

# Murray Lake Messenger

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## From the Principal...

Thank you for supporting our March is Reading Month. The kids are very excited about the reading hours they are accumulating. It looks like we will meet our first week's March is Reading Month goal (still totaling up our hours), so we will have **Spirit Week Next week:**

**Monday- Crazy Hair/Hat Day**  
**Tuesday- Twin Day (dress exactly like a friend)**  
**Wednesday- Pirate Day (dress like a pirate matey)**  
**Thursday- Sports Day**  
**Friday- Red Arrow Day (red, black, white or pink)**



This week the students will be trying to earn an extra recess and a no homework night. Keep encouraging your children to read a bit more during March!

We have several MLE students who participate in Odyssey of the Mind. They participated in their regional competition last week and did VERY well. We have a team who will be moving on to the state competition with a chance to go to nationals. The results are listed below:

- Stack Attack (balsa wood structure team) - 1st place finish advancing to state finals on March 19 at Thornapple Kellogg Schools (MLE Team Members: Nicholas Lothian, Ari McFarland, Victor Preiss, and Lily Richards)
- No Cycle Recycle (vehicle team) - 4th place finish out of 10 teams (just missed advancing to state finals by 1.49 points) (MLE team members: Cole Beach & Hunter Stepanovich)
- Furs, Fins, Feathers & Friends (performance problem) - 9th out of 18 teams with a solid performance (MLE team members: Maya Kemp, Max Stoner & Anderson Stoner)
- Primary Stir the Pot (K- 2nd grade performance only team) - received many positive comments from the judges (MLE team members: Olivia Lothian, Weston McFarland, Evan Deeds, Eleanor Westbrook & Maria Westbrook)

Our annual Family Festival will be here at Murray Lake next Friday, March 11. This is a fun event. The Family Links is still looking for volunteers to help with the event. If you are able to help, please call Melissa Spinella, 897-8001.

Although we had a short week due to snow days, I still saw many wonderful examples of teaching and learning taking place. MLE is a GREAT place to be. Have a great weekend!

Brent R. Noskey, Principal

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## Upcoming Events:

### Friday, March 11

Family Festival, 6-8:30 pm

### Monday, March 14

Sisbro Author Visit, 9 am

### Tuesday, March 15

5th gr LMS band recruitment,  
1 pm

## Book Fair Ends

Thank you for supporting our book fair during parent teacher conferences. Sales from the book fair will allow us to add many new books to the Murray Lake Library.

We would also like to thank the parents who volunteered at the book fair, and our book fair co-chairs!

## **Sisbro Author Visit on March 14!**

Laura & Robert Sams are a sister/brother creative team who will visit our school to share the creative process behind making a book and a movie. They are authors, zoologists, filmmakers and musicians who made an award-winning children's movie *The Riddle in a Bottle* and book *A Pirate's Quest*. The book won the Midwest Book Award for Best Children's Picture Book. The movie won over 20 international awards, including Best Children's Program Worldwide at the International Wildlife Film Festival and BLUE Ocean Film Festival. Learn more about them and the book/movie at [www.sisbro.com](http://www.sisbro.com)



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## **Countdown to Kindergarten**

### **2016-2017!**

Enrollment packets are available for students who will be attending kindergarten in the 2016-17 school year. **Children who will be five years of age by September 1, 2016, are eligible for kindergarten.** If you have a child who will be eligible for kindergarten, or know someone who does, please stop in the Murray Lake office to pick up a packet. Current kindergarten students who are planning to complete a second year of kindergarten next year do not need to complete the enrollment process again. Please be sure that your child's teacher is aware that your child will participate in kindergarten next year.

## Did you know that February 5 was National Bubble Gum Day?

Fifth graders took part in the celebration by buying gum at 50 cents a piece from Mrs. Pupel. \$250.00 was raised by the sale of the gum. The money was donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in honor of one of our own Murray Lake students dealing with Cystic Fibrosis on a daily basis.

During science class, students participated in a variety of activities. The highlight of the day was the bubble gum blowing contest.



## Fifth Grade Field Trip Extravaganza!

The fifth grade classes traveled to the Grand Rapids symphony performance of *The Firebird* on February 26. Many students had created pictures to go along with the music and the creations were displayed on the big screen hanging above the symphony. For many students, this was their first time in Devos Hall. After the performance, students continued their travels to the Kent County Recycling Center. Students learned about recycling items and how the recycling center separates different materials that are sold once they have been processed. Today's Murray Lake Messenger includes a Recycling Guide and disposal guides - for paint and medications.

