

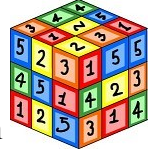
# Murray Lake Messenger

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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. Your child will bring home a form today explaining how they can get involved with this. I feel so grateful that my three boys 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.



The Student Council will also be running a water drive for Flint. By now, you have all heard the nightmare that Flint families are going through. We are going to collect bottled water for Flint families through February 5. Art Van has agreed to bring the water to Flint. Please consider donating a case or two of water for these Flint families.

If your child has a special talent and would like to showcase this talent at our Community EXPO on Saturday, March 26, please call our office and let us know. In the past, we have had Murray Lake students dance, sing, and play an instrument on the stage during the EXPO.



We have certainly had some chilly weather lately. It does not look like there is a lot of relief in sight. If the wind chill is above zero, we do go outside for recess. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for these cold temperatures.

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.

Brent R. Noskey, Principal

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Respect Responsibility  
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

## Upcoming Events:

### Monday, January 25

MAP Testing

Student Council Flint Water

Collection begins (thru 2/5)

Girls Scouts Blanket Drive begins  
(thru 2/8)

### Tuesday, January 26

MAP Testing

Wear **Purple** Day for Cystic Fybroisis

### Wednesday, January 27

MAP Testing

Eldridge to WWC, 9-11:45 pm

### Thursday, January 28

MAP Testing

Breuker/Washburn to WWC,  
9:15-11:45

### Friday, January 29

MAP Testing

Open AR Testing, 8:20-8:40,  
Computer Lab

Cyrocki/Manske to WWC,  
9:10-11:45

Box Tops Contest begins (thru 2/19)

## On deck...



- ◆ The next **Box Tops Contest** is starting **1/29** & will run through **2/19**. Please gather your box tops now! Also, if you'd like to help out, copy/paste this link into your browser: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084badaa2aa0f85-boxtops> to sign up.
- ◆ Courtesy of Family Links, students can take **AR tests** in the computer lab now on **Fridays from 8:20-8:40 am!** Only independent students will be allowed (unless a parent is present with the student needing assistance). This opportunity will be available every Friday for the rest of the school year!
- ◆ The **\$10 for Tech Campaign & Collection** begins **2/1** & runs through **2/10** (see below).
- ◆ Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up in **February (18 & 25)!** You will once again be able to sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com> on **2/2 & 2/3**. More information coming soon.
- ◆ **Elementary Night at the Boys & Girls High School Basketball Games** is **2/19**.

# Technology & Learning

The Lowell Education Foundation is kicking off the new year with a fundraiser that will raise money for technology purchases for our schools.

Titled "\$10 for Technology," the fundraiser will run from 2/1 through 2/10. The foundation is asking all students to donate \$10. The money raised from these donations will purchase technology that will go directly into our classrooms. This fundraiser is separate from the annual LEF grants that support learning in Lowell schools each year. There will be incentives for students who donate.

Look for more information in the coming weeks about this fundraiser and how you can help. One of the biggest ways to help will be to help spread the word! Thanks for your support!

**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&>