

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal....

Please return borrowed clothing. We need small sizes and shoes! Thanks!

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season! Winter has arrived in full force! It is good to be back and into the swing of things even though this week felt a little different with all of the snow days. I look forward to a great 2024 for Murray Lake.

January is National School Board Appreciation Month! We are thankful for the seven members who serve our school community. They are vital in shaping the direction and effectiveness of LAS and making decisions that impact students' educational experience and the community's overall success. To Brian Krajewski, Laurie Kuna, Pat Nugent, Tom Kaywood, Jessica Curtis, Jennifer Dougherty, and Jared Blough, we thank you for your dedication to helping us create "Learners today. Leaders tomorrow. Red Arrows for life."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was this week. We did not have school that day but classrooms did 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 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 was held this week on January 18th. The kids did a fabulous job! I'm so proud of each and every one of them for their efforts. Congratulations to the following students who made it to the final round: Mrs. Henige's class: Will Cunningham, Nona Roth, Landrie Swayze, Eva Szucs, and Paul Werner. Mr. Jablonski's class: Tessa Culver, Dexter Hayden, Mason Krause, Jack Meyers, and Lydia Ort. Mr. Jacobus' class: Ella Aldrich, Mae Conley, Blake Johnson, Aria Sonke, and Brady Wahl. Congratulations to our 2 finalists, Will Cunningham-1st place, and Landrie Swayze-Runner up. These two will go on to compete in the county spelling bee soon.

The kids seemed energized and ready to be back at school. The building always feels better when it is full of amazing kids and staff. I have seen many quality examples of high level teaching and learning going on in our classrooms this week. Murray Lake is a GREAT place to be! Enjoy your long weekend.

Molly Burnett, Principal



Spelling Bee Winners L to R: Will Cunningham, 1st pl, & Landrie Swayze, Runner Up!



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 22

Wills to Museum, 9:10-1:40

Tuesday, January 23

Wills to Museum, 9:10-1:40

Friday, January 26

Mustang Market

Tuesday, January 30

Simmons to Museum, 9:05-1:45

L. Kohl to WWC, 9:10-11:40

Wednesday, January 31

Simmons to Museum, 9:05-1:45

Breuker/Washburn to WWC, 9:15-12:30

Blood Drive!

Our student council is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, February 8, 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.

You can sign up to donate at https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/151951.



**Thursday
February**

8

2:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



*NO PURCH. NEC. MI, OH, IL, IN, and WI residents only. Ends 2/14/24. One drawing; two (2) winners. Enter by blood donation on online. See Official Rules and online entry form at versiti.org/getaway. Sponsor: Versiti, Inc., 638 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.

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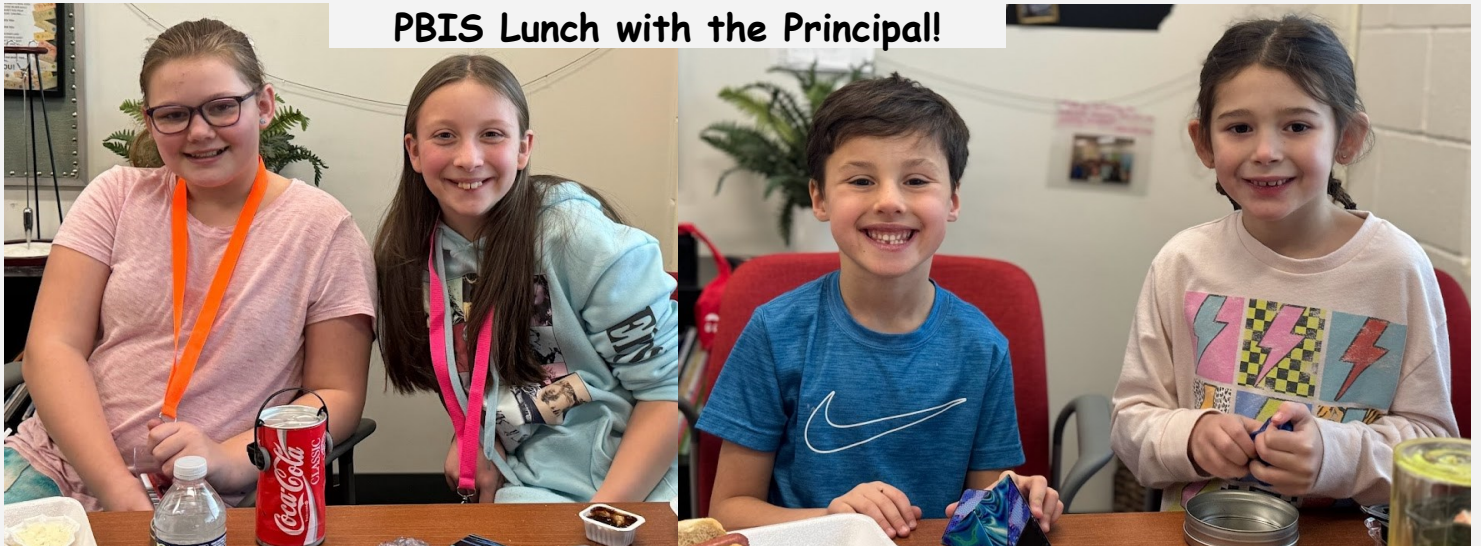
LOCATION: GYM

Please sign up to donate!!!
Call 866-642-5663 or <https://bit.ly/MurrayLake>
OR USE THE QR CODE Below:

Donate and get away! All attempting donors will be entered for a chance to win 1 of 2 weekend getaway packages including lodging, gas, and spending money to a destination of their choice.*



PBIS Lunch with the Principal!



MYTH: GOING OUTSIDE IN COLD WEATHER WILL MAKE YOU SICK



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

THE FACTS:

- Colds and the flu are caused by viruses
- Viruses occur more in winter because people are indoors more, humidity is lower, and having a lower body temperature weakens the immune system
- You can get hypothermia or frostbite from the cold

THE BOTTOM-LINE:

Cold weather can make you more susceptible to viruses, but going outside while it's cold will not make you sick.



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/>