

Murray Lake Messenger

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February 21, 2019

From the Principal....

The St. Jude's Math-a-thon ended this week. As a school, we raised \$850! I'm so proud of what we've done as a community to help support this worthy cause. We truly have amazing families here at Murray Lake! We thank you for your participation!



Thank you also for helping us run another successful Food Fight! As a school, we were able to donate over 1,500 nonperishable food items to help support our community and FROM. Mrs. Cyrocki and Mrs. Durfee's class brought in the most items and have won a pizza party! Thank you so much for of your contributions!

Family Links has rescheduled the Movie in the Park (or gym since it is winter) to Friday, March 15. We will be showing the movie, *Paddington 2*. Seating begins at 5:30 pm. Showtime is at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. Money will be taken at the door. Popcorn and water will be available to purchase. All proceeds from concession sales will go toward the 5th grade field trip to Greenfield Village! Bring a comfy blanket and pillow to sit on and enjoy this terrific movie with our MLE community. If you plan to attend, please RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ACA923A0FE3-mlefam1> so we can be sure we have enough snacks for everyone!

Mark your calendars for our rescheduled Blood Drive. The Blood Drive will be on March 11, 2:00-7:15 pm in the gym. We need your help more than ever – blood is a precious gift for which we can only rely on each other. Please sign up if you are able to donate. All students who sign someone up receive a super cool bracelet!

https://donate.miblood.org/donor/auth/signin?_ga=2.63380523.585885319.1548337873-178364937.1547822960

As I pour over our mid-year Murray Lake Data (DIBELS and MAP), I am extremely impressed. Murray Lake students, on average, grow academically at a rate that is well above the national norm average. What that means is that when a typical MLE student leaves our school, he/she is well above the national norm average. This can only be accomplished with great teachers, students, and parents. I thank you for your continued support at home and the way you challenge your children to do their very best in school.

There was lots of learning taking place here at Murray Lake this week! I hope you all enjoy your extended mid-winter break weekend. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday! Murray Lake is a GREAT place to be!

Molly Burnett, Principal

We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Upcoming Events:



Friday, February 22

No school

Wednesday, February 27

Book Fair begins

Thursday, February 28

March is Reading Month Kick-off, 2:30

Friday, March 1

Ice Cream Sale during lunch

School Store during lunch

Make Your Mark Shirt Day

cont.

Saturday, March 3

Softball Tryouts, 5th-7th gr girls, 4-6:30 pm, LHS

Monday, March 4

Mother Son Dance, K-5th gr, 6-8 pm, LHS

Tuesday, March 5

Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:45

Wednesday, March 6

Father Daughter Dance, 2nd &

3rd gr, 6:30-8:00 pm, LHS

Thursday, March 7

Parent Teacher Conferences,

4:30-8:45



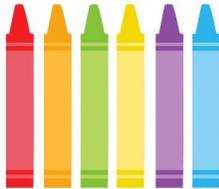
MUSIC PROGRAM DATES

Mon, April 29:
K/1st gr Music Program, 2:00 pm

Mon, May 20:
4th/5th gr Music Program, 2:00 pm



Kindergarten Information Packets will be available March 4!



Parents of children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2019, are encouraged to retrieve information and complete forms online at www.lowellschools.com, or pick up a kindergarten packet at the school office where your child will be attending.

The Kindergarten Round Up visitation will include your child enjoying a 45-minute classroom experience with a kindergarten teacher while the parents meet with the school principal for an information meeting.

Online instructions and visitation scheduling information will be provided in the coming weeks. Until then, save the date!

Murray Lake Elementary - Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Alto Elementary - Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Bushnell Elementary - Friday, April 19, 2019 (Parent Mtg—3/19/19, 6:30 pm) Please note: Students that will be attending Bushnell in the fall and are attending Bushnell preschools will not need to attend round up.



MOVIE NIGHT IS MARCH 15!

Go to the link below to RSVP:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ACA923A0FE3-mlefamily1>

BLOOD DRIVE 3/11. PLEASE HELP!

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan has issued an emergency appeal for blood donations.

Snow storms and record-breaking sub-zero temperatures recently paralyzed the state, causing a sharp decline in donations. The winter blast forced the cancellation of more than 80 community blood drives, resulting in 3,000 lost donations last month.

Schedule your appointment today!

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Murray Lake Elementary School
03/11/19 (02:00 pm - 07:15 pm)

Curiosity Corner Preschool 2019-2020 School Year



Registration starts March 4, 2019

Register online or in person.

700 Elizabeth Street Lowell MI 49331

www.lowellschools.com under preschool

616-987-2693

In the end, it's a good beginning that counts!

Make Your Mark Shirt Day Reminder!

We always wear our shirts on the FIRST Friday of the month (which will be next Friday, 3/1)!

Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

Our Book Fair will be 2/26-3/8. Please go to the link below to sign up:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a8ad2ba2f49-book.

Thank you!



Congrats to our Staff Member of the Month, Meagan Baker!

Amy Pike commented, "Meagan works so diligently with the students she sees for speech. She really spends the time getting to know them and helping them be successful in the classroom. I think she goes above and beyond for her students!"

"I love being able to work with the staff and students at Murray Lake. The collaboration and teamwork in the Murray Lake community is wonderful! I am so thankful for the support and encouragement offered by the teachers and staff. I love watching my students progress towards their goals and enjoy being able to establish meaningful relationships with each of them. Murray Lake is a great place to be!" commented Meagan Baker.



Congrats to our Volunteers of the Month, Cheri Krueger and Lindsay Kepley!

Lori Cyrocki said, "I'm so grateful for their help in the classroom and for making all 24 of my students "My Intent" bracelets. We love our volunteers! Thank you for taking the time out of your day to help make MLE a better place to be."



Cheri commented, "I love Murray Lake! I love volunteering because I like to help out the teachers at Murray lake as much as possible. The staff at Murray Lake is amazing, and have such great attitudes. They always have a smile on, and have made me feel very welcome. If there is any bit I can help, like reading to kids, help with writing, or finishing projects, it means so much to me. It means so much to see the kids in the classroom learn, open up to me, and grow throughout the year. I am very honored to be able to help and work with these kids!"

"I love volunteering at MLE. It is an awesome way to connect with teachers, staff, and students. I enjoy seeing my kids interact with their classmates and I feel more involved in their academics when I can watch firsthand what they are working on. The teachers and staff at MLE put so much time and effort into providing our kids with a great education, volunteering is just my way of saying "thank you" for all they do for us!" said Kepley.



Winter Gear Reminder!

Please send your child to school with a coat, gloves or mittens, a hat, boots, and snowpants.

Our students enjoy two outdoor recesses each day, unless the wind chill is at or below zero. Recess is more fun when you're dressed for the weather!

Please return borrowed clothing as well. Our office supply is running low! We're especially in need of little girl pants. Thank you!

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

www.lowellschools.com/student-activities/