

# Murray Lake Messenger

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## From the Principal...

Halloween is upon us! It's hard to believe that October is almost over and that we kick off the month of November next week. I'm looking forward to our Halloween celebrations on Tuesday, October 31. Classroom parties are planned and ready to go. I'm excited to see all of the creative costumes! The MLE parade will start at 10:45am. This parade will be outside (weather permitting). **The plan is for our students to parade through all of the classrooms and then head outside so parents can watch the parade as well. We are asking that parents watch outside in the front of the school to help keep the parade flow and allow for space to parade through each classroom. At 10:45, classes will parade through each classroom then head out front. We will parade around the front of the school so there should be plenty of space to watch. Then once the entire parade is complete and students are back in their individual classrooms, parents can go straight to the classroom and sign students out to go home. Students in grades K-5 will be joining the parade. Note: Tuesday is a 1/2 day of school (12:00 dismissal).**

A special shout out to the parents that serve on the Family Links committee. We are grateful for your support and help bringing fun activities and programs to our school for our students and staff to enjoy. Family Links helps pay for field trips, they help teachers get what they need for their classrooms, they plan fun events like Ice Cream Fridays, the Mustangs on the Move fundraiser, Santa Shop, and so much more. We appreciate your support to help MLE be a great place to be. If you'd like to be a part of this group, please email me, [mburnett@lowellschools.com](mailto:mburnett@lowellschools.com), for more information and details about our upcoming meeting.

Our focus this month was on the word Responsibility. In the classrooms and on the announcements we talked about how responsibility leads to success. Teachers nominated kids who have shown great responsibility this month. We celebrated that award with a certificate and a pin to put on their lanyard.

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 while having breakfast/lunch in the cafeteria. This was also the last week of the month so classrooms voted on how to celebrate positive behavior within their classrooms. Students were also able to visit the Mustang Market to buy treats with their Mustang Moments.

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. Have a wonderful weekend!

Molly Burnett  
Principal

PS Directories  
are coming home  
today!



**Character in Action!**

We value: Trustworthiness  
Respect Responsibility  
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

## News from Lowell Middle School...

LMS has recently launched Arrow Assist, a clothing closet designed to help equip students who may need assistance with clothing or toiletries.

The clothing closet at our middle school is designed to meet the diverse needs of our students. Located within our school building, this closet is a valuable resource to ensure that every student feels confident and comfortable regardless of their circumstances.

The clothing closet operates on a system of confidentiality and respect. Students can access it discreetly, either through self-referral or with the help of a trusted adult, such as a teacher, counselor, or school nurse. This approach ensures that student's privacy is protected and there is no stigma associated with utilizing this valuable resource.

This is not just about providing essential clothing; it also fosters community and compassion. Donations from staff, students, and community members play a significant role in keeping the closet well-stocked, highlighting the importance of empathy and helping one another.

In essence, our middle school's clothing closet is a symbol of our commitment to creating a supportive environment for our students. It promotes self-esteem, reduces barriers to learning, and reinforces the idea that every student is valued and deserving of the opportunity to thrive academically and socially.

[www.facebook.com/LMSArrowAssist](https://www.facebook.com/LMSArrowAssist)  
Donation Signup at <https://bit.ly/LMSArrowAssist>

**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!



## Upcoming Events:

### Tuesday, October 31

Halloween Parade, 10:45  
1/2 Day of School, 12:00 dismissal

### Wednesday, November 1

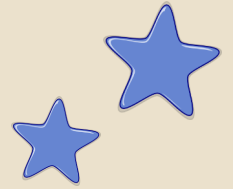
4th Grade to Ada-Lowell 5, 9:00-11:20

### Thursday, November 2

Picture Day Retakes

### Friday, November 3

Ice Cream Day  
Make Your Mark t-shirt day



## LOWELL SCHOOL TAKEOVER NIGHT



Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023 | 7 PM  
Van Andel Arena



The first 50 students to sign up will get a chance to participate in:

- Anthem Buddies
- High-five tunnel

All students will get to participate in post-game autographs and the group will get a halftime video board shoutout!

**TICKETS: \$8**



Scan the QR Code or click on the link below to purchase tickets now!

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lowellpublic>

For more information contact Hayden Johnson at [hjohnson@nbagrandrapids.com](mailto:hjohnson@nbagrandrapids.com)

## Lowell 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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfdp_8hZsY21lm4K8_N8b1-THmWaEBgYTRccYbP8GpZ982X-Q/viewform)

**Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/lowellskisnowboardclub/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/lowellskisnowboardclub/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)



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/](http://www.lowellschools.com/student-activities/)





So many October activities!

