

# Murray Lake Messenger

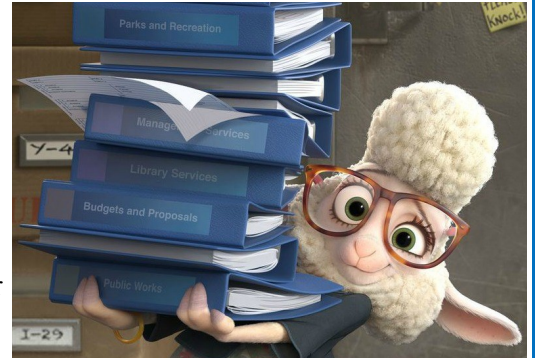
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## From the Principal....

We have kicked off March is Reading Month with a bang! Our author, Sigmund Brouwer, came and gave a presentation to our students on Wednesday that they really enjoyed! Tonight is our Family Movie Night! I hope to see many of you there. The cost is \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. We will be showing *Zootopia*. Popcorn and drinks will be served! I'm looking forward to a fun-filled month with many great reading opportunities. Please check the event calendar attached for special activities that will be happening throughout the month.



We have a couple of great opportunities for parents to attend workshops on bullying and internet exposure/digital devices for young students coming up this month in our district. Cherry Creek Elementary invites interested parents to attend "Bullying: What We Know and What We Can Do" on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 pm. This workshop will be led by Dr. Michele Coyne, a consultant specializing in positive school climate, the reduction and prevention of bullying, the impact of poverty on education, and educational leadership. Free child care will be provided.

The other powerful presentation will happen on Wednesday, March 15 at 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. Free child care will be provided by National Honor Society.

We have several MLE students who participated in the Region 1 Odyssey of the Mind competition a few weekends ago. Three teams were represented with MLE students. Victor Preiss was on a team mixed with Alto and Cherry Creek students. His team competed in the To Be Continued: A Superhero Cliffhanger problem. They faced some tough competition and placed 4th out of 12 teams, just narrowly missing the 3rd place spot which would have advanced them to the state finals competition. Another MLE team competed in the Ready, Set, Balsa, Build problem. This team consisted of Nicholas Lothian, Ari McFarland, Lily Richards, Evan Berrington, Mitchell Swint, and Hudson Newell. They placed 2nd out of 5 teams, advancing them to the state finals competition on March 18th at Thornapple Kellogg Schools. Our primary team consisting of kindergarten through 2nd graders from Murray Lake and Alto performed in the Movin' Out non-competitive problem. Olivia Lothian, Weston McFarland, Adelle Krueger, and Jacob Fassett did a great job performing for the packed house. I'm very proud of all of these students for participating and doing a great job!

I want to congratulate Jamie Allen as our Volunteer of the Month, and our Staff Members of the Month, Barb Callihan and Pam Anderson! We are so lucky to have these caring women helping and working at MLE!

I saw many wonderful examples of teaching and learning taking place. MLE is a GREAT place to be. Have a good weekend and keep reading!

Molly Burnett, Principal

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Respect Responsibility  
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

## Upcoming Events:

### **Friday, March 3**

Movie in the Park, 6:30-8:30 pm

### **Monday, March 6**

Mismatch Day

MIRM Breakfast, K-2 (K-8:50 am,  
1-9:05 am, 2-9:20 am)

KIDZ Have Rights, K-1, 11:30 am-3:30 pm

### **Tuesday, March 7**

Hawaiian Day

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2:15 pm

### **Wednesday, March 8**

Decades Day (dress in any decade...50's,  
60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 2000's)

KIDZ Have Rights, K-3, 8:55 am-2:30 pm

Cub Scouts, 6:00-7:30 pm

### **Thursday, March 9**

Thursday-Crazy Hair/Wear Pink Day

Pink Arrow Day

### **Friday, March 10**

Friday-PJ/Stuffed Animal Day

End of Trimester

**1/2 Day for Students, 11:50 am dis**

## **Poster Contest**

The March is reading month poster contest has been extended through next Friday March 10!

### Objective:

March is an exciting month full of reading, and what better way to promote that than to have a poster contest? Why is reading important to you? What do you do during reading month? The theme this year is Rock and Read.

Your goal is to make a poster to make other kids want to read. Examine real advertisements from magazines, and discuss what qualities made them effective.

The posters will be judged by Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Bosco, and Mrs. Coffman. The teachers and principal will choose 5 finalists per grade.

From those 5 finalists, the students cast their votes. Every student has the chance to be a judge and cast his/her vote for the poster of his/her choice from a different grade level. The names will be hidden and a secret so the students will not know for whom they voted!

Be creative! Make your poster stand out! You are an advertiser for reading! Tell people why it is so important to read! Make your mark!

### Rules:

Must be on 12 x 18 paper (poster board)

May use colored pencils, paint, markers, & photos

No Glitter

Nothing that comes off the page (no 3D)

Must be original

Remember to put your name on the back

PRIZES: 1st place- Meijer Gift Card and Your poster will be seen all around the school!

2nd place- Certificate and a candy treat!

DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2017



## **Lowell Youth Lacrosse is still accepting new players for the following:**

Girls K-4, Girls 5/6, Girls 7/8, as well as Boys K-2 and Boys 5/6 teams. Official Practice starts next week.

Register today! [www.lowellyouthlacrosse.com](http://www.lowellyouthlacrosse.com)  
or direct questions to  
[info@lowellyouthlacrosse.com](mailto:info@lowellyouthlacrosse.com).

## **Attention K-2 families...**

Our March Is Reading Month Breakfast will take place on Monday, March 6th. This is for only students who want to eat breakfast with a loved one. Not ALL students will eat breakfast (unless you want them to). If families are able to attend, you will get your child from class and go to the cafeteria to eat. Students who do not have a loved one to eat with will stay in class or if you choose to, they can go down and eat breakfast with their friends as well. This is not a requirement. If you are able to come, that is great. If you are not able to come, but still want your child to have the special breakfast, please let your child's teacher know. Thank you!!!



## **Shout out to Ada-Lowell 5!**



Thank you to the Goodrich-Ada Lowell 5 for the popcorn donation to support our Positive Behavior at MLE. This week we had a school wide celebration for students being respectful, responsible, and safe. We had a popcorn and movie party to celebrate. We are grateful for the delicious popcorn.

