

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal....

We continue to focus on our “1, 2, and 3s” at Murray Lake: Being Safe, Respectful, and Responsible. Each week, our teachers review these words with their students in a different school environment. This week, we focused on what it means to be safe, respectful, and responsible on the bus. This PBIS program is having a huge positive impact on how our students are behaving here at school.

Our first box top competition has come to a close. Congratulations to Ms. Lancioni’s class for taking first place with 1,125 box tops during our fall competition. Mr. Jacobus’ class came in second with 951, and Mrs. Simmons’ class took third place honors with 917. We bring in over \$2,000 each time we run a box top competition. This money helps to pay for our annual AR licensing fee. Thanks for all your help with this. Our next competition will be in January, so keep saving those box tops!

Can you believe Christmas is already right around the corner? The Christmas season is often filled with joy, excitement, and gift giving. For some families in our community it can be challenging and stressful to even be able to provide the essentials for their family. That is why FROM (Flat River Outreach Ministries) here in Lowell is gearing up for their annual Christmas Distribution. They are looking for a variety of items, such as books, games, toys, clothes, wrapping paper, gift cards, and toiletry items. Please see the flyer attached for the full list of items.

We will be having our 2nd annual coat drive this year. Last year, we were able to collect 191 coats, but this year, Cherry Creek and Alto are joining in on the fun as well, so our goal is to collect 500 coats! We are collecting gently used or new coats - ALL sizes. We will also take snow pants, gloves, and boots. The coat drive will go from November 5-30. There is a drop-off bin in the MLE lobby. Items will be donated to In The Image, located in downtown Grand Rapids, and FROM in Lowell. Thank you, Sarah Allchin, for leading this initiative! If you have any questions, please contact Sarah, sallchin15@gmail.com

Next week, our Lowell wrestling coaches will offer a free wrestling clinic to any student in our school. This clinic is happening on November 6 and November 8, 4:00-5:00 pm. Please plan to pick your child up at 5:00 pm in the Murray Lake gym. Please let the office or your child’s teacher know if your child plans to participate in this fun, free event!

We have had another awesome week here at Murray Lake. I hope you all had a fun and safe Halloween. I saw a lot of creative costumes during our parade. I continue to see many examples of quality teaching and learning on a daily basis. Murray Lake is a GREAT place to be. Have a wonderful weekend!

Molly Burnett, Principal



**Congrats, 2018
Walk-a-thon Limo
Winners!**

We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, November 4

Daylight Savings, 2 am (back 1 hr)

Tuesday, November 6

Released Time Bible Study, 9:00 am

Wrestling Clinic, 4:00 pm

Cub Scouts Troop 3189, 6:00 pm

Girl Scouts, 6:00 pm

Girl Scouts Troop 4886, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, November 7

Student Council Mtg, 1:30 pm

Comm Engagement Session, 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 8

Wrestling Clinic, 4:00 pm

Girl Scouts Troop 8138, 6:00 pm

Friday, November 9

Veterans Program, 10:00 am

1/2 day—end of 1st Tri,

11:50 am dismissal



Girls of the Run is looking for coaches for the spring 2019 season. Coaches have the option of volunteering one or two days per week during the season. Training is provided. If you are interested in helping with this fun activity for 3rd-5th grade girls, please use the links below to sign up. If you have any question, contact Lisa Plank, lisaplank@att.net.

Return Coach App:

<https://www.raceplanner.com/volunteer/signup/return-coach-app-2019>

New Coach App:

<https://www.raceplanner.com/volunteer/signup/newcoachapp-2019>



Santa Claus Girls of Kent

County is a local non-profit organization assisting Kent County families in need or facing hardship by providing and delivering gifts - including toys, gloves, hats and scarves - to children 12 and under in time for Christmas. **To register** to receive gifts: - Register online at www.santaclausgirls.org - or call 616-957-7335. Please provide: • Family's name • Children's ages and sizes • Family's address (for delivery within Kent County) • OHS ID (NOT REQUIRED).

Delivery Date: Gifts, disguised in plastic bags, are delivered between 9am and 2pm on Saturday, **December 15, 2018**. An adult must be present to receive the drop-off. (An alternative Pick-Up from Santa Claus Girls Headquarters is available for those unavailable on December 15. Please call 616-957-7335 to learn more.) **QUESTIONS?** Please call 616-957-7335. www.santaclausgirls.org

2nd ANNUAL COAT DRIVE!!

