

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal....

Conferences will be held over the next two weeks. We have always had an outstanding turnout for our parent teacher conferences, and I believe this to be one of the reasons for why Murray Lake is such a great school. Parent/teacher communication is a key to a child's success in school. If, following your conferences, you have concerns that you believe need my attention, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I have a couple of concerns with some students who are picked up at the end of the day. Some of them start wandering way down to the east side of the building and even out toward the entrance of the parking lot. I realize our pick-up line gets long, but please remind your child not to try and meet way over on the east side of our parking lot. I've also had some reports of students walking between cars and not using the crosswalk to meet parents. Please remind your child to always use our crosswalk. Also, if you are a parent who runs late at times, please remind your child to wait near our flag or inside the building. I've had to go and bring students back who were over hiding behind our pine trees or way on the other side of the parking lot. I just want to make sure all students are accounted for at the end of the day. One other reminder is that you should not pull over into the staff lot and pick your kids up from there either. This forces students to walk between busses to meet you. We are giving reminders about the above concerns here at school as well. Thanks for your help with this.

We had several students nominated for our Character in Action awards for January. Their picture will be in next week's newsletter. In February we will be focusing on the character trait Fairness. Please help us bring some attention to this trait at home throughout the month; we will be doing the same here at school.

I want to congratulate Cheryl Staley who was named our Volunteer of the Month for January. Cheryl has been volunteering at MLE for many years. Cheryl put in countless hours running our Santa's Shop this year and spent many hours in January finding deals for next year's shop. We are grateful for Cheryl's efforts. I also want to congratulate Kris Rickert who was named our Staff Member of the Month. Kris works very hard as a Para Educator in our building. She goes above and beyond, often working well beyond her scheduled hours in our building. We truly appreciate Kris.

We have had another good week at MLE, filled with quality teaching and learning. Murray Lake is a GREAT place to be! Enjoy your weekend!

Remember, there is no school on Monday.

Brent R. Noskey, Principal

Happy Valentine's Day!



We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Thank you, MLE Families!

It was great to see so many MLE families come out and support the Offrink family last Friday. Over 1500 people ate dinner and over \$50,000 was raised for the Offrinks. It was truly touching to see the outpouring of support at the game. It was also good to see both teams beat East Grand Rapids!

Book Fair Needs You!

Our next book fair will take place 2/17-2/24 and we're looking for volunteers to help run it. Please copy/paste the link below into your browser to sign up! Thank you!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48aca923a0fe3-book>

Family Links Needs Your Help in the Kitchen!

Family Links is making dinner for our staff during parent teacher conferences on 2/19 and 2/24. If you would like to help, please go to the links below to sign up. Thank you!



Winter Conference Meals MLE - TACO BAR :

<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508054EADA929AA8-winter/21033125>

Winter Conference Meals MLE - PASTA BAR :

<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508054EADA929AA8-winter1/25375955>

Rock On!

Miss Bernat has just started a new music website for students and parents. It will feature pictures and video of student work and some music education resources. Check it out!

www.MurrayLakeMusicians.Weebly.Com

Upcoming Events:

Monday, February 16

NO SCHOOL—Mid-winter Break

Tuesday, February 17

Book Fair (through February 24)

Thursday, February 19

Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:45 pm

Monday, February 23

KIDZ Have Rights, 3rd-4th gr

Tuesday, February 24

Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:45 pm

Wednesday, February 25

Ice Cream Sale during lunch

Thursday, February 26

4th Grade Music Program

BOX TOP RESULTS

For the week of February 9-14

Pupel: 2689

Titche: 1491

Blanding: 1337



The contest runs through February 17.

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

<http://www.lowellschools.com/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=17461&>