

# Murray Lake Messenger

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## From the Principal...

We have finally completed all of our NWEA MAP assessing. Our M-STEP testing continues for the next couple weeks. All parents will receive MAP reports next week. These reports show how your child has grown from the fall of this school year in math, reading, and English language arts (ELA). Kindergarten and first grade will only receive scores on reading and math. I will attach some informational documents to our newsletter that can also help to give you a better understanding of these MAP reports. I am VERY impressed with our scores this spring. As a school, our scores show that Murray Lake students, as a whole, are much higher academically than students across the nation, and have grown significantly more than these same students. Although we do very well, we still use these MAP scores to evaluate our teaching and learning and look for areas of instruction where we can improve. If you have any questions about these scores, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I do use MAP scores to determine if students qualify for advanced placement in math or for an advanced literacy cluster. Due to our ever increasing number of qualifying advanced math students, we have had enough students to create whole sections of advanced math in grades 1-5. If your child scores at the 95<sup>th</sup> % ile for the first time this spring, we will contact you about the opportunity of moving your child into advanced math. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to call me.

We have slipped behind Cherry Creek in the Food Fight. We have brought in 870 items, while Cherry Creek is at just over 1200. Please help us retain our title and bring the trophy back to MLE.

I want to say GREAT JOB to all our fifth graders! They did an amazing job at their music performance on Tuesday. The songs they created and performed were outstanding.

This is the time of year where many of our classes are attending field trips. I have been impressed with how respectful our students have been on these trips. I have received many positive comments from community members about our students' respectful behavior. Great things continue to happen at MLE as we wind down the year. Have a great weekend!

Brent R. Noskey, Principal



2016 Salmon Release headed up by Mr. Kohl, 4th grade.

We value: Trustworthiness  
Respect Responsibility  
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

## Upcoming Events:

### **M-STEP TESTING ALL WEEK**

#### **5th gr Optional Repro Video Parent Viewing**

#### **Monday, May 16**

Talent Show Permission Slips Due!

1st gr to Ftn Vw, 9:45-11:15 am

Day/Wilteink to WWC, 8:40-11:30 am

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#### **Tuesday, May 17**

Ice Cream Sale during lunch

#### **Wednesday, May 18**

1st gr to Fallasburg School House, 9:50 am-1:15 pm

#### **Friday, May 20**

Kindergarten Music Program, 2:00 pm

MAP Reports going home

Mother & Son Dance, 7-9 pm, Cherry Creek

#### **Saturday, May 21**

GOTR, 7:40 am, Calder Plaza

Murray Lake 5K Walk/Run, 8:00 am

#### **Monday, May 23**

Kindergarten to Dairy Farm, 9:30-1:30

#### **Tuesday, May 24**

1st gr Walk Thru Lowell, 8:50 am-2:10 pm

4th gr to WWC, 9:10 am-1:45 pm

## **Food Service News**

### **Effective May 23, 2016**

In an effort to be fiscally responsible, all students will only be allowed to use their accounts if there is enough money in said account to cover the entire purchase. Students with insufficient funds will be given an alternate meal and white milk.



**There will be NO CHARGING allowed after May 23, 2016, through the end of this school year.**

Meal balances may be monitored by creating an account at

[www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com)

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## **Library/AR News**

The LAST DAY TO CHECK OUT books will be Friday, May 20. ALL BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY by Thursday, May 26.

The last day to take AR tests to count toward final AR awards will be Friday, June 3.

The Campbell's Soup Labels for Education program is ending this summer. Our deadline for turning in labels is June 1.

## **I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!**

*The last ice cream sale of  
the year is Tuesday, May 17!*

*All ice cream is only \$1.*



## **FIELD DAY!**

**Wednesday,  
June 1 (in the am)!**

*More details coming soon.*

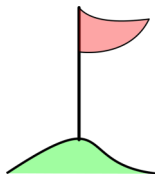
### **5th Grade Golf Outing is Coming!**

Who: 5th Grade

When: Friday, June 3, 11:15-3:20

Where: Arrowhead Golf Course

\*Please have your students bring water bottles!



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

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