Murray Lake Messenger

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February 5, 2016

From the Principal....

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 pickup 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.

Also, **PLEASE ALWAYS BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR OUR BUSSES.** We have many parents who are NOT stopping at our stop sign out of the parking area. We need you to stop and let our busses through. This has become quite an issue the past few weeks. Our bus drivers are afraid they are going to hit a car that does not stop. 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. Thanks for your help with this.

I want to congratulate Becky Newland who was named our Volunteer of the Month for January. Becky has been volunteering in her third grade son, Owen's, classroom and her triplets' classroom. "Becky is always looking for ways to help out. She is actively involved here at Murray Lake. I feel so lucky to have this great parent in my classroom," commented third grade teacher, Sue Wilterink.

I also want to congratulate Maria McGovern who was named our Staff Member of the Month. Maria is a compassionate and patient kindergarten teacher at Murray Lake. She dedicates herself to our youngest learners and is very deserving of this recognition.

I received a nice thank you note from Gilda's Club. They said that they were very grateful for the generous donation of paper goods, wipes, storage bags, Kool-Aid, soap, and play dough as part of Pink it Forward. We will again be wearing our pink this next Monday, February 8.

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**!**

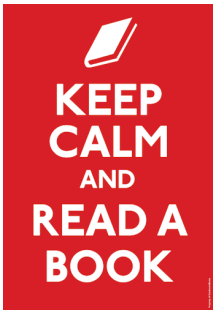
Brent R. Noskey, Principal

Mrs. Byrne's class snowshoeing at The Wittenbach Center.

We value: Trustworthiness Respect Responsibility Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Accelerated Readers!



5 PTS
Elise Golden
Remmi Beauchamp
Evan Dressander

10 PTS
Alex Peel
Lilah Cone
Clayton Inman
Trinity Johnson
Jordyn Lesky

25 PTS
Sophia Bergsma
Delani Ostrander
Lily Richards
Natalie VanLaan
Irene Williams
Ava Skoog

Caden Dennie
Jonah Liebig
Grace Simkins
Landen Butler
Max Davidson
Kaylie Earls
Emma Bruwer
Eli Hawk
Taylor Rasch
Peter VanderMeulen
Seth Cross
Aidan McGann
Gracen Simmons
Emily Swint
Quinn Wood
Caden Cone
Davis Ferguson
Payton Hoffman
Makenzie Simkins
Caden Brown
Graham Rutz
Avery Miller
Grace Richmond
Noah VanLaan
Grace VanTimmeren

50 PTS
Taylor Clark
Abigail German
Nicholas Lothian

Megan McDonald
Matilyn Vogel
Rylee Nichols
Grace Hough
Hannah Liebig
Kaitlyn Hofman
Alyse Miles
Kylee Eggerding

75 PTS
Adelyn Clark
Ari McFarland
Isabel Fabiano
Lily Hornik
Jason Korzen
Kaitlyn Smith
Stephanie Spinella
Nathan Mohr
Jacob Rapelje
Faith VanDuinen
Sydney Darling
Jillian Fabis
Julia Meier
Jonathan Rapelje
Liam TenHarmsel
Kaya Bender
Krista Jungblut
Jack Rickert

100 PTS
Thomas Judge
Savannah Brown
Avery Miles
Jeffrey Richards
Olivia Staley
Sophia Campos
Leah Davidson
Katrina Sandman
Ella Acheson
Owen Newland
Jack Rickert

125 PTS
Nicholas Williams
Carter Peel

150 PTS
Brody Koewers

175 PTS
Griffin Ponchaud
Elle Jenks
Isabel Saffell
Logan Acheson

200 PTS
Logan Acheson
J.D. Bacon
Cadance Ferguson

Jonah Phillips

225 PTS
Benjamin Bromley
Lauren Visscher
J.D. Bacon
Cadance Ferguson
Jonah Phillips

300 PTS
Ramsey Ponchaud

375 PTS
Hope Kanouse

400 PTS
Hope Kanouse

425 PTS
Hunter Stepanovich
Connor Smith

450 PTS
Connor Smith

475 PTS
Joseph Kovacs

500 PTS
Joseph Kovacs

Upcoming Events:

