

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal....

With the June departure of our Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Roger Bearup (now the superintendent of Grandville Public Schools), I have picked up some of his duties. These added duties do cause me to be out of the building a bit more than in the past. Fortunately, our district hired another administrator to help out when other administrators in the district and myself are out of the building. Mrs. Molly Burnett is our newest administrator. I actually hired Molly as a first grade teacher for Murray Lake about 8 years ago. Most recently she was a reading teacher at Bushnell Elementary School. I introduced Mrs. Burnett to our students a couple weeks ago and she has already filled in for me on a few occasions. I know she will do a great job for us in her new position.

Our first box top and soup label competition has come to a close. Congratulations to Mr. Jacobus' class for taking first place with 3,999 labels and box tops during our fall competition. Mrs. Fuss' class came in second with 3,042, and Mrs. Wilterink's class took third place honors with 2,544. 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. We also had thousands of Campbell's soup labels brought in which can be used to get items for our school from the Campbell's catalogue. Thanks for all your help with this. Our next competition will be in January, so keep saving those box tops and soup labels!

I have already started to spend some of our fall fundraising money. I have purchased several I-pads, some Chrome Books, some cameras to use in art class, and other teacher materials. We could not afford many of these items without the support of our Mustangs on the Move, so I again want to thank you all for your overwhelming support of this fundraiser.

As our first trimester reaches the midway point, I want to remind you of the minimum AR goals for all of our students to achieve by December 1 (there are some exceptions made for students who struggle with reading): 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.

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.

Brent R. Noskey
Principal



Pictured above is Lowell's newest addition to the administrator team: Mrs. Molly Burnett.

We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Upcoming Events:

**Saturday,
October 31**

Halloween



Sunday, November 1

Daylight Savings

(move clock back 1 hr)

Tuesday, November 3

Released Time Bible Study

Picture Retake Day

Ice Cream sales during lunch

Mileage Club

Friday, November 6

School Store during lunch

Tuesday, November 10

Book Fair begins

Thursday, November 12

Parent Teacher Conferences,

4:30-8:30 pm

Thursday, November 19

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Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 12, and Thursday, November 19. You should have received an email this week to sign up for a time. If not, please let your child's teacher know.

Please make every effort to attend this conference with your child's teacher. This conference provides an opportunity for communication that is critical to your child's success.

Book Fair is Coming: November 10-19!

Visit the Book Fair during
Parent Teacher Conferences
on November 12 and 19.

**Hooray
for
Books!**

Classes will visit the book fair during the school day and bring home a wish list parents may use for shopping. All purchases benefit the MLE media center.

Volunteers are needed! Please click on the link to sign up now!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0945a8ac2fa3fc1-murray>

GOTR Meeting Next Week!



**Attention all 3rd
grade girls and inter-
ested 4th and 5th
grade girls:**

There will be a Girls on the Run meeting Thursday, November 5, 1:30 pm, in the computer lab.

Also, Girls on the Run is in need of a few more coaches for this upcoming season. If interested, please contact: Josie Anstett, josephineanst@yahoo.com or (616) 648-5480). Thank you!

Clothes Needed! We are getting low on emergency clothes in the office. Please return any borrowed items. Also, donations would be greatly appreciated. We are especially in need of small (sz 5,6, & 7) pants for boys and girls. Thank you!

Family Links is Looking for A Few Good Cooks!

Please sign up at [signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) if you would like to help with staff meals during parent teacher conferences. Thank you!

Mamma Mia! Pasta and Salad!: <http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508054EADA929AA8-mamma/25375955>

Soups On: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054eada929aa8-soups1>

**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&>