

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal....

We had a wonderful first week at Murray Lake! It was good to see so many smiling faces. It was a very smooth transition from summer. We have several new students joining Murray Lake this year, and I was impressed with how easily they are all fitting in. I want you all to know that I have an open door policy, so if you have any concerns about your child's educational experience here at Murray Lake, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We also have many new faces on our staff this year. I am extremely happy with the new staff we were able to bring to Murray lake: Brent Steele (PE teacher), Stuart Kohl (4th grade), Daniel Steele (5th grade), Tammy Petersen (am supervision), and Heidi Organek (am supervision). We also have some new faces at Murray Lake who have transferred in from other buildings in Lowell: Sara Ponchaud (lunch staff) and Nancy Dood (para educator). I know all of these new staff members will help make MLE an even better place to be!

I hope to see many of you at the Pink Arrow Game! It should be another terrific community event. Festivities begin at 2:30 pm at the high school. As many of you know, all of the proceeds stay in our Lowell community. Lowell's own Gilda's Club was established a couple years ago with the funds generated through our annual Pink Arrow Game. There are also annual scholarships given out made possible with the funds raised from the Pink Arrow Game. It is truly an event that makes me proud to be part of such a caring and giving community. It is a very touching event and I hope many MLE families will participate in the festivities.

Many of you have already signed up for our Meijer Community Rewards Program. It is easy to do. You just call this number: 1-800-962-7011 and give our school name and code: 771124. Then, each time you shop at Meijer, you swipe your Meijer card and your bank's debit card and Murray Lake gets up to 1% of your total purchase amount. It is an easy way to make money for our school. Last year we brought in close to \$2,000 for Murray Lake. If you are not signed up, please consider signing up and helping us earn money for our school. You can also sign up for a similar program at Target; details are online at Target's website.

During the month of September, our teachers will be introducing our students to a new program that MLE will be participating in. It is called Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). This promotes positive behavior in all areas at MLE. Staff members will recognize positive student behavior with Mustang Moment Tickets. Students will be able to use these tickets to earn positive consequences (lunch with teacher, school store \$, extra recess time, etc.). We want ALL students at MLE to be Safe, Responsible, and Respectful, and we plan on bringing attention to these all year long!

For new parents, I want to make you aware of our **School Store**. Each Friday (the first store date will be September 25) we set up a school store in our lobby. The store has pencils, pens, folders, small toys, etc. The items cost between 5 cents and \$2.00. We make a small profit from the store and this money goes toward items needed in the school. The kids have a lot of fun shopping at the store.

We also have a *No TV Night* one day each week where students are asked to turn off their TVs and video games and instead participate in family activities or do some extra reading. We ask students to choose Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday for their *No TV Night*. We then do a count each Thursday to see how many students participate each week. It is great when all family members get involved with this (YES, dads, even YOU!).

It has been a terrific first week! I have seen many examples of quality teaching and learning happening each day. Murray Lake is a GREAT place to be! We are going to have a wonderful school year! GO PINK!!!

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:

Monday, September 14

MAP Testing-5th grade
Pupel to WWC, 9:15-12:00

Tuesday, September 9

MAP Testing-5th grade

Wednesday, September 10

MAP Testing-5th grade

Thursday, September 11

MAP Testing-4th grade
Pupel-Wittenbach Center
9:30 am-12:00 pm

Friday, September 12

MAP Testing-4th grade
School store open during lunch

Wednesday, September 16

Cub Scout Mtg, 6:30 pm, art room,
boys gr 1-5 & parents

Pink It Forward 8!



This year marks the 8th anniversary of Pink Arrow. To Pink It Forward for the next 8 months, students and staff will be encouraged to wear a pink shirt and support Gilda's Club on the 8th day of each month. Support could mean anything from a 1 cent donation, to a 1 dollar donation, to bringing a much-needed item for our local Gilda's Club. The attached Wish List identifies those important items. Please support our Pink It Forward efforts!

Picture Day!