We were able to collect 191 coats last year, and this year, with the help of Cherry Creek and Alto, our goal is 500!!!

We are collecting gently used or new coats - ALL sizes! We will also take snow pants, gloves, and boots (please, NO used hats).

The coat drive will go from November 5-30. Drop-off is located in the lobby. Items will be donated to In The Image, located in downtown Grand Rapids (they work with families and individuals that are homeless), and F.R.O.M. in Lowell.

Please contact Sarah Allchin, sallchin15@gmail.com, or via text [616-540-5345](tel:616-540-5345), if you have any questions.

Thank you so much for helping those in need this year!!

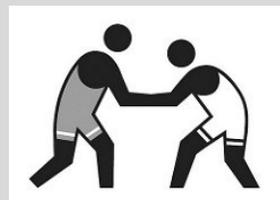


FREE WRESTLING CLINIC

LOWELL WRESTLING CLUB TO HOST IT'S 2ND ANNUAL **FREE** YOUTH CLINIC ON NOV 6 & NOV 8, 4-5PM, IN THE GYMNASIUM. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. CHANGE OF CLOTHES OPTIONAL. COME AS YOU ARE.

TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL TO LET THEM KNOW YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER WILL NOT BE RIDING THE BUS ON THOSE DAYS & THAT YOU WILL PICK HIM/HER UP AT 5PM AFTER THE CLINIC.

Please send all questions to Head Wrestling Coach, R.J. Boudro, rjboudro@lowellschools.com.



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/

Girls' Lacrosse Clinic

Don't forget to sign up for the **Girls' Lacrosse Clinic on November 10, 10:00 am-12 pm.**

Sign up on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/249097249282670???ti=ia>.



Weather Watch

We live in Michigan, so the weather is constantly changing! Please keep an eye on the weather report to be sure your child comes to school with the appropriate clothing. The weather will soon be turning colder. Coats, gloves or mittens, and a hat may be needed.



Once the snow arrives, snow pants and winter boots are necessary. Our students enjoy two outdoor recesses each day, unless the wind chill is at or below zero. Recess is more fun when you're dressed for the weather!

It's also a good idea to have your younger children practice getting dressed at home so they know how to put their outdoor gear on by themselves. Thank you!

We invite you to attend a **Community Engagement Session** to discuss facility improvements and the future of our facilities. This forum will focus on our future needs and lay out a 5 and 10-year facility planning roadmap. Attendees will have an opportunity to provide input as well as hear our vision for the future and what students need to be successful. The third and final session will take place on:

Wednesday, November 7, 7:00–8:30 pm
Middle School Cafeteria



Lowell Ski/Snowboard Club!

We are now taking registrations for our Lowell Schools K-12 Ski and Snowboard Club at Cannonsburg! Registrations can be dropped off in any school office. All registrations are due by **November 30**. Club cards will be available for pick up at Cannonsburg in early December.

Below are links to the registration form and our Facebook page, where parents can get more information.

Registration:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EgsC6SJZ70-zmOpj3rUYyhKAsa8OSv0/view?usp=sharing>

Facebook:

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



NEWS FROM ART...

We have partnered with your child's school to create a unique opportunity to celebrate their artistic accomplishments while raising much needed funds for the school.

Coming home soon will be your child's custom catalog featuring their artwork. Won't you help make your child feel like an accomplished artist by purchasing keepsakes for the whole family containing their masterpiece? The school earns profit from every order. And as a thank you for participating, we provide each child with a sheet of stickers imprinted with their artwork — absolutely FREE!

Watch for more details about the campaign and order deadlines. All online and paper order forms must be turned in by the due date on your child's custom catalog. (No late orders can be accepted.) Together, we can help support the school, build your child's self-esteem, and create lasting keepsakes from your child's artistic achievements.

THREE EASY WAYS TO ORDER KEEPSAKES

1. The paper order form attached to their custom catalog.
2. Online at www.square1art.com/shop.
3. Phone Customer Care [888-332-3294](tel:888-332-3294).

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of the teachers, faculty and volunteers for their help in creating this meaningful fundraiser.



Laminating Help Wanted

volunteer

We're looking for a parent who would like to laminate 1 to 2 days a week. No experience necessary. We will train you! Please email Alice Bush, abush@lowellschools.com, if interested.