

# Murray Lake Messenger

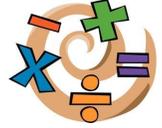
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## From the Principal....

For the past eleven years, Murray Lake has participated in the St. Jude's Math a Thon. Over these years, we have raised almost \$25,000 for St. Jude's Hospital. We will again participate in the Math a Thon this year. Your child should have brought home a form explaining how they can get involved with this. I feel so grateful that my two kids have always been healthy. It is so sad to see families struggle with children who are ill. St. Jude's Research Hospital has helped to find treatment and hope for many children who battle a childhood disease. Please consider allowing your son or daughter to participate in this worthwhile cause. All fundraising packets are due by Friday, February 8.



Monday is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We do have school. 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. You can be certain that our students will spend part of the day learning the importance of Dr. King's contributions to our country.



We held the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Bee this week. Congratulations to all 30 of the students who participated in this event. After many rounds of words, we finally declared our winners. Congratulations to our champion, McGuire Carpenter, and to our runner up, Jack Hughes. We sure have some talented kids here at Murray Lake.

Our student council is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 6, from 2:00-7:15 pm. 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 [donate.miblood.org/portal](https://donate.miblood.org/portal), or email Julie Simmons, [jsimmons@lowellschools.com](mailto:jsimmons@lowellschools.com).



**PADDINGTON 2** Family Links is holding a Movie in the Park (or gym since it is winter) on Friday, February 8. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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-mlefamly>, so we can ensure that we have enough snacks for everyone!

The annual Food Fight is almost upon us once again! If you are able to, please have your students bring in canned and dry goods to their classrooms, January 21-February 1. The class that brings in the most food items will win a pizza party. Last year, Murray Lake brought in the most food items in the ENTIRE DISTRICT! Let the competition begin!



We had another terrific week here at Murray Lake, even with the two ice days! 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

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 21

MAP Testing

St Jude's Math-a-thon begins

Food Fight begins

Lancioni to WWC, 9:15-12:00

Henry & Ramona, 3-5 gr, 12:30, LPAC

### Tuesday, January 22

MAP Testing

Released Time Bible Study, 9:00

Geography Bee, 2:30 (moved from 1/21)

### Wednesday, January 23

MAP Testing

### Thursday, January 24

MAP Testing

### Friday, January 25

MAP Testing

Eldridge to Ftn View, 9:40-11:20

School Store during lunch

Elementary Night at Bball, LHS, 5:30

## Important Dates

- ♦ Math A Thon runs from 1/21-2/8.
- ♦ F.R.O.M. Food Fight runs from 1/21-2/1.
- ♦ Blood Drive: Wednesday, 2/6, 2:00-7:15 pm. Sign up at [donate.miblood.org/portal](http://donate.miblood.org/portal) or email [jsimmons@lowellschools.com](mailto:jsimmons@lowellschools.com).
- ♦ Book Fair will be here 2/26-3/8! Volunteers will be needed. More info to follow.
- ♦ Parent Teacher Conferences: 3/5 & 3/7.

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## News from Music Class...

We are jumping right back in to our music goals after a restful holiday break. In kindergarten and first grade, we are working on coordinating our breathing and singing, exploring steady beat motions for both macro and microbeats, creating various locomotor movements based on the words of a song, experiencing different instrument timbres, and singing the resting tone. The resting tone is the "home-base" of a song – the pitch that all of the other music in the song leads back to.

Second and third grades are doing activities that focus on rhythmic and tonal ostinatos (a musical pattern that repeats throughout the song), moving rhythmically and fluidly to music with asymmetrical macrobeats, and creating their own rhythm patterns using their voice and instruments. We are accompanying music with various small percussion instruments, as well. For example, third grade is using the song "Who Has Seen the Wind?" and accompanying it with wind chimes and hand drums.

Fourth and fifth grades are working on creating group motions that fit the form of a song, singing in multiple parts and in rounds, and reviewing fingerings/chords for the recorder and ukulele, respectively. Fifth grade will also be doing some preparation for our upcoming field trip to hear the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra on February 15. We will be discussing the basics of the orchestra, such as concert etiquette, concert seating, and what they can expect to see the performers doing on stage. We will also be discussing the story or history behind a few of the pieces we will hear the orchestra perform.

## National School Board Appreciation Month

January is National School Board Appreciation Month. Many of you probably don't know the members of our school board as their work is done behind the scenes. However, I do want to recognize them here in our newsletter, as they volunteer MANY hours to our district and have done an amazing job of guiding our district to the success we have had over the years. So please join me in thanking our school board members! Pictured are: (back row L-R) Pat Nugent, Dan Stephens, and (front row L-R) Kelly Kroll (Student Rep), Gary Blough, Jim Turner, Laurie Kuna, and Brian Krajewski. Not pictured: Tom Kaywood.



THANK YOU!

## Board Recognition

Superintendent Greg Pratt honored our school board members last night for their countless hours of dedication to our students, families and community. We thank the Lowell Area Schools Board for their service.

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/>