

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal...



It's been another great week! It's hard to believe the first trimester of school will end at the end of next week. Time is flying! I sure have been enjoying this seasonably warm weather. Happy Veterans Day on Saturday to all of our vets out there! We are thankful for your service.

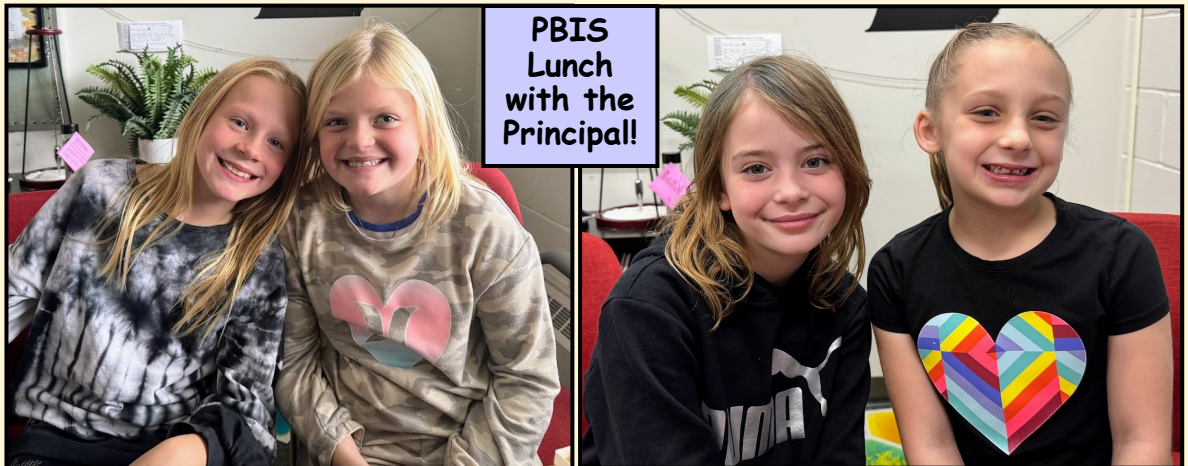
Students in grades 3-5 will be taking a student perception survey this month. One of our district-wide improvement goals is for all students to have a sense of belonging at school. The survey has one question written as this: "I feel like I belong at my school." Students will then rate a 1-5 on this. We will then collect this data and make plans for improvement in the sense of belonging at school. All students in the district in grades 3-12 will be involved with this survey. If you would like to opt your child out of this survey, please contact me, mburnett@lowellschools.com.

Our school-wide focus is on gratitude this month. Many classrooms have been discussing things for which they are thankful. This week's focus was to be thankful for who you are and what you have. I hope you can continue to talk about gratitude within your homes as well. We all have so much for which to be grateful. I know I'm grateful for the support from our school community.

Many classrooms and teachers will be receiving new materials, thanks to grants from the Lowell Education Foundation. LEF's mission is to support innovative teaching and curriculum enhancement in Lowell Area Schools. Teachers have an opportunity to apply for funds for special projects. This year, the Education Foundation was able to award 34 grants amounting to over \$47,000!!! Our Reading Intervention program was awarded multisensory teaching materials. There were many grants awarded all over the district! We are so grateful for the support from the LEF Foundation.

We have had another good week at Murray Lake. I continue to see many examples of high quality teaching and learning taking place. I hope you all have a great weekend.

Molly Burnett
Principal



We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, November 16

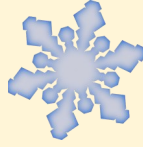
Bright Beginnings Playgroup, gym, 9-10 am

Friday, November 22

End of Trimester 1

1/2 day for students,

12 pm dismissal



LAST CALL: Yearbook Cover Contest

All students are invited to submit a design for the cover of the 2023-24 Murray Lake Yearbook. Designs must be on 8-1/2x11 paper and cannot be computer generated. Deadline has been extended to 11/13!

