

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal....

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving Break with your families. I enjoyed some downtime and, of course, good food! The MLE staff is refreshed and ready to rock the next three weeks before our holiday break.

Thanks to all of those 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students that participated in our Thanksgiving Writing Contest. We had many quality entries! This year we were able to award turkey's to our first place winners in various categories and Meijer gift cards to our 2nd and 3rd place finishers. Congratulations to:
2nd grade: Allie Mitchell (1st place), Cameron O'Neil (2nd place), and Lottie Thenn (3rd place).
3rd grade: Everleigh Koval (1st place), Owen Hayes (2nd place), and Violet Van Den Driessche (3rd place).
4th grade: Reese Marek (1st place), Emma Henige (2nd place), Isiah Homolka (3rd place).
5th grade: Josie Dykstra (1st place), William Cunningham (2nd place), and Nora Doyle (3rd place).

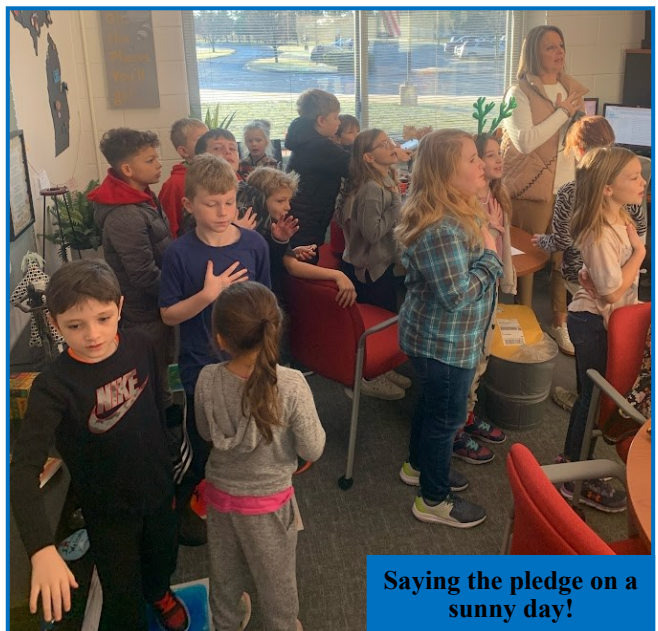
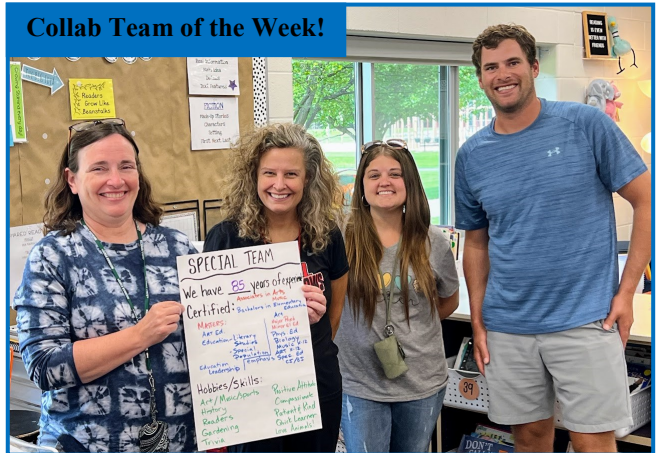
For the next few weeks our students will be taking the NWEA MAP and the Acadience assessments. This is a great mid-point check up on how our kids are doing. Teachers will look at the data and make instructional decisions based on this data. I'm confident our students are going to show tons of growth! These scores will be shared with families when the assessment window closes.

Congratulations to our Collaborative Team of the Week: AMPE (Art, Music, PE) teachers. Colleen Paiz, Lori Coffman, and Brent Steele work with all 428 of our students each week. They engage them in the arts and athletics. Students enjoy being immersed in their classes each week. They also do a great job helping out around the school with student supervision and many other various tasks. We are grateful for their hard work and effort.

The holidays will be here before we know it! Our Santa Shop opens Monday! The 12 Days of Christmas Dress Up calendar is being sent home today as well! Lots of fun will be happening this month. Although the excitement level from our students has certainly gone up over the past week, there is still quality teaching and learning taking place. I continue to be quite pleased with the lessons I observe as I walk through our classrooms. We truly have some outstanding teachers and students here at MLE. I hope all of you have a wonderful weekend.

Molly
Burnett
Principal

Collab Team of the Week!



Saying the pledge on a sunny day!

Upcoming Events:

Monday, December 4 Secret Santa Shop begins, Kindergarten to GR Public Museum, 9 am-1 pm
Friday, December 8 School Store during lunch, Report Cards go home



Character in Action!



December Holidays Around the World

Did you know there are lots of celebrations around the world this time of year such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Los Posada, Christmas, and the Winter Solstice? One fun fact is that many incorporate light in their celebrations as we enter this darkest time of the year.

Make sure to check out the library this month to see featured books and authors on display to learn more and celebrate them!

Girls on the Run



Registration for Girls on the Run starts today, December 1! They're also looking for coaches! The program starts the week of February 26! Please see attached for more info!



Information regarding student activities and community events can be found at:

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