

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal....

Murray Lake Elementary has some great news to report. Our school was named a Reward School for the state of Michigan. There are 219 schools that met the reward school criteria for 2015-16. Schools identified as Reward Schools are those that did not receive a red scorecard and have achieved one or more of the following distinctions:

- *Top 5 percent of schools on the Top-to-Bottom list
- *Top 5 percent of schools making the greatest gains in achievement
- *Beating the Odds by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools

Murray Lake was in the top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom list for high performance and high progress! This is something for which our students and teachers should be very proud.



Our student council is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, February 9th from 2:00-7:00 p.m. We sent a flyer about the Blood Drive last week. Please help your child recruit people to come to our Blood Drive. Our student council members have set a goal of 100 donors. Our record was in 2006 when we had 117 donors show up. 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. Students will receive a wrist band each time someone calls in and signs up on their behalf. Also, the student who signs up the most adults will earn a pizza party for his or her classroom. Please consider calling to set up a time for our blood drive, or, as the flyer mentions, you can register at donate.miblood.org/donor.

Murray Lakes Family Links is holding a Movie in the Park (or gym since it is winter J) on Friday, March 3. This is the first time we have held an event like this so I'm super excited about it. We will be showing the movie "Zootopia." The cost is \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. Popcorn and water will be provided! Bring a comfy blanket to sit on and enjoy this terrific movie with our MLE community. If you are planning to attend, please return the RSVP attached or email family links at: FamilyLinks-MLE@lowellschools.com.

Date Correction! Mark your calendars for **March 15, 7 pm**, in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center. There will be a district wide presentation by Chris McKenna entitle "Protect Young Eyes." His website and blog can be found at <https://protectyouneyes.com>. Chris' goal is to help educate kids and parents on what kids can be exposed to on the internet and digital devices, but more importantly, he educates parents on how to keep their children safe. He has spoken at many local schools, all with very good reviews. This presentation is for PARENTS only.

The St. Jude's Math-a-thon has officially started! Please consider allowing your son or daughter to participate in this worthwhile cause. All fundraising packets are due by Friday, February 10.

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

We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

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Student Points

Adam Clouse	5
Annalyne Judge	10
Liam Kondor	10
Rex Moore	5
Morgan Newland	5
Avary Slanger	10
Ava Culver	5
Sophia Bergsma	50
Siena Bosco	50
Allyson Hollern	75
Benjamin Homolka	75
Clayton Inman	50
Carson Jackson	25
Seth Cross	25
Bryson Powell	10
Sydney Darling	50
Emma Jenks	75
Kaitlyn Kovacs	50
Megan Lillie	50
Owen Newland	100
Liam TenHarmsel	100
Alice Bredwell	175
Jadyn Young	75
Logan Acheson	100,
	125
Ellyonna Brown	50
Benjamin Gaskin	50

Jacob Graham	50
Elle Jenks	200,
	225
Hope Kanouse	425
Megan McDonald	75
Nathan Mohr	100
Lexie Organek	25
Jacob Rapelje	75
Ella Todd	125
Matilyn Vogel	100
Kaya Bender	175
Caden Cone	75
Josephine Elkins	50
P.J. Jones	25
Brody Koewers	75
Irene Williams	100
Lilah Cone	75
Trinity Johnson	75
Tucker Martin	25
Adelaide Plank	25
Isaac Ball	25
Logan Bledsoe	75
Alyse Miles	50
Tucker Wilk	50
J.D. Bacon	500
Caden Dennie	50
Jacob Hofman	125
Maya Kemp	275
Zachary Kistler	125

Brady Swift	75
Jacob VanDrie	75
Remmi Beauchamp	25
Thea Candela	25
Brenden Hill	25
Emmitt Visscher	50
Griffin Ponchaud	225
Elyse Veldman	25
Khalon Butler	5
Annabel Kooistra	10
Wesley Kreps	5
Harper Schaedig	10
Owen Wolf	5
John Graham	50
Cole Schulz	50
Brady Smith	75

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 30

MAP Testing

Tuesday, January 31

MAP Testing

Wednesday, February 1

MAP Testing

Thursday, February 2

MAP Testing

Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:30 pm

Friday, February 3

MAP Testing

Fuss/Picarazzi to WWC, 9:10-1:15

Ice Cream Sale during lunch

Each day of our lives we make deposits
in the memory banks of our
children.

