

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal...

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is next Monday. We do have a half day of school that day. In the past, it's been debated whether or not we should have school on this day. To be honest, I appreciate it when we do. This allows our teachers to bring attention to Dr. King and explain the impact he's had on our nation. Although we still have a long way to go in terms of race relations in our country, I am thankful for the progress we've made, which can be attributed to Dr. King's efforts back in the 1960s. I saw a lot of quality instruction throughout classrooms this week focusing on this topic. You can be certain on Monday and throughout the remainder of the school year that our students will be learning the importance of Dr. King's contributions to our country.

The 5th Grade Spelling Bee is coming up on Monday as well, 9:30 am, in the gym. This will be streamed virtually if you'd like to watch live from home or work, <https://meet.google.com/abn-ffmt-scu?authuser=0&hs=122&ijlm=1671135553016>. Parents can also attend in person if they'd like. I'm looking forward to this event! Congratulations to the following students who made it to the final round: Mrs. Henige's class - Taryn Freyling, Anna Kushion, Delaney Powell, Jacob Schneider, and Lucy Simon. Mr. Jacobus' class - Teague Albert, Brynlee Burgnon, Chloe Claire, Caroline DeJong, and Tavis Gramza. Mr. Jablonski's class - Marley Abram, Parker Banks, Taylor Blasius, Caleb Holdridge, and Auggie Weston. Best of luck to all of the participants!



Murray Lake is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 8. The need is higher than ever, so please give if you are able! Please help your child recruit people to come to our Blood Drive. Over 200 units of blood are needed each day by our local hospitals. Up to three people can be saved from one pint of donated blood. If you'd like to schedule an appointment, you can do so online at https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/137688 or email Julie Simmons, jimmmons@lowellschools.com.

Our students have been taking the NWEA MAP and Acadience tests this week. You should be getting results home soon. Just a reminder to you that this testing is just a mid year check in. Our students haven't been taught everything that they were tested on yet so don't stress! Our students are making so much growth in all areas! This data is mostly for teachers to inform their instruction for the remainder of the year.

We had another terrific week here at Murray Lake! I saw many examples of quality teaching and learning taking place each day. Murray Lake is a GREAT place to be. Have a wonderful weekend.

Molly Burnett, Principal

PBIS Lunch with the Principal & on the Stage!



We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Upcoming Events:

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/2 Day of School, 12:00 dismissal
5th Spelling Bee, 9:15
Bright Beginnings Playgroup, 9:30-10:30

Tuesday, January 17

Steils/Wills to WWC, 9:10-1:30
Simmons to Lowell Museum, 9:10-1:55

Wednesday, January 18

Simmons to Lowell Museum, 9:10-1:55



"I have decided to stick with love, for I know that love is ultimately the only answer to mankind's problems."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.
August 16, 1967

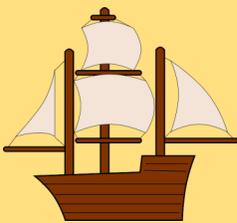
Polar Plunge Fundraiser!

Molly & Mila, two of our students at MLE, are raising funds to donate to The Special Olympics! There are collections jars in the classrooms & our office! Please consider sending in some change to help our students do some good & make a difference!

#bettertogether
#allin



5th Grade Ship Art!



Mrs. Neu-becker's Homie Gnomies' art!



I NEED TO STAY HOME IF ...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM ...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication (ie Tylenol, Motrin)	Free from vomiting for 24 hours	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school
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Attn: Elementary Parents/Guardians!

BookNook is an outside agency that has been approved by the Michigan Department of Education to offer On-line Literacy Tutoring at no cost. Lowell Area Schools is extending this literacy tutoring opportunity for interested parents of K-5 students. Please see attached details.



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

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