

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal...

Thank you for the kindness extended to our staff during Staff Appreciation Week! Each day we enjoyed treats, including a luncheon, that made our hearts (and tummies) full. Our Family Links coordinated events each day, and we are grateful for the opportunity to work in a district with such tremendous support. Special thanks to our Family Links Moms, as well as all of the other families and volunteers that donated food and/or their time to help make our staff feel extra special!



Another big thank you goes out to our Lowell Community. The Lowell Area Schools Bond proposal passed this week. It is wonderful that our school community has, once again, provided their support for the students of Lowell. Our students will benefit from the quality programs and educational opportunities that we offer.

Arrow Readers on the Move will continue this summer! This is a free mobile reading program, sponsored by Lowell Area Schools. Students in grades K-5 can check out library books and take AR tests. Prizes are awarded to students meeting their summer reading goals. Murray Lake's library will be open on Wednesdays (June 12, 19, 26 & July 10, 17, 24) from 9am-12pm. I hope to see many of you there!

Murray Lake Night at the Whitecaps game is coming up on May 18th. Mark your calendars for a fun night of baseball! I hope many of you are able to attend this event.

Don't forget to check out all of the summer camps that are taking place this summer. There are many great sports camps to choose from. Go to www.lowellsportscamps.com to sign up! Deadline is May 19th if you want to ensure receiving a t-shirt.

It is hard to believe we are down to just over three weeks! Great things continue to happen at MLE as we wind down the year. Have a great weekend!

Molly Burnett
Principal

Last Chance for Yearbooks!

Parents, if you would like to order a yearbook & haven't already, there's still time! Simply call Geskus, 616/453-4170, to see if you already ordered one, and if not, place order with them. They'll do their best to have it delivered to the school before yearbook distribution day, May 24.

Lowell Area Schools

LEARNERS TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW, RED ARROWS FOR LIFE

We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Upcoming Events:

Monday, May 13

Fuss/Kohl to WG Jackson Boat Trip, 8:50-4:30

Tuesday, May 14

Graham to WG Jackson Boat Trip, 8:50-4:30

1st gr Tour thru Lowell, 8:50-2:15

Senior/5th gr Geskus Photoshoot, 9:30

Senior Give Back Day

Wednesday, May 15

Dr. Hofmann visits 5th gr, 2-3:30

Friday, May 17

Ice Cream Sale during lunch

School Store during lunch

Mileage Club

Saturday, May 18

Whitecaps Game, 7:05 pm

Monday, May 20

4th/5th gr Music Program, 2:00



Spring Mileage Club—A Few More Volunteers Needed!

To sign up, please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c44acaf2ea13-spring1>

The Lowell Area Schools Transportation Department is hiring!

If you already have your CDL B with a P and S, that is great! If you don't, or don't even know what that means, no worries! A comprehensive but not difficult training program is available and we also pay to train the qualified applicants. In order to be considered for one of the spots available, an applicant should have an excellent driving record, good communication skills and be able to work a school year schedule. Please stop into the Bus Garage for an application today.

Also, **we are now hiring for custodial positions as well.** Please pick up an application at the Bus Garage.

FIELD DAY!

Thursday, May 30, 9 am-12 pm

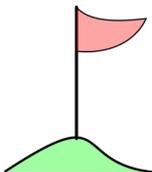
5th Grade Golf Outing is Coming!

Who: 5th Grade

When: Friday, May 24, 11:15-3:10

Where: Arrowhead Golf Course

*Please have your students bring water bottles!



LOWELL SOFTBALL PRESENTS

Community Day

@ Home vs Northview

(behind Cherry Creek Elementary)

05/22

4-8 PM



Autographs from players

Arrow Readers on the Move Summer Program



Arrow Readers on the Move is a FREE mobile reading program, sponsored by Lowell Area Schools, that travels throughout our district. Students in grades K-5 may check out library books and take Accelerated Reader tests. Prizes are awarded to students meeting summer reading goals for their respective grade level.

To register, go to:

<http://www.lowellschools.com/elementary-schools/elementary-resources/arrow-readers/>

Murray Lake 5K Walk/Run

When: May 25, 8:00 am

Where: MLE

You can learn more about this and sign up at www.murraylake5k.com.



Information regarding student activities and community events can be found under **Extracurricular Activities** on the Murray Lake Elementary website at:

<http://www.lowellschools.com/student-activities/>



Congratulations to our Staff Member of the Month, Theresa Duursma!

Theresa is new to our school this year. She is our playground paraprofessional. Molly Burnett said, “She does a great job supporting our students when they play outside. She is patient and kind. She also goes above and beyond with all of her duties. We are so grateful to have her on staff!”

“I started working at Murray Lake because my youngest was starting Kindergarten and I wanted to be at school with my younger kids like I had been when my older kids were in elementary. When I was asked to supervise the playground during lunch recess, I reluctantly agreed. It seemed overwhelming and I've never really enjoyed being outside, especially in the heat. The children at Murray Lake Elementary quickly made those feelings disappear. Their spontaneity and energy often keeps me on my toes but also provides countless hours

of laughter. They remind me not to take life too seriously and that there is always something new to learn. I love that they are willing to talk to almost anyone about anything. I'm reminded that life is full of simple pleasures and I'm uplifted by their energy, innocence and pure joy. I love being able to share in their sadness or their happiness and hopefully bring a few smiles to their faces. Every day they challenge me to maintain a sense of creativity and humor and they remind me what is truly important. They fill my heart with joy and each day I look forward to seeing them and hearing their stories,” commented Durrsma.



Congratulations to our Volunteers of the Month, Kendra Chapman and Amanda Conley!

These ladies volunteer in their children’s classrooms often! They support our teachers in many ways. We appreciate their willingness to help make Murray Lake be a great place to be and learn.

Asma Pupel said, “Kendra came to me at the beginning of the year and offered to help weekly. It has been wonderful to have her in our classroom on a consistent basis to help with numerous classroom needs. There hasn't been a task she couldn't conquer! Her personality shines and I appreciate her willingness to help in the classroom.”

“I like volunteering at MLE because I love the staff and students. I think teachers have one of the hardest jobs in the world and I hope anything I can do to lend a hand makes it easier for them. I have volunteered at MLE since my college sophomore started kindergarten the first year MLE opened and am sad this is my last year having a child there,” commented Chapman.

Karla Byrne said, “Amanda works in our classroom every Thursday during Daily 5 time. She does an excellent job of keeping students on task while I meet with groups. She is always looking for students who are making good choices to move them up the PBIS rainbow stick. She has also taken the time to bring in animals for our class to observe.”

“I enjoy volunteering at the school because I love watching the children learn and grow. Being able to participate in their learning progress is a gift for me as well,” commented Conley.



Above: Mrs. Chapman with Mrs. Pupel’s 5th grade class.

Below: Mrs. Conley with Mrs. Byrne’s kindergarten class.

