

# Murray Lake Messenger

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## From the Principal....

Family Links is our PTO (parent group) that meets regularly throughout the school year. This parent group is a huge support to our school. They help us with fundraising and special events throughout the entire school year. This year has been different due to Covid, but we are hoping to resume some normalcy next year. We are currently looking for any parents that might be interested in attending one meeting a month and/or helping with various events throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact me, mburnett@lowellschools.com.



Murray Lake is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, March 11. Due to Covid restrictions, it will look a little different. The Michigan Blood Mobile Unit will be in our parking lot, 2:00-7:30 pm, and you will be able to donate blood there. I know there is a high need due to our current reality, 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, [https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/136488](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/136488).

Congratulations to our **Staff Member of the Month**, Christina Smith! Mrs. Smith was born and raised in sunny Arizona. Her family decided to move to Michigan a few years ago and we were lucky enough to hire her as one of our 4th grade teachers. Mrs. Smith was nominated because she always makes her students feel respected and excited for school. She is great at parent communication, has an excellent sense of humor, and is an awesome co-worker. Commented Smith, "I love the culture and sense of community here at Murray Lake! In such a challenging time in our world, I feel so fortunate to come to my classroom each day and share my passion for teaching with my students. The students, families, and staff give me a sense of home that makes missing Arizona impossible!"

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

### **Trimester 3 begins on March 8! Where will your student be?**

If your family is considering changing to virtual school for the third trimester, you must contact your school principal **before the end of the day on Friday, February 5**. Virtual families, check your inbox for more information.



**Congrats, Mrs. Smith!**



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Respect Responsibility

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Working together to: Achieve Academic Excellence

Build Self Esteem, and

Care for Others

## Upcoming Events

**Friday, 2/5**

Make Your Mark  
T-shirt Day

**Monday, 2/15**

Mid-Winter Break  
(No School)



**2/8-2/12**

Parent Teacher  
Conferences, Week #1

**3/15-3/19**

Parent Teacher  
Conferences, Week #2

**MLE is hosting a Blood Drive & we need your help, please!**

**When:** 3/11/21

2:00-7:30 pm

**Where:** Michigan Blood Mobile Unit, MLE parking lot

To sign up, please go to:

[donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/136488](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/136488)

Thank you!



## **HELP WANTED!**

Interested in helping supervise students during lunch? If so, please email Molly Burnett, [mburnett@lowellschools.com](mailto:mburnett@lowellschools.com). We are looking for a part-time paraprofessional to supervise students during lunch and recess. Thank you!

## **Covid Dashboard**

Kent ISD has a dashboard of COVID cases in schools across the county. A link to the dashboard is currently live in the COVID section at [lowellschools.com](https://lowellschools.com/covid). You can also view it by clicking on the link below:

<https://tableau.kentisd.org/t/COVID/views/KentISD-COVID-19SchoolDashboardLIVE/KentISDCOVID-19SchoolDashboard?isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&embed=y&refresh=y>

## **PBIS Store Fun!**



Mrs. Fuss' 4th grade class enjoys some retail therapy after earning Mustang Moments for positive behavior!



## **Internal Schools of Choice**

Attn Parents: Internal schools of choice applications for the 2021-22 school year will be available from April 12-May 14. You must submit your internal choice application to the elementary building of residence. The district will not accept internal choice applications prior to or after these dates. If you applied and were approved, it is not necessary to re-apply. Applications and open grade levels will be available on our website, [www.lowellschools.com](http://www.lowellschools.com), April 12, 2021.

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/>