Lowell Elementary Ski/ Snowboard Club!

We are now taking registrations for our Lowell Schools K-12 Ski and Snowboard Club at Cannonsburg! All registrations are due to our office by 11/30/23. Club cards will be available for pick up at Cannonsburg in early December.

Registration: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfdp_8hZsY21lm4K8_N8b1-THmWaEBgYTRccYbP8GpZ982X-Q/viewform

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/lowellskisnowboardclub/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel



Attention parents with students who ride the bus: Please contact the bus garage if your student won't be riding the bus in the AM, **987-2544**. Having this info ahead of time will help the drivers. Thank you!

A Note from Food Service...

● This Month in Discovery Kitchen

As we enter into fall and our fresh Michigan produce season comes to an end, we find ourselves looking for new ways to cook late season offerings. Last year Michigan produced a record 32.38 million bushels of apples, and while my kids love them, they somehow find their way to the back of our refrigerator around this time. Fresh applesauce has been a great use of these apples in years past. It's quick, easy, and my kids love eating it. Here is a recipe we use.

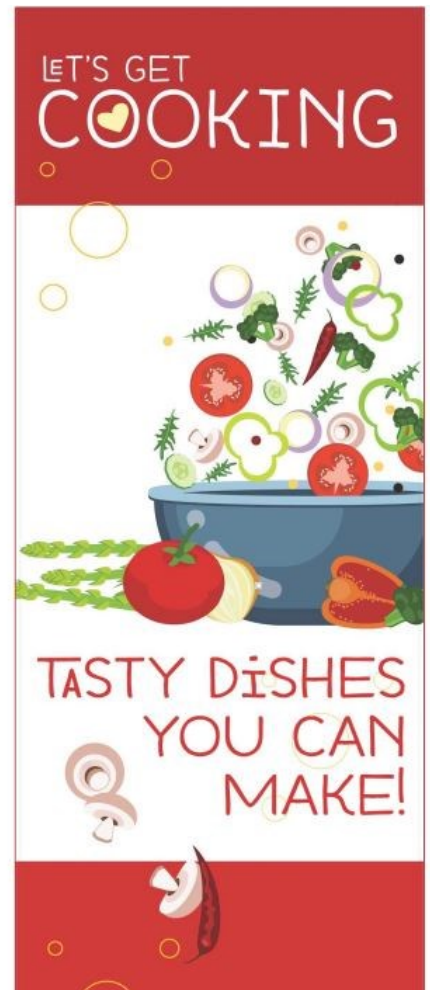
Ingredients

- 8-10 apples, peeled, cored and chopped (A soft variety is best, such as Fuji or Golden Delicious, but any kind will work.)
- ½ cup white sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 Cup water
- Juice from 1 lemon,
- Pinch of salt

Directions

- Combine all the ingredients in a saucepan, cover and cook over medium heat for 15-20 minutes, until soft
- Allow to cook, then mash with fork.
- This will make 10-15 serving, and freezes great.

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**Discovery
KITCHEN**



Attn: All Girls!

Lowell Wrestling is excited to begin a girls only program for any girl interested in wrestling. This will be a separate practice and competition from the boys' program. For more info, click on the link below:

www.lowellwrestlingclub.com/girls-wrestling.html



ANY & ALL WRESTLING GIRLS IN LOWELL

STARTING ON DECEMBER 12TH, 2023
PRACTICE MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

4 SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR GIRLS TO COMPETE IN
NATIONAL DUALS IN IOWA / GARY RIVERS MYWAY EVENT / MYWAY TEAM STATE / MYWAY INDIVIDUAL STATE

DAVE DEAN - HEAD COACH
MORE PRACTICE OPTIONS MAY ARISE BASED ON THE INTEREST THE PROGRAM RECEIVES

THE LWC IS EXCITED TO BACK THIS ADVENTURE!

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

www.lowellschools.com/student-activities/