

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal...

I cannot believe the school year is coming to an end! The time has gone so fast. As we finish up this last week of school, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for your children to keep academically involved over the summer. Each year it is typical for us to see a drop in academic levels for many students following the summer break. Students who continue to read frequently and work on math activities (www.reflexmath.com, www.sumdog.com, www.ixl.com and www.tenmarks.com/summer are a few math sites I would recommend) over the summer are much more likely to avoid a summer drop in achievement levels. Remember, our library will be open each and every Wednesday from 9:00 am-12:00 pm, starting Wednesday, June 21. Please try to set some goals with your child in regard to how much reading and/or math practice he/she will do over the summer. Just a few hours each week can have a profound impact.



As most of you have heard, Diane Titche, one of our 3rd grade teachers, will be leaving Murray Lake at the end of this year. She has accepted a position as a Literacy/Instructional Coach with Greenville Public Schools. I believe she was made for a job like this and we wish her nothing but the best. We are so grateful for Mrs. Titche and will miss her very much!

We also have a couple of retirements this year as well. Susan Day, a 3rd grade teacher, will be wrapping up her 20th year teaching in Lowell. She plans to enjoy her free time hiking, bike riding, and spending time with her family. Larry Wenger, our head custodian, will also be retiring after spending 23 years working in Lowell. Larry plans on hunting, camping, doing some woodworking, and spending time with his family. We will miss both Susan and Larry next year!

Congratulations to our staff members of the month, Denise Washburn and Karen Eldridge. Karen and Denise have done a great job helping speed up our parent pick up process. We appreciate all the extra time they give to help keep our students safe. Congratulations also to our volunteer of the month, Chery Valentine.

We appreciate her dedication! She truly loves the kids and they love her as well. She is always willing to tackle any job we send her way.



The end of another school year always causes one to reflect. As I reflect on my first year as principal here, I am reminded that I have been blessed with a wonderful career; a career that allows me to have a small part in the education of so many children. This has been another wonderful year here at MLE. MLE is a GREAT place to be! I hope all of you have a restful, fun, and relaxing summer!

Molly Burnett, Principal

Meds Reminder... If we have medication for your son/daughter in our office, please make arrangements to have it picked up by 6/16, 8:30-4:00. If you would like us to dispose of it instead, please email Alice Bush, abush@lowellschools.com. Thank you.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, June 5

Fuss/Picarazzi Boat Trip, 8:50-4:30

2nd gr to Lowell Museum/Picnic, 8:50-2:15

Tuesday, June 6

1st gr to John Ball Zoo, 9:00-2:00

Kohl/Simmons Boat Trip, 8:50-4:30

Kindergarten Picnic, 10:30-1:00

5th gr to Ford Museum, 8:45-1:00

Wednesday, June 7

3rd gr to Meijer Gardens, 9:00-2:00

Whitecaps Game, 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 8

4th gr picnic/library visit, 10:45-2:00

Awards Ceremony, gr 3-5, 9:00-10:00

Kindergarten Water Flight, 2:30

Friday, June 9

FREE ICE CREAM!

1/2 day - Last Day of School, 11:50 am dismissal

Friday, June 16

Report cards sent home

Meds pickup deadline

Monday, Aug 21

"Meet Your Teacher" Open House/Picnic (flyer will be emailed), 5:00-6:00 pm

Please take our school survey!

Just copy and paste the following link into your browser:



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwYfZD964P4fpEufhpM2WcwENj6SLSL6QiMTcjW7Ie3L6rJw/viewform?c=0&w=1>

We truly appreciate your feedback! Thank you!

In the News...

Students Design Imaginary Treetop Dwellings



Check out the link below to see our 5th grade kids getting their imagination on!

<https://www.schoolnewsnetwork.org/index.php/2016-17/tree-houses-can-too-have-alligators-and-fireplaces/>



Field
Day
2017!



Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Washburn Named Staff Members of the Month!



“We appreciate your dedication to keeping our kids safe out at parent pickup. Day after day, you both are out there on your own time helping kids get into their cars safely. Thank you so much for your help. It is greatly appreciated.”
-Mrs. McGovern

“I love MLE. While I enjoy teaching and interacting with my 1st grade students daily, as they are some of the coolest, most interesting kids around, the incredible staff also stands out to me. The friendships and support I have experienced from staff members make working at Murray Lake feel less like a job and more like a family.”
-Mrs. Eldridge



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&>