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From the Principal....

During the months of May and June, we will be celebrating all of the character traits we focused on this year, and bringing attention to "treating others the way we want to be treated." I hope you will join us in bringing attention to the importance of treating others with respect and compassion during our last months of school.

Attached to this week's newsletter email is information about sports camp opportunities available this summer. Our varsity coaches do a wonderful job with these camps. I know my own boys found a lot of enjoyment over the years participating in these camps. I hope you will consider signing your child up for one or more of these camps.

I typically get asked quite frequently this time of year about what parents should do to keep their kids academically engaged over the summer. I again want to put a plug in for *Reflex Math* and AR reading. Our library will once again be open on Wednesday mornings this summer. Our students can come in and check out AR books and take quizzes. Certificates and prizes can be won from our library. The Englehardt Library will also be running some special activities around AR. I cannot stress enough how important it is to keep kids reading over the summer months. I also cannot say enough positive things about *Reflex Math*. This is a FREE, highly engaging, online math website for our kids. It helps our students build their math fluency with subtraction, addition, multiplication, and division. Having your child work on *Reflex Math* daily in the summer will help keep and build on his/her math operation fluency. Please consider making both *Reflex Math* and AR a priority this summer.

Murray Lake is currently part of the annual Flat River Outreach (FROM) ***Food Fight.*** As of today, we have 511 items total! Great job! Unfortunately, we are still behind CCE. Their total is 650. We have two weeks left! I hope you will help lead us to victory by sending in non-perishable food items with your child for FROM. FROM collects a lot of food near the holidays, but their shelves start to get empty this time of year, as many of us forget that the need for food is still high through the summer months. I hope many of you will support us in this competition and bring home the trophy for MLE!!!

It has been another busy week at Murray Lake. There are great examples of teaching and learning taking place out here on a daily basis. I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Brent R. Noskey, Principal

2014-15 Family Links, thank you for everything you do! We appreciate you!

We value: Trustworthiness Respect Responsibility Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!

We are having a Seuss-y celebration next week to honor our spectacular Murray Lake Staff! There's a little something planned each day for the staff. We have a coffee/snack cart, breakfast, take-home meals, a popcorn bar, and a luncheon. We are planning a couple of games for them as well. If you can help with these things, please contact Family Links, FamilyLinks-MLE@lowell.k12.mi.us, and we can let you know where we need help. Please stop in next week to see the Seuss-formation of our school and to take a moment to thank the awesome people that make Murray Lake a Seuss-tastic place to be.

"A person's a person, no matter how small." –Horton

Upcoming Events:

MAP & M-STEP TESTING ALL WEEK

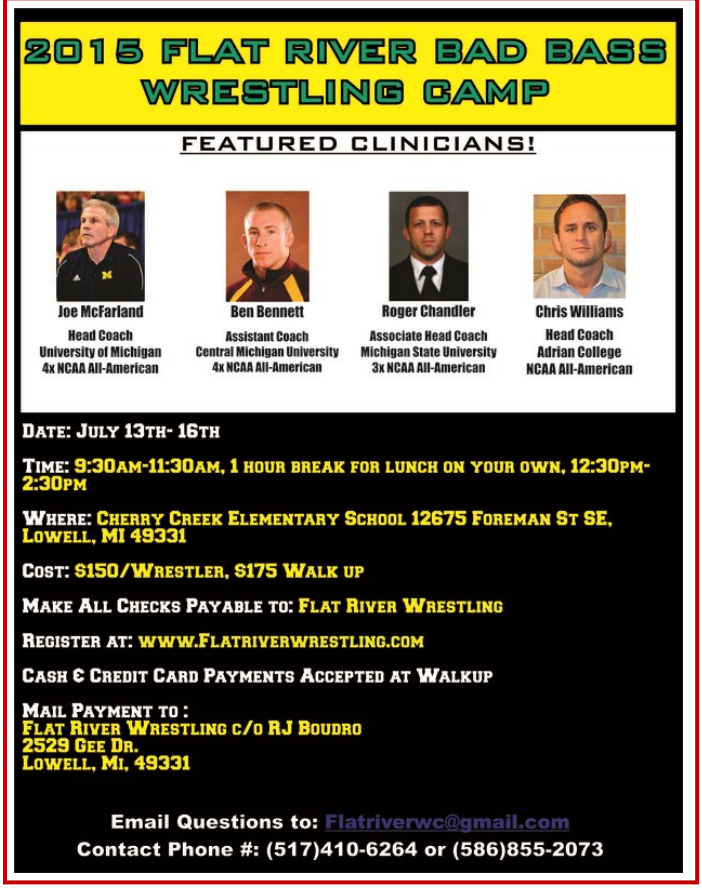
Monday, May 4
Talent Show Signups
Tuesday, May 5
Day/Wilterink to WWC, 9-11:30
Talent Show Tryouts, 3:33-5:00
5th Gr Parent Orientation,
7-8 pm, LMS
Voting Day
Wednesday, May 6
Salmon Release, 3:33 pm
Thursday, May 7
Kindergarten Visitation
Talent Show Tryouts, 3:33-5:00
Friday, May 8
1st Gr to WWC, 9:15-11:15 am

Flat River Wrestling Summer Camp

July 13-16, 2015
9:30-11:30 am and
12:30-2:30 pm

Cost: $150 per wrestler

To sign up or for more info, visit our website; http://www.flatriverwrestling.com/summer-camp.html



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http://www.lowellschools.com/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=17461&

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