



Murray Lake Messenger



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From the Principal....

Thank you for all of your support with our 'No Shave November' initiative. We set another record this year! As a school we raised \$839.30! All of that money will go directly to Gilda's Club and help local families. Thank you for all of your generosity and for supporting such a great cause. I'm so grateful to be a part of such a caring and giving community!

Each year, following our holiday break, we hold a chess tournament during second recess for all third through fifth grade students. Chess is a great game for kids to learn. It teaches strategizing and problem solving. Our tournament is not instructional, so students need to know how to play chess to enter. If your child seems interested, you could teach them the game of chess over break. There are many tutorials about chess online. You can play chess against others online as well.

I want to remind all of you that we hold monthly PBIS celebrations for all Murray Lake students who have not ended their day on red or multiple orange days. This month's celebration will be held near the end of December. This month, each class gets to choose what they would like to do! I'm excited to see what activities they all decide upon!

Thank you to all of the parents who helped with our Santa Shop. The students get so excited about shopping for their family members. It also helps to teach the true meaning of the season: that caring for others is what life is all about and that more long lasting joy can be had from giving than receiving.

A congratulations goes out to our 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Wills. She has been chosen as our Staff Member of the Month for November. She always goes above and beyond in her classroom to make learning enjoyable for all of her students. We appreciate her dedication!

Another congratulation to Jennie Forney. She has been chosen as our Volunteer of the Month for November. She has worked in the library for 3 years now. We appreciate the time she takes out of her busy schedule to volunteer at MLE.

The holidays will be here before we know it! 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



L to R: Mrs. Burnett, Mr. Allmon, & Tristan Catanach, 2nd gr, with a No Shave November check for Gilda's Club.

We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, December 11

Friday, December 13

Monday, December 16

Child Study Day

School Store during lunch

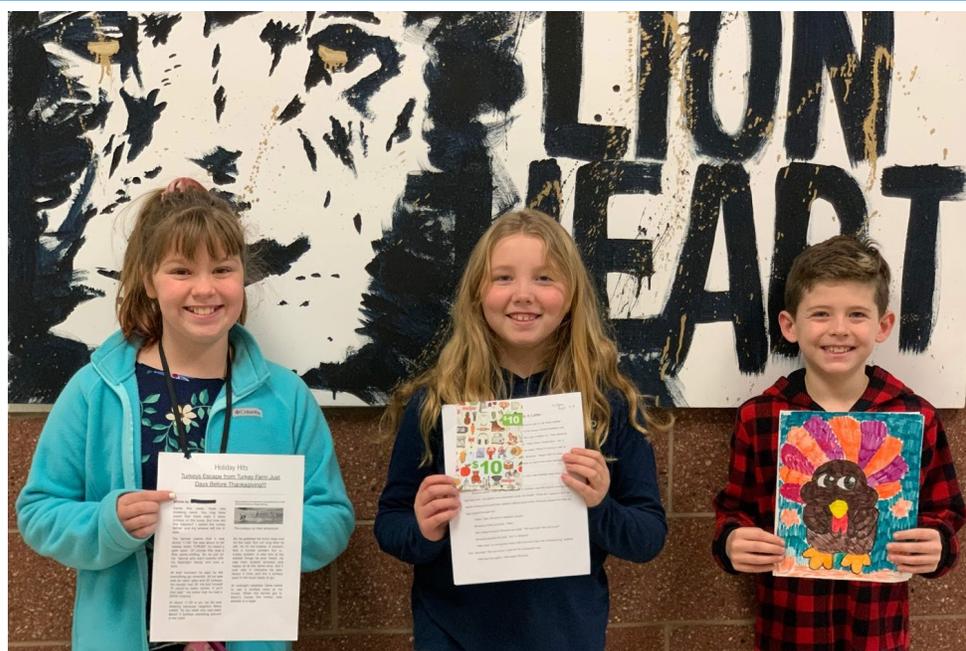
2nd/3rd gr Holiday Music Concert, 2:30



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Thanksgiving Writing Contest Winners!

L to R: Ella Anne Pike, 2nd pl, Arianna Royer, 1st pl, & Levi VanderLaan, 3rd pl.

Girls on the Run

Registration for Girls on the Run ends De-

cember 13! They're also looking for coaches! The program starts February 24! Please go to the link below to sign up!

<https://www.getrkmc.org/>



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

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

Staff Member of the Month!

Congratulations to our Staff Member of the Month, Katherine Wills! An MLE parent commented, "Mrs. Wills is EXCEPTIONAL and her style is AMAZING. I cannot tell you enough how impressed we were with the student run parent teacher conferences. What an amazing life skill to start teaching. As a parent, it's SO much easier to work with a child based on the feedback he played a part in. My child has been so committed to working on changing and I think that is HUGE as we think about development. I want my employees in business to take ownership - why shouldn't I expect the same from my kids?"

I love working at Murray Lake! The staff and students are truly wonderful. Over the last few years I have met amazing families and friends. I have also gotten the opportunity to have my two boys come to school with me and be a part of the MLE community. I am so lucky to be at Murray Lake and look forward to many more years to come," said Wills.



Character in Action!



Volunteer of the Month!

Congratulations to our Volunteer of the Month, Jennie Forney! Patti Harreld said, "She is awesome and works so well with our students." Mrs. Forney has a full schedule volunteering and leading programs at her church with students there. She's a busy mom of three great kids but still manages to find time to volunteer in the building."

"MLE is an amazing elementary school with teachers and staff who put their hearts into everything they do. My goal volunteering here is to support them in whatever way I can. Volunteering at the library is very rewarding. Mrs. Harreld puts a tremendous amount of thought into the books she selects to read to the kids - books that teach character, empathy, and kindness. The students are always drawn in to the story. It is so much fun to hear kids come back each week excited to share about the books they have read," commented Forney.

