

Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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Lightning Leaders

Student of the 1st Trimester and Lunch with Mr. Stanton

WINTER/ CHRISTMAS BREAK

Winter recess will begin at the end of the day on Friday, December 18th. School will resume on Monday, January 4th. We wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable break. See you next year!



Congratulations to the following children that were chosen for the Lightning Leaders. They will have lunch with Mr. Stanton on December 4th and have their pictures on the bulletin board by the office.

Kindergarten & E5

Mrs. Martin
Evan Beneteau
Mrs. Pake
Sean Gonzalez

1st Grade

Mrs. Gardiner
Cierra Barker
Mrs. Miles
Jacklyn Schneider

2nd Grade

Mrs. Campbell
Mollie Hamilton
Mrs. Dodson
Carissa Childers

3rd Grade

Mrs. Chouinard
Keegan Greenfield
Mrs. Hayes
Giselle Gillim

4th Grade

Ms. James
Samantha Rogers
Mrs. McCreedy
Nickola Mashni

4/5 Split- Mrs. Withey

Sydney Meister
5th Grade
Mrs. Phillips
Brett Fletcher
Mrs. Nugent
Kendrik Schneider

Dictionaries for 3rd Grade

Our third grade classes would like to thank the Lapeer Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs for the gift of dictionaries. They come to our school every year and give all of our third grade students a dictionary.

What a great community outreach!



Don't forget to bring in your Goodfellows Food Drive Items



The donation period this year is November 30th —December 8th. We are having themes for each day:

- ☒ November 30th - Granola or Cereal
- ☒ December 1st - Pasta Day
- ☒ December 2nd - Soup and Crackers
- ☒ December 3rd - Protein (peanut butter, tuna or canned meat)
- ☒ December 4th - Canned fruit & Vegetables
- ☒ December 7th - Paper products (tp, facial tissue, paper towel)
- ☒ December 8th - Whatever you would like

Non-perishable food items in cans, boxes, bags and plastic are accepted. **They cannot use outdated or dented cans, or any glass containers.** Please send items with your child to school or you may drop off food at any time during normal school hours. Donations will be tallied each day and the classroom with the highest overall count will receive full size candy bars. Thank you for giving!

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



TREE LIGHTINGS

Don't forget to join the fun on December 3rd, 6:30pm at the Metamora Tree Lighting taking place in Harmon Park.

The Hadley Tree Lighting will be at 6:30pm on December 10th at the Old Township Hall.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Fund Raiser for Technology

RAT Race is returning! The "RAT" will be racing through our classrooms again this year starting on February 1st. Start saving your returnable plastic bottles and cans. More details to follow!

OUR MURPHY VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!

Thank you to Mrs. Bara, our Librarian, who organized our Book Fair this year. We also want to thank all the volunteers who worked the Book Fair. With your help the profit we made from the Book Fair went directly into purchasing new books for our school library.

We can't thank you enough for taking the time to help and be a very special part of what we do at Murphy.



CURE YOUR DISCO FEVER

Join us at the 20th Annual Murphy Dances!

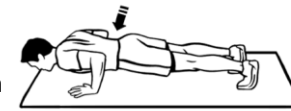
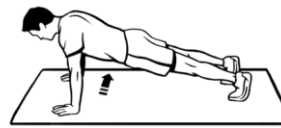
The Mother and Son Dance will be Friday, April 22nd.

The Daddy and Daughter will be Saturday, April 23rd.

Physical Education News

During the week of November 16th, the P.E. classes completed the push-up test. The following students performed the most for their class:

Miles	Cooper Hoyt, Shelby Shudlich
Gardiner	Myla Case, Kody Walton
Dodson	Austin Driscoll, Bella Durden
Campbell	Mollie Hamilton, Gavin Hibbler
Hayes	Averee Berard, Jackson Blaine/Alex Przekora
Chouinard	Jesse Davidson, Kaydence Shudlich
McCreedy	Raiden Smith, Elle RaCosta
Withey	Logan Woollard, Kaitlyn Buchanan/Ellamae Gilling
James	Kaden Capstick, Fiona Betzold
Nugent	Julia Osentoski, Owen Campbell
Phillips	Gabby Mirza, Liam Nass/Bryson Stewart



2015-16 MURPHY STUDENT COUNCIL

We are pleased to announce this year's student council representatives.

4th Grade

Alaina Przekora
Nevaeh Moshier
Sephora Miller
Zak Olejniczak
Luke O'Donnell
Nickola Mashni

5th Grade

Allyson McNulty
Emily Duncan
Gabriella Mirza
Lexi Martinez
Carter Dundas
Collin Skindell

Report Cards & Assessment Letters

We will be sending a school messenger to all parents on November 30th to remind parents to check their email.



- Report cards will be emailed on December 1st.
- Assessment letters will be in your building by Monday, November 23rd. Assessment will go home with students on November 30th or December 1st.

STUDENT COUNCIL PROJECTS

Student Council selected to work on projects for 2 local agencies.

1st organization is the Lindsay -J Project. They will be making knot tie blankets to donate to cancer patients to have while they get their chemotherapy treatments.

They will also be putting together a project to raise money for the local animal rescues.

Thanks!

We would like to thank Dan Sauve from the Metamora Fire Department for the fire safety discussions.

He was very informative and answered many of the children's questions.





MURPHY ELEMENTARY

PTC HAPPENINGS

November 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 7 & 8, 2016

Science Alive

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.



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.



November/December Review

The Next PTC meeting will be on Thursday, January 19th at 8:30 am in the library.



Butter Braid Fundraising was outstanding! Thanks so much to Debbie Martinez for planning and organizing this sale. We raised about \$1,200.00 for our school! Thanks to all the volunteers who also helped with this fundraiser.



The Fund Run was a great success! We raised over \$5,000.00 for our school. A big thanks goes to Kim Dundas and Missy Olejniczak for organizing a successful event!

Parent Teacher Conferences Thank you Jessica Nolan for taking charge of the dinners for our teachers and for rounding up our great volunteers to make some great food!. We know the teachers loved everything! Thanks again for all who volunteered your time and donations.



Penny Wars raised \$1,500.00!! Mrs. Pakes class won pizza for the class and Mrs. Hayes won doughnuts and cider. The students had so much fun! Way to go!! Thanks to all who volunteered their time to make this such a success!



Murphy Morning at The Movies! The Peanuts movie was awesome and it was so much fun! We decided to do it again! December 23 the movie Chipmunks, Road Chip is playing. At 9:00 am. We will send out order forms for tickets soon. We hope to see everyone there, it really was fun!

North Pole Express is coming up. Tuesday , December 8 – Friday, December 11. Please sign up to volunteer and give your hours that fit your schedule. The students will get a chance to shop for their families, they will also decorate their own gift bag. More information will be coming home 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 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.

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