

# Murray Lake Messenger

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## From the Principal...



Murray Lake students are invited to participate in Lowell's 2023 FOOD FIGHT, to benefit the Food Pantry at Flat River Outreach Ministries. The FOOD FIGHT starts May 1 and runs through May 22. During the month of May, food items and paper goods can be brought to school, where they will be counted in classrooms. Each food/paper item earns our school 1 point towards a friendly competition between the elementary schools. Monetary donations can also be given, and school will tally 4 points per dollar. Here is a link to donate: <https://www.mygiving.net/campaign/ff2023>. Please help us bring home the traveling FOOD FIGHT trophy and share what you can. For the week of May 2-6, our focus is on canned fruits and vegetables. More ways to help are on pg 2! Thank you!

This is the time of year when parents start inquiring about how to keep their kids academically engaged over the summer. Our library will once again be open on certain Wednesday mornings this summer for Arrow Readers on the Move. Our students can come in and check out AR books and take quizzes. Certificates and prizes can be won from our library. Lowell Area Schools will be hosting a summer school for students that qualify as well. The Englehardt Library will also be running some special activities. I cannot stress enough how important it is to keep kids reading over the summer months. I also cannot say enough positive comments about *Xtra Math* and *IXL*. These are FREE, highly engaging, online websites for our kids. Having your child work on *Xtra Math* and/or *IXL* daily in the summer will help keep and build on their math and reading fluency.

I'd like to give a special shout out to our wonderful Administrative Assistants at Murray Lake. Wednesday, April 26, was Administrative Assistants Day. Alice Bush, Cathy Noffke, and Julie Simmons do so much to help our school function. None of us could do our jobs without them. We are grateful for their work and dedication to our school, staff, and students.

It has been another busy week at Murray Lake. There are great examples of teaching and learning taking place out here on a daily basis. I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Molly Burnett  
Principal



**Summer Academic Scholarships!**  
<https://forms.gle/ibQBn6SymZCnt2d19>

### A Note from the Library

The last day for student book check outs will be Friday, May 12. All student books will be due back to the library by Friday, May 19.



Happy Earth Day! Pictured, students continuing the cleanup Mrs. Byrne's class did last week. They picked up almost two pounds of trash around the school!



PBIS Lunch with the Principal!

We value: Trustworthiness  
Respect Responsibility  
Fairness Caring Citizenship

Working together to: Achieve Academic Excellence  
Build Self Esteem, and  
Care for Others



## Upcoming Events:

**Wednesday, May 3**

5th Gr Parent Orientation at LMS, 6:00-7:00 pm

**Friday, May 5**

Ice Cream Sale during lunch  
Make Your Mark t-shirt day



## Mileage Club Volunteers Needed!

We have just a few more slots to fill! To sign up, please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4CA4AF2DA0FA7-mileage>



You can also support FROM by eating out at one of the local restaurants that will be donating a portion of their sales to support Food Fight!

May 2 - Big Boiler Brewing (4-9 PM)  
May 9 - Flat River Grill  
May 17 - BC Pizza  
May 30 - Culver's (5-8 PM)

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Please help support Kenley and Sophia! They are helping an organization that is special to their hearts, The Cat Connection. The Cat Connection is a non-profit charitable cat/kitten rescue. They are in need of wet and dry food, toys, bedding, and monetary donations. Items can be dropped off in our office. Thank you!

## Summer Athletic Youth Camps!

Online registration is now open! Check out our listing of sports camps at:

[lowellsportscamps.com](http://lowellsportscamps.com)

Registration and payment should be completed at this site.



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in Action!**



Information regarding student activities and community events can be found under Extracurricular Activities on the Murray Lake Elementary website at:

<http://www.lowellschools.com/student-activities/>