

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal....

Our second AR “check point” is just around the corner. We have set some grade level goals for our students to hit by March 1: **second grade-25 points, third grade-35 points, fourth grade-45 points, and fifth grade-55 points.** Please sit down with your child and review where he/she is with his/her AR points. Many of our students are well past these goals and have set their own personal AR targets. We do have a few students who I am very concerned with, as they are well below these March 1 targets. Many who are below are the students who **NEED** to be practicing their reading. I have mentioned many times before that the number one way for a child to improve in his/her reading is to practice. AR gives us a perfect way to monitor this practice. The teachers and I truly need your support with this. Please find a way to carve out quiet reading time during the week and on the weekend. I appreciate your support with encouraging your child to read.

Several of our teachers were out of the building on Tuesday at a conference on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Our team of teachers will be working on a new system of addressing both negative and positive behaviors in our building. We have great students in our buildings, but do realize there is more we can do in terms of holding ALL students accountable for their behaviors. This includes recognizing our students who exhibit positive behaviors most of the time they are at MLE. If you have any suggestions for us in regard to addressing student behaviors at MLE, please feel free to email or call me with suggestions. As we progress through the PBIS process, I will continue to share information about how we implement these interventions and supports.

I again want to thank our student council for running an outstanding blood drive, even though they couldn't be there on the actual day of the drive. We had 48 registered donors show up last Thursday. Of these, 36 were able to give blood. This was way more than we expected, especially due to the weather conditions. Thank you again to all of you who braved the conditions and gave blood.

I hope to see many of you at the Offrink Spaghetti dinner and Murray Lake Night Basketball Game. I know it will be a great night for all involved.

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



We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Accelerated Readers!

<p>5 PTS Dylan Anderson Julian Schultz-Forward James Jannenga</p> <p>10 PTS Thomas Judge Brooklyn Elsie Connor Wood McGuire Carpenter Grace Cadwell Rylei Weller Morgan Diekevers Katelyn Farstvedt Owen Kreps Brennen Nelson</p> <p>20 PTS Delani Ostrander</p> <p>25 PTS Griffin Ponchaud Aiden Schmidt Caleb Velting Brooke Ellsworth Samuel Martin Dethan Hawk Skye-Ann Sturgeon Makenzie Simkins</p>	<p>Sofia Bosco Evan Cloutre Makiyah Collazo Graham Rutz Brady Swift Ella Curtis Jacob Graham Jacquelyn Landman Ellery Ostrander</p> <p>50 PTS Lily Richards Lanndon Hamilton Catherine Schipper Patrick deVoest Jillian Fabis Chris Elwell Nolan Jannenga Katelyn Meyers Max Stoner Brenden Wittenbach Brody McVey Kyra Mears Alex Steil Alexis Clark Aubree Lee</p> <p>75 PTS Krista Jungblut Sydney Darling</p>	<p>Owen Newland Blake Bennett Dallas Hornik Hayden Lowrie Khloe Delnick Zachary Bannan Marcus McDonald Jacob Hofman Jacob Rapelje</p> <p>100 PTS Ella Acheson Alexis Berrington Isabel Saffell Laiken Anderson Emily German Olivia Torline</p> <p>125 PTS Kaylee Byrne Joseph Graham Kaden Northup Madalin Petersen</p> <p>150 PTS Colton Byrne Elle Jenks Ari McFarland</p>	<p>175 PTS Lauren Visscher Ali Bredwell Jacob DeVries Ari McFarland</p> <p>200 PTS Ramsey Ponchaud Alex Covert</p> <p>225 PTS Nick Williams J.D. Bacon</p> <p>250 PTS Nick Williams J.D. Bacon</p> <p>300 PTS Joseph Kovacs</p> <p>325 PTS Joseph Kovacs</p> <p>375 PTS Jade Karasiewicz</p> <p>400 PTS Jade Karasiewicz Hunter Stepanovich</p>	<p>425 PTS Hunter Stepanovich</p> <p>450 PTS Hope Kanouse</p> <p>500 PTS Hanna DeVries</p>
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Upcoming Events:

Friday, February 6

Offrink Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 5-7:30 pm,
LHS Cafeteria

Elementary Night, 6:00 & 7:30 bball games, LHS

Tuesday, February 10

Parent Teacher Conference forms due
KIDZ Have Rights Consent letters due

Wednesday, February 11

Count Day
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Monday, February 16

NO SCHOOL—Mid-winter Break

Thursday, February 19

Book Fair begins
Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:45 pm

BOX TOP RESULTS

For the week of February 2-6

Pupel: 886

Titche: 819

Blanding: 744



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&>

Murray Lake AR Winners



Each time Murray Lake Elementary students earn 10 Accelerated Reader (AR) points they are entered into a drawing for monthly \$10 Meijer gift cards. This month's winners pictured left to right were: Laiken Anderson, TJ Hollern, Gracyn Hamilton, Graham Rutz, and Taylor Rasch. Murray Lake students have now passed 12,512 AR quizzes and have earned over 19,000 AR points. They are well on their way to hitting their goal of 36,000 points.



Purple Pride!

Pictured above is first grade student Elyse Veldman (brown boots with red below knees) surrounded by many Murray Lake friends. Murray Lake held a Purple Day this past Monday to bring attention to Cystic Fibrosis. Elyse suffers from this awful childhood disease and battles it each and every day. The Murray Lake Student Council organized the day to bring attention to the disease and to support Elyse and the 30,000 other children and adults in the United States who have this disease. For more information or to make a donation in Elyse's honor you can visit www.cff.org.

Murray Lake Blood Drive a Success



The Murray Lake Student Council has held a blood drive for the past seven years. Unfortunately, the last two years' drives have been on days with awful weather conditions. This year's blood drive took place last Thursday when school was canceled due to weather conditions.

Despite school being closed, Michigan Blood Consultant, Wendy Berg-DeWeerd, asked the district if the drive could still be held, "I was so appreciative that Mr. Pratt and Mr. Noskey allowed us to have this drive. We had three other drives canceled on that date, and due to the inclement weather, we have had many local hospitals are running short on their blood supplies. I was so happy that we were able to have the drive. I know the weather kept some people from coming, but we were still well over the average blood drive numbers at Murray Lake."

Forty eight people signed in for the drive. Thirty six of these potential donors were able to give. There were eight first time donors. Alan Kreps and Ryan Wittenbach earned gallon pins for their donation. The Murray Lake students are hoping for better weather next year.

Pictured above: Lowell High School teacher, Tim Dimmick, getting ready to donate blood.

Spring Book Fair

2/18-2/25

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 on-line
2/12-3/4:

www.bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/murraylakele

HELP WANTED

The Lowell Area Schools Transportation Department is looking for school bus drivers! A CDL B with a P and S preferred, however, we are willing to train! Successful applicants will have an excellent driving record, good communication skills, and be able to work a school year schedule. Maybe you know a retiree (even snow birds) who might be interested in supplementing their retirement income! Please give us a call if you or someone you know may be interested. (616) 987-2540.