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From the Principal...

We continue to do very well with our March is Reading Month. Our students brought in over 1,000 hours of at-home reading for week two. I am still adding up our hours for week three, but we are well over our goal of 500 hours, so our students will get to attend an *Alan Kazam's Magic Show* on Monday morning. I have heard many positive comments about this assembly and how he does a great job with students and gives them a good message while doing his magic. There is nothing better you can do to promote your child's future academic success than to encourage more at-home reading!



I want to apologize for not letting you know sooner, but our speech teacher, Jacqui Farrington, left our district for a new job. We have a retired teacher, Cinda Gibson, filling in at the time and plan to hire a new speech teacher this summer. Here is a blurb from Mrs. Gibson:

“My name is Cinda Gibson and I am the "NEW" speech and language pathologist at Murray Lake Elementary. I retired from Grand Rapids Public Schools a few years ago and have been subbing ever since. Last year I subbed at Bushnell and today it has been very pleasant working with some of the same students! I will be here on Tuesdays and will be following the same schedule that Jacqui Farrington implemented.”

If any of you have recently experienced a death in the family or are dealing with a family member who is dealing with a life threatening illness, please consider attending Gilda's House Tuesday night grief nights. They serve dinner at 5:30 p.m. and then break into grief groups for children, teens, and adults. They do an outstanding job helping Lowell community members through the struggle of cancer and other life threatening illnesses. I want to thank our Murray Lake Staff for providing the Gilda's meal this past Tuesday.

A reminder to all of you that the Lowell Expo will be taking place next Saturday, March 26, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Lowell High School. If you aren't busy next Saturday, I encourage you to take your family to this event. It really gives you a taste of what all Lowell has to offer. I hope to see many of you there!

We've had another great week at Murray Lake. It was nice to see so many of you at our Learning Fair. March Madness has arrived! Go Green and Go Blue! I hope you have a terrific weekend.



Brent R. Noskey, Principal

We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Character in Action!



Pictured above are Murray Lake Elementary's February Character in Action Award winners. These students have been recognized by staff members for being safe, responsible, and respectful on a daily basis.

Thank you, ML Families!

Thank you to everyone who attended Learning Fair last night! The raffle raised \$1900 for technology. We appreciate you!



**Keep
Calm
and
Read
On.**

Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 21

Magic Assembly, 9:00-11:00 am
Breuker to Ftn Vw, 10:15-11:45 am

Tuesday, March 22

Kidz Have Rights
Released Time Bible Study, 9:00 am

Thursday, March 24

4th gr music program, 2:00 pm

Friday, March 25

Report cards go home

Saturday, March 25

Lowell Community Expo, LHS

Internal Schools of Choice

Attention
Parents:
Internal
schools of
choice ap-
plications
for the
2016-2017
school year
will be

available on April 1, 2016. You must submit your internal choice application to the elementary building of residence. The district will not accept internal choice applications prior to April 1, 2016. You'll find the document on our website:

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lid=9993&&cms_mode=view](http://www.lowellschools.com/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=9993&&cms_mode=view)

meijer MEIJER PRESENTS FAMILY FRIENDLY SERIES **SERIOUSLY FUNNY FAMILY ADVENTURE CHALLENGE**



Sunday, March 20 / 1pm / The BOB – HOME / FREE

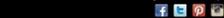
You've seen the heart-pounding adventures and glory-stealing moments unfold on shows like The Amazing Race. The Seriously Funny Family Adventure Challenge is just like that! Only different. This family fun-filled challenge will involve teams (of two or four) racing across the downtown areas of Grand Rapids engaging in challenges requiring fast thinking, fast acting, and reckless abandon. Prizes awarded to best dressed, fastest team and other fun categories. **FAM**

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To register visit:
<https://www.laughfestgr.org/event/adventurechallenge/>

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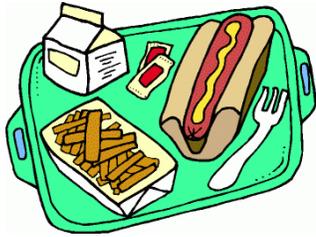
Last Chance for Yearbooks!