Charles R. Swindoll



Welcome To Our New Student Teacher!

Mrs. Pupel's class has welcomed Miss Kelli Rowland to their class as a student teacher from Grand Valley State University. Miss Rowland is in her fifth year of college studying to be an elementary school teacher. She grew up in Cedar Springs and played soccer and volleyball during her high school years.



She will be graduating in April from GVSU after completing her student teaching. In her free time she likes to run and rollerblade to get exercise. She loves being outdoors. Welcome, Miss Rowland!



PTC Meal Signups...

Please copy/paste the link below to help with our first parent teacher conference meal next week!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054eada929aa8-winter4>



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&>

Purple Out at Murray Lake

It was a wave of purple in the hallways at Murray Lake yesterday. This was due to Murray Lake students and staff supporting our very own Elyse Veldman.

Elyse was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis (CF) several years ago. Thursday was CF Awareness Day. Over 400 MLE students and staff members found purple to wear to show Elyse their support.

Craig Veldman, his wife Tara, and Tara's sister and brother-in-law, Josh and Kristen Bruwer, hold an annual golf outing to raise money to help find a cure for CF. The outing, called "Hope for my Sister," is held every summer at Arrow Head Golf Course.



Pictured above is Elyse Veldman, center, surrounded by her classmates.



Happenings...

- ◆ The **Box Tops Contest** is ongoing & will run through 2/21. Please gather your box tops now!
- ◆ The **Math A Thon** runs through 2/10! You can register at http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?fr_id=64729&pg=entry.
- ◆ **Parent Teacher Conferences** are coming up (2/2 & 2/7)! You are now able to sign up online at signup-genius.com.
- ◆ **Book Fair** will be here 1/31-2/8! You can also go online & shop too! Online orders are shipped free to the school! <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/murraylake>
- ◆ **Blood Drive:** Thursday, 2/9, 2:00-7:00 pm. Sign up at donate.miblood.org/donor. There will also be sign up information attached, as well as hard copies in our office.

MLE SPELLING BEE 2017!

Pictured below are Murray Lake Elementary 2017 fifth grade spelling contestants. The spelling bee went over 20 rounds before Nathan Mohr was crowned the champion and Caden Dennie was named the runner-up. Congratulations!



Kindergarten Information Packets will be available February 9th!

Parents of children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2017, are encouraged to request or pick up a kindergarten packet full of important information regarding enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Kindergarten Round Up visitation for children turning 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017 will include your child enjoying a 45 minute classroom experience with a kindergarten teacher while the parents meet with the school Principal for an information meeting.

Kindergarten packets are available at Alto Elementary, Bushnell Elementary and Murray Lake Elementary. Please pick up a packet at the school office where your child will be attending and schedule a visitation time for you and your child.

Alto Elementary - Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Bushnell Elementary - Friday, April 14, 2017

Murray Lake Elementary - Thursday, April 13, 2017



Kids' Food Basket

It is hard to imagine that one in five kids in the state of Michigan are adversely affected by hunger. Kids' Food Basket is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization who works hard to have an impact on this issue.

Kids' Food Basket helps children get nourished to be their best, in school and in life. Through the Sack Supper program, kids receive nutritionally balanced meals, filling a gap that schools and parents often cannot afford to meet. KFB began serving 125 kids with these evening meals, and in one decade they have grown to serve over 6,000 kids at 35 elementary schools in greater Grand Rapids.

The first two weeks in February, Murray Lake Elementary would like to lend a hand. The students of Mrs. Wilterink's third grade class will be collecting sandwich sized baggies to be donated when they visit Kids' Food Basket on Valentine's Day. If every sack supper needs two baggies each night for the 6,000 each day... well that is..... a lot of baggies in a year! Please help!

Donations can be dropped off in the office between Feb 1 and Feb 13. If you belong to a group like The Boys Scouts/ Girl's Scouts, YMCA, a sports team, church youth group, or just want to have a group of your friends do something fun... then get together and decorate new lunch sacks! After you've made them awesome, just drop them off to the office as well! Who wouldn't want a delicious sack supper in a cool decorated lunch sack? For more information about Kids Food Basket, please visit their website: www.kidsfoodbasket.org.

News from the Transportation Department...

Just a friendly reminder that it is time for winter bus evacuation drills. We will be performing these drills Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of next week. The driver has the choice of doing them in the morning or the afternoon. This can make the bus run 5-10 minutes late. Thank you for your patience!

