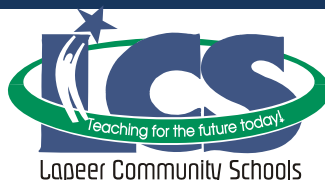


Murphy Elementary Newsletter

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PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retake day is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 25th. They will start at 8:15 in the common area. We should receive the first set of photos the week before. If for some reason we haven't received them, retake day will be moved to a later date.

WANTED: FAMILY PHOTOS

Murphy would like to do some decorating and would like to display pictures of our wonderful families throughout the school building. If you have a photo you'd be willing to share, please email or drop it off to Mrs. DePuy in the office. Photos will be copied and returned.



TWITTER!

Murphy now has a Twitter page. For all of our social media fans you can follow us @MurphyElem. Mr. Stanton also has a blog that he updates often. This can be found on the Murphy home page "click on Principal's Message".

Attention Parents:

Are you looking for a way to help out at school, but don't have time during the week? We are having a "Murphy Fall Fix-up" work day on Saturday, October 5th starting at 9 am.

We will be weeding, trimming and cleaning up the gardens, putting down new mulch under the play structures, removing the weeds and grass under the equipment and painting all of the metal play equipment.

If you can help for some or all of the time, fill out the paperwork that went home and return it to the office or call Mrs. Van Y at Ext. 4603 or Derian Pritchett at 810-358-8734.

Thank you for helping to keep Murphy beautiful!



Murphy Elementary Frequent Summer Read Cards 2013

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| ▪ Dustin Barrett | ▪ Sydney Meister | ▪ Saryn Weatherhead |
| ▪ Alexis Barrett-Kurek | ▪ Ben Meister | ▪ McKenna Weatherhead |
| ▪ Luke Boutell | ▪ Paige Meister | ▪ Logan Woollard |
| ▪ Jack Boren | ▪ Lucas McLaren | |
| ▪ Preston Broome | ▪ Ryli Milioto | |
| ▪ Kyle Chouinard | ▪ Julianna Miller | |
| ▪ Emily Chouinard | ▪ Sephora Miller | |
| ▪ Daniel Curry | ▪ Ever Miller | |
| ▪ Joey D'Anna | | |
| ▪ Emily Duncan | | |
| ▪ Parker Duncan | ▪ Caleb Moran | |
| ▪ Robert Dusten | ▪ Harley Moran | |
| ▪ Darby Fales | ▪ Brandon Opalewski | |
| ▪ James Fales | ▪ Brent Ortiz | |
| ▪ Coral Grzyb | ▪ Madison Porritt | |
| ▪ Tanner Hart | ▪ Alex Przekora | |
| ▪ Lukas Hart | ▪ Alaina Przekora | |
| ▪ Jamie Hayden | ▪ Maxton Ragge | |
| ▪ Henry Kalisz | ▪ Megan Ragge | |
| ▪ Madison Lance | ▪ Michaela Ray | |
| ▪ Kayen Lawson | ▪ Ethan Roberts | |
| ▪ Eva LeClaire | ▪ Samantha Rogers | |
| ▪ Joshua Lilly | ▪ Baylea Roerink | |
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| ▪ Sophie Mazur-Batistoni | ▪ Adeel Tariq | |
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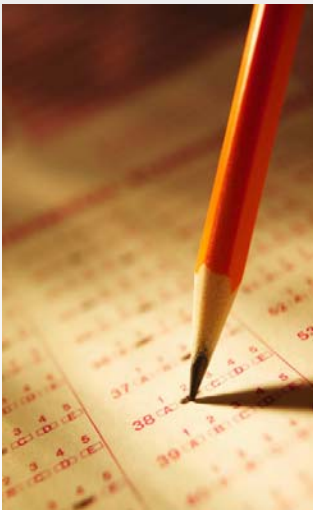


MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Parent Teacher conference will be on Tuesday, October 29th and Wednesday, October 30th 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 COMING

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



MEAP

It's that time again... MEAP Testing Time.

