

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal....

I want to thank the Lowell Education Foundation (www.lowelledgefoundation.org) for recently approving two grants for our school. Mrs. Flieman received a \$699 grant to purchase a new drum set for our music room. Mrs. Culver received a \$1,480 grant to purchase several stand up desks, which have been shown to help students who have some attention issues stay more focused in the classroom. This year, the Education Foundation received 20 grant requests totaling almost \$28,000. The Foundation worked very diligently to choose the grants which it felt best supported its mission of innovative teaching and curriculum enhancement. They were very pleased to be able to award 18 grants amounting to over \$20,000 this year. Please consider making a donation to the LEF as you can see that our school benefits from their group each school year.



I want to thank Mrs. Heimburger for sharing with me the following information. It is a way to get free books for young children at home: "I was just thinking that it would be nice to get the word out about **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**. I don't know if you are familiar with the program. Parents sign up each of their kids who are under the age of 5 and the Imagination Library sends them a book once a month, that is totally free of cost, until they turn 5 and then the program stops for that child. This would be a great resource for parents that still have little ones at home and to emphasize the importance of early childhood reading and getting kids interested in books BEFORE school. Also a lot of the books that we have received have AR Quizzes which has been awesome. So parents should also hold onto those books! Here is where parents can register, http://usa.imaginationlibrary.com/register_my_child.php#.VkUh1XarQdV."

As our marking period draws to an end (November 24), I again want to remind you of the minimum AR goals we set for our students to achieve by December 1: 2nd graders-10 points, 3rd graders-15 points, 4th graders-20 points, and 5th graders-25 points. Will you please touch base with your child and review their AR progress. Remember, you can also have Home Connect set up and you can check your child's progress online. If you have not yet set up Home Connect, you can touch base with your teacher for help. I cannot stress the importance of students practicing reading at their independent reading level. The research out there supports the fact that kids who read more at home are the kids who have a much higher likelihood of being successful and happy in school and in to adulthood. I appreciate your support with this.

We have had another awesome week here at Murray Lake. I continue to see many examples of quality teaching and learning on a daily basis. Murray Lake is a GREAT place to be. I hope to see many of you at tonight's playoff game against Muskegon! It should be a great game. I am hopeful our Red Arrows can come out with a victory!!!

Brent R. Noskey, Principal

We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 17

Mileage Club

Thursday, November 19

Parent Teacher Conferences

4:30-8:30 pm

Book Fair-open during conferences

Tuesday, November 24

End of 1st Trimester

1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL—STUDENTS

DISMISSED AT 11:50 AM

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY,

NOVEMBER 25-

27—NO SCHOOL,

THANKSGIVING

BREAK



Father Daughter Dance

The annual Father Daughter Dance, sponsored by the Lady Arrow Varsity Club, will be held on Wednesday, December 2, at the Grand Volute, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. See invitation attached to this week's email blast.

PLEASE NOTE: THE DANCE IS FOR 2ND & 3RD GRADE GIRLS.

Student Artwork

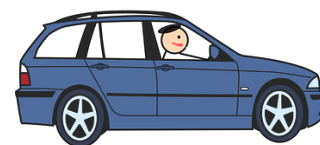


Yearbook Cover Contest

All students are invited to submit a design for the cover of the 2015-16 Murray Lake Yearbook. Designs must be on 8-1/2x11 paper and cannot be computer generated. Entries are due by November 24.

Pick up/Drop Off Procedure

Just a friendly reminder: Please pull all the way forward when dropping your student off. Please do not park and leave your car on the curb. Please do not cut people off and/or park on the left side of our circle lot, potentially allowing kids to run between cars. Please try and help with these issues as we want everyone to stay safe and for pick up/drop off to run efficiently. Thank you!



Who wants to be a Munchkin?

Calling all school children, K-6th grade! Dorothy, Scarecrow, Lion & Tin Man are in need of some help!

Sign up now to be one of the Munchkins in "Christmas in the Land of Oz" performed by the Lowell High School Theatre Department. The \$10 Munchkin Package consists of a ticket for the Munchkin to his/her performance, as well as a t-shirt, which will serve as his/her costume for the show. Space is limited so don't hesitate. Your munchkin will be on stage performing a short song and dance. He/she MUST attend one rehearsal in the LHS Drama Room (D-209) to receive t-shirt and to rehearse part.

Dance Rehearsal Dates: 12/14, 6:00-7:00 pm OR 12/15, 6:00-7:00 pm

Register to become a Munchkin (copy/paste in browser):

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E4DA8AD2EA5FA7-christmas

Please make \$10 check payable to Lowell Area Schools and mail to:

LPAC, Lowell High School

11700 Vergennes St

Lowell MI 49331

For additional information or questions, please contact Jules at: jcrawford@lowellschools.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/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=17461&>