

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal....

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season! It is good to be back and into the swing of things. I look forward to a great 2017 for Murray Lake.

Our students start taking the NWEA (Northwest Education Association) Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) and The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) test next week. This testing will continue for the next few weeks. The results of these tests in math, reading, and language arts let us know how your child has grown since the fall. It gives our teachers, students and parents feedback on the progress the students are making. All of our students set goals for themselves back in September, and this data will give our students feedback on how they are progressing toward their goal. Please remind your child to do his/her best on these assessments, as we want to have accurate data in which to use to make instructional decisions surrounding our teaching and learning. We will send home MAP reports to you when we wrap up all of our MAP testing later this month.

Friday, January 13, will be Elementary Night at the varsity girls and boys basketball games (beginning at 5:30 p.m.) at Lowell High School. All Murray Lake students may enter the games free of charge. There will be lots of prizes handed out that evening. See the attached flyer/admission ticket for more information.

Our student council is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, February 9, 2:00-7:30 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. There will be more information forthcoming, but I wanted to get the date out there so you could put it on your calendars.

The break was nice, but it is definitely good to be back. 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. I hope you all have a terrific 2017! Enjoy your weekend.

Molly Burnett, Principal



Yearbook Cover Winners, L to R: Elle Jenks & Mya Richmond!

1/9: Pink Pride Day: Please wear pink on Monday and bring some \$ for our Pink Arrow box in the office if you can!

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 9

MAP Testing
Pink Pride Day
Russell to WWC, 9:10-12:00
Geography Bee, 2:15 pm

Tuesday, January 10

MAP Testing
Cyrocki/Durfee to WWC, 9:10-12:00

Wednesday, January 11

MAP Testing
Child Study Day
Cub Scouts Mtg, 6 pm

Thursday, January 12

MAP Testing

Friday, January 13

MAP Testing
Byrne/Lancioni to WWC, 9:15-11:45
School Store during lunch
Elementary Night at Basketball,
5:30-8:30 pm, LHS

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition



Lowell will host a free throw challenge on 1/19/17. Registration begins at 6:30 at the Lowell Middle School. Girls and boys, ages 9-14, are welcome to participate from any church or school. Trophies will be issued and invitations to participate in the District Challenge will come at a later date. Questions can be answered by calling 460-1968 or email at gk7719@mikofc.org.

Let's Play Ball!

SOFTBALL PITCHING CAMP - THURSDAY NIGHTS @ CHERRY CREEK, 5:00-6:00 PM. Lowell Softball to host winter softball pitching camp on Thursday evenings in February. Open to grades 1st - 6th.

SOFTBALL SKILLS - THURSDAY NIGHTS @ CHERRY CREEK, 7:30-9:00 PM. Lowell Softball to host winter softball skills work on Thursday evenings in January & February. Open to grades 1st - 5th.



For more info, go to <http://www.lowellschools.com/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=17461&>.

Accelerated Readers!

Student	Pts		
Gabriel Fuss	10	Emma Nichols	25
Annalyne Judge	5	Kaylee Stein	25
Liam Kondor	5	Ella Acheson	100
Avery Polczak	5	Gracyn Hamilton	150
Korbin Hickman	25	Gabriel Selover	25
Emily Kushion	10	Makenzie Simkins	25
Olivia Lothian	75	Makya Stevens	10
Ashley Pohl	25	Anderson Stoner	25
Casey TenHarmsel	25	Caleb Velting	50
Layla Wilk	25	J.D. Bacon	375
Jayden Slack	25	Eli Hawk	25
Paige Clark	5	Jacob Hofman	75
Bryson Powell	5	Gwynneth Kelly	50
Owen Newland	75	Hudson Newell	10
Alex Peel	25	Claire Pohl	50
Samuel Albert	25	Brady Swift	50
Alice Bredwell	125	Jacob VanDrie	50
Gwendolyn Hoke	75	Lordyn Anderson	25
Nolan Lowrie	50	Hunter Dykhuis	25
Ari McFarland	75	Lilly Gordon	25
Rylee Nichols	50	Kara Havey	25
Faith VanDuinen	75	Jacqueline Hoke	25
Connor Wood	10	Maxwell Munger	25
Jadyn Young	50	Jacob Ort	25
Samuel Zandstra	10	Connor Stoica	25
Logan Acheson	75	Nicholas Totch	25
Jacob DeVries	50	Evelyn Uzarski	25
Hope Kaminski	75	Benjamin Bannan	50
Hope Kanouse	275, 300	Caden Brown	25
Megan McDonald	50	Lauren Deeds	25
Reed Sarniak	25	Ariana Fredricks	25
Grace Simkins	50	Colin Garrison	25
Ella Todd	75	Luke Hancock	25
Matilyn Vogel	75	Dylan Polczak	25
Nicholas Williams	125	Claire Uzarski	25
Alexander Winter	25	McGuire Carpenter	50
Kaya Bender	125	Natalie Cornell	10
Claire Comeaux	75	Emilyn Davidson	10
Caden Cone	50	Jack Hughes	50
Kylee Eggerding	25	Elliott Kemp	25
Josephine Elkins	25	Mia Kinney	25
Rylie Elsie	25	Griffin Ponchard	150
Gracie Gasper	25	Bryce Craycraft	5
Isabel German	75	Raymond Prins	5
Jordyn McClymont	25	Anthony Richmond	5
Graham Rutz	25	Liam Roy	5
Corey Sandman	50	McKoye Yaw	5
Baylee Bowen	10	Lily Collins	25
Lilah Cone	50	Ceagan Lavallee	25
Ashten Gordon	10	Ashley Loughlin	25
Brooklyn Haywood	25	Sydney Luxford	25
Trinity Johnson	50	Brennen Nelson	50
		Lainey Organeck	25

What: Volleyball Camp!

When: Starts Feb 18, 2017

Where: LMS

Who: 2nd-6th graders

Cost: \$45 for 8 Saturdays

Go to lowellsportscamps.com
for more information!

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&>