Grades 3rd through 5th will be taking the test from October 8th through 18th. Make-ups will be taken during the third week. Help your child get ready by making sure they get a good night's sleep before testing and providing breakfast on the mornings of testing.

Murphy Book Fair Hours

October 28th thru November 4th

Monday (10-28-13) 8am-3:30pm

Tuesday (10-29-13) 8am-3:30pm & 5:00-8:00pm

Wednesday (10-30-13) 8am-3:30pm & 5:00-8:00pm

Thursday (10-31-13) 8am-2:30pm

Monday (11-04-13) 8am-2:30pm

Purchase books online at: Murphy's online book fair sale runs 10/23/13 thru 11/12/13
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/murphyelementaryschool2>



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.



Mrs. Miles

- Dominic Hudson
- Calimaraine Peters
- Konnor Shuck
- Luke Williams

Ms. Kopchick

- Caden Gregory
- Tyler Yens

Mrs. Dodson

- Tyler Covey
- Zachary Yens

Mrs. Hayes 2nd

- Isabelle Rosebush
- Alex Wire

Mrs. Hayes 3rd

- Lucas Hudson

Ms. James

- Tyler Kopka
- Esmeralda Sanchez
- Jeweli Blaine
- Kaeleigh Fletemier

Mrs. Chouinard

- Collin Skindell
- Kendrick Schnieder
- Michael Steffler

Mrs. Pake

- Joseph Voss
- Kaden Capstick
- Diego Fader
- Faith Hittle

Mrs. Withey

- Malachi Hittle

Mrs. McCreedy

- Nick Staley
- Melissa Herrera

Ms. Steele

- Gracelyn Papin
- Presley Flynn

Ms. Lawrence

- Robert Hudson

Mrs. Nugent

- Jacob Ranney
- Demarius Vincent
- Gavin Flynn
- Emily Chenhall
- Cassandra Williams

Mrs. Phillips/Homer

- Taylor Wire



RUNNING CLUB HAS STARTED!

Come join us for Running Club on Thursday night, right after school until to 4:15 p.m. Make sure you fill out a permission slip to join. They are located outside of the office. Please remind your kids to dress for the weather and bring a water bottle. Parents are welcome to come and walk or run with the kids, or just help out. If you have any questions please contact Sue Moore at 810-338-7059 or send a text and I will get back with you as soon as possible or send an email to Sue.Moore@Tapcoint.com. Look forward to seeing you.

MILEAGE CLUB

Starting the week of October 7th, on Tuesday and Thursday of each week we are offering the Murphy Mileage Club during recess. Students who want to participate will be running the track that we follow for Fund Run, around the playground. Volunteers and Mr. Baginski will be supervising and recording student's progress. The runners will earn "feet tokens" for every 5 miles they complete. They can clip these on their shoelaces, backpacks, zippers, etc. We also have a traveling trophy that will be given each month to the classroom whose students have logged the most miles. This is an easy, free way for your child to burn off some extra energy during recess and stay healthy at the same time.

How It's Done!

Murphy 3rd Graders learned about using earth materials to create building supplies in a live event field trip on Friday, September 27th.

5 Star Concrete welcomed the students in as they walked across the street to the plant. During the tour, the students were able to see the cement truck being loaded, materials mixed and a slab of concrete poured first hand.

We also thank Chief Mallet for personally stopping traffic for us to cross the road safely.

It was a great experience for everyone involved.



Volunteer Information

Wanting to go on a field trip, help at a PTC sponsored event, or volunteer in your child's classroom (organizing a class party, helping with small groups, etc.)? All volunteers must have an approved application on file in order to volunteer. Applications are available in the school office or online at www.lapeerschools.org. Click on the parent tab and volunteer program. Please allow 2 weeks for the application to be processed. All approved applications are valid for 3 years. If you have any questions, please contact the office at (810) 538-2345.

Halloween will be here before you know it. If are planning on observing the costume parade or classroom party, a volunteer application is not required. However, please make sure to sign in and out at the school office to help us ensure student safety. We look forward to celebrating the day with you.

