 28 and Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Support the PTC by purchasing corsages and boutonnieres when signing up for the dance.

### Staff Appreciation Week

We will be celebrating our fantastic Murphy staff May 1 – 5<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will go home in April with more information for how you can participate.

### Highlights from March!

**Murphy Mom2Mom Sale** – We had a successful Mom2Mom sale with 25 sellers participating and are expecting an even better sale next year! Thanks to the families who partook.

**Science Alive** – Wow! What an amazing 2 days we had with exotic creatures such as a chinchilla, a sloth, a huge snake, an alligator, a tortoise and more! The kids learned so much about these animals and even got to pet and hold many of them. See photos on the next page from this great PTC sponsored event!

### 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! (4/13, 5/11). In March we popped 576 bags of popcorn. Mrs. Pake's class won the spirit wear competition and won free popcorn for April! Congratulations!





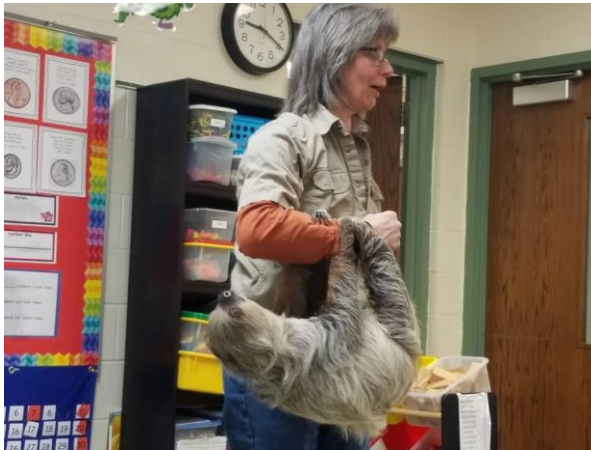
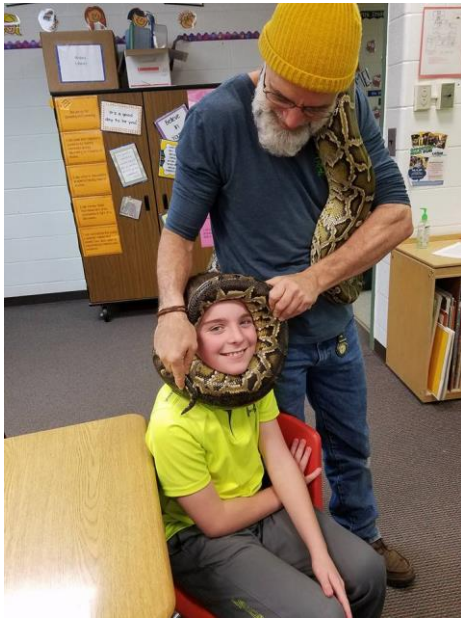
Mrs. Chouinard's class won the Box Top Award.... DONUTS!



Science Alive!







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