Friday, February 5
Air Zoo, Alto Elementary, 6:30 pm

Monday, February 8
Pink It Forward Day

Tuesday, February 9
3rd Grade Music Program,
2:00 pm

Wednesday, February 10
Count Day

Friday, February 12
Eldridge to Fountain View, 9:45-11:15 am

BOX TOP RESULTS
For the week of February 1-5

Pupel:	**1130**
Titche:	**1114**
Blanding:	**979**

Keep the labels coming!
The contest runs through February 19.

Please note: We no longer take Spartan or Michigan Apple labels.

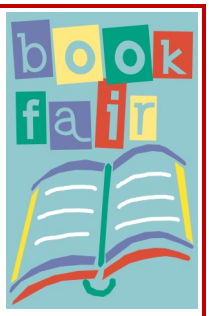
Information regarding student activities and community events can be found under Extracurricular Activities on the Murray Lake Elementary website at:
http://www.lowellschools.com/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=17461&

Murray Lake AR Winners

Pictured left to right: Alyse Miles, Hope Kanouse, Izzy McMullin, J.D. Bacon, & Jason Korzen

Pictured above are Murray Lake Elementary's Meijer gift card winners for January. Each month Murray Lake students earn reading slips for each 10 Accelerated Reader (AR) points they earn. At the end of each month five names are drawn and these students receive $10 Meijer gift cards. Murray Lake students have accumulated over 18,000 AR points and are well on their way to reaching their goal of 37,000 points.

Spring Book Fair coming 2/16-2/26



The Book Fair will be open during school and Parent-Teacher conferences (fair hours subject to change depending on volunteer availability). The Book Fair will be located in the extra 5th gr classroom.

You can also order online 2/2 to 2/22:
http://onlinebookfairs.scholastic.com/default.aspx?f=3513442

Daily Schedule:
Tuesday, 2/16—9 am-3:30 pm
Wednesday, 2/17—9 am-3:30 pm
Thursday, 2/18—9 am-9 pm
Friday, 2/19—11:30 am-1:30 pm
Mon 2/22—CLOSED
Tues 2/23—11:30 am-1:30 pm
Wed 2/24—11:30 am-1:30 pm
Thursday—2/25 11:30 am- 9 pm
Friday 2/26—LAST CALL, 9 am-10 am

Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground.
-Theodore Roosevelt

Family Links needs Book Fair Volunteers!

Please copy/paste the link below into your browser & sign up now:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0945a8ac2fa3fc1-2016

Grandparent Camp!

Registration is now open for the 2016 Grandparents Grandkids Grand Valley G3 Camp which will take place June 21-23, 2016! This is a great opportunity for kids 8-12 years old and their grandparents. Daily sessions, taught by GVSU faculty and staff will involve grandparents and grandkids exploring topics in science, mathematics, engineering, technology, health science, and law enforcement, just to name a few. Register for sessions early to get the best selection! A limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. The completed application is due no later than April 29, 2016.

Check out the G3 Camp website for all registration and scholarship information at www.gvsu.edu/g3 . To assist you in getting the word out to your students and their families about this exciting camp, we have attached a flier. We hope that you will encourage your parents, students, and teachers to consider attending *Grandparents, Grandkids, Grand Valley (G3) Camp*. Please contact Diane Miller at the Regional Math & Science Center at GVSU at (616) 331-2267 or atmilledi@gvsu.edu with any questions.

PINK IT FORWARD!

Next Monday, February 8, is another Pink It Forward day! Please encourage your children to wear pink. We are still collecting wish list items for Gilda's Club, but are asking parents to consider making a $10 contribution to the LEF for the technology initiative rather than monetary donations to Gilda's this month. Thank you!