Parents, if you would like to order a yearbook & haven't already, go to: www.geskusphoto.com

Click on Michigan Region, click on the order yearbooks button, choose your school, and follow the prompts from there.

You can also call Geskus if you'd like to see if you already ordered one, 616/453-4170.

HELP WANTED!



Looking for something to do for a couple of hours during the day while your little ones (or not so little ones) are at school AND make some extra spending money?

Look no further! Chartwells is hiring Lowell Food Service Substitutes RIGHT NOW!!

If you would like to learn more, please reach out to Mindy Grant, Food Service Director, mgrant@lowellschools.com or [616-987-2964](tel:616-987-2964) for details or go to:

<https://career8.successfactors.com/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=50255&company=CGNA&username=>



Camp Invention is Returning to the KISD!

Camp Invention takes summer fun and transforms it from ordinary to extraordinary!

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame, the Kent ISD is pleased to offer the nationally-acclaimed Camp Invention program at the KCTC building to children entering first through sixth grades. It's an exciting, four-day summer adventure with lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation. Children will work together to seek solutions to real-world problems and sharpen critical 21st century learning skills while rotating through several fascinating modules. The week begins on June 20th!



Here is how young innovators will be spending their time:

- Brainstorming product ideas and building original prototypes using real tools and components found in everyday

devices

- Exploring the lives of giant insects, colorful animals and their environments

- Constructing and personalizing a DIY solar-powered cricket with a unique habitat

- Discovering the science of slime, demolition, electronic sound, giant squid and coding

All activities give participants the opportunity to be a part of something big while having fun!

Local educators will facilitate program modules and enthusiastic high school students will serve as Leadership Interns ensuring that one staff member is in place for every eight children.



MEIJER PRESENTS **meijer** THE FAMILY FRIENDLY SERIES

Baby Loves Disco FAM Saturday, March 19, 11:00AM, 2:00PM The BOB



Baby Loves Disco is a dance party featuring real music spun and mixed by real DJs blending classic disco tunes from the 70s & 80s with today's hottest dance tunes... guaranteed to get those little booties moving and grooving!



Teen Zine Events

Grand Rapids: Saturday, March 12, 1:00PM
Grand Rapids Public Library
Holland: Saturday, March 19, 1:00PM
Herrick District Library



This is a hands on introductory workshop for those 12+. The workshop is designed to share the history, process and purpose behind Zines. Participants will walk away with their very own handcrafted ZINE!

The workshop will be led by members of AIGA West Michigan, the professional association for design in West Michigan.

Class size is limited to 25. Visit laughfestgr.org to preregister for this event.

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Boar's Head

Writing & Art Contest FAM



Whether in art or written form we can't wait to know what makes you laugh. Download the contest rules and send us your entries today! We're ready for a good laugh.

The Top 3 winners in each grade division will be awarded prizes. All entries will be on display in Grand Rapids during the 10-days of the festival.

Writing and art entries are due February 12.

Contests are **FREE** to participate in! Open to those in grades K-12. Visit, <https://www.laughfestgr.org/youth-art-writing-competitions/> for contest rules and registration.

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Kent County Area District



Kids Joke Time FAM

Lowell: Tuesday, March 15, 6:00PM
KDL - Englehardt Branch - Lowell / Free
Grand Rapids: Thursday, March 17, 6:00PM
Grand Rapids Public Library / Free

Holland: Saturday, March 19, 11:00AM
Herrick District Library / Free



Kids are invited to take the stage during LaughFest through Kids Joke Time. Young comedians are encouraged to gather their favorite jokes and take the mic. What ensues makes this one of the most entertaining events during the festival.

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Super Saturday Kids Zone

Saturday, March 12, 10:00AM-3:00PM FAM
GRCC Ford Fieldhouse / \$7.00



Super Saturday is a themed kid's carnival featuring surprise guests, inflatable activities, dancing, kid friendly music, games and much more!



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