Non-homestead Millage Renewal goes to LCS voters Nov. 5

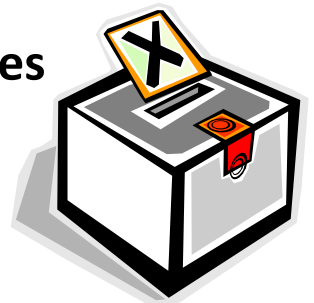
On Nov. 5 voters within the boundaries of Lapeer Community Schools will be asked to vote on a proposal to renew the long-standing millage levied on non-homestead property (industrial, commercial, business, rental and second homes) for a time frame of five years, from 2014 until 2018.

This proposal does not affect the taxes of owner-occupied primary residences. For the average homeowner who does not own a business, rental property, summer home, etc., the millage renewal will come at no cost.

"Essentially, this ballot proposal is asking the constituency to vote on taxes that the business community is required to pay under state law," said Kevin Rose, LCS Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. "It's part of the State Constitution and without the business' tax, the State of Michigan would reduce our funding by millions of dollars per school year."

In the coming weeks, Lapeer Community Schools will make every effort to inform voters on the consequences of approval and nonapproval of the proposed renewal.

For more information, including a FAQ document, visit LapeerSchools.org.





MURPHY ELEMENTARY

PTC HAPPENINGS

September Flashback

Thank you to everyone that attended the first PTC meeting of the 2013-2014 school year. We saw some new faces and some returning parents which is always nice! Special thanks to the teachers who provided a delicious breakfast for us!



Movie Night was a success! We thank all who attended with special thanks to our volunteers – Kat Swain, Traci Addison, Andrea Bara and Jennifer Meister - who worked with the PTC to make things run smoothly. We hope you enjoyed the movie and the fun. If you attended the event and have any feedback (good or bad), please let us know! We received many donations for our raffle from the following local businesses – Jacob Family Chiropractic, 24th Street Tavern, Aladdin's Carpet Cleaning, The Farm House, Louie's Sports Tavern, The Ox, Montana's Chop House, Gerlach's Bowling, Lake Nepessing Golf Land, Oxford Theater, Polar Palace, Rebekah's Health, Jimmy John's, The Pizza Parlour, Natures Better Way, Great Lakes Elite Gymnastics, Side Tracks, The Burning Oak, 'Wiches, Hadley Acres, Cole's Candle Barn, Hadley General Store, Buffalo Wild Wings, WoJo's Nursery, Molly Maid, Metamora BP, Lapeer Cinema, Muffler Man – Lapeer, Puebla Viejo, Hungry Howies, Studio One, Jen Lund, Pizza Peddlers, Achatz Pie, Metamora Country Club, High Street Eatery. **Please** make sure to support them with your business and let them know you appreciate their support!

October Preview & News

The Next PTC meeting will be on [Monday October 7, 8:15 am](#) in the library.

Murphy PTC will be hosting a Craft Show! on Saturday, **October 19 from 9am – 4pm**. If you are interested in reserving a spot at the Craft Show, please contact Holly Grzyb at 810-441-7509 email hollymgrzyb@gmail.com.



Popcorn Days Popcorn sales are back at Murphy! The PTC will be selling popcorn once a month. October 22nd will be the day for this month. Get your Murphy colors ready. The class that has the most School Spirit on popcorn days will be rewarded. Please note that this is Murphy colors (blue and white). While we'd love to see everyone in Murphy Spirit wear, we know that isn't possible. We are only asking for Murphy colors to be worn to count.



Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up at the end of this month (October 29th and 30th). 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 and have not returned a volunteer form stating this, let us know and we'll put your name on the list.





The PTC has a new, group 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



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.

Juice Pouch Brigade – Don't forget that we collect empty juice pouches. So help us help the environment and turn them in. Please try to make sure the pouches are clean on the outside, empty on the inside and leave the straw in (this prevents that little bit of juice that usually remains in the bottom from leaking out).



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.



Are you a CocaCola product drinker? Then collect the bottle caps and enter the points for Murphy School online. You can select the school to donate to.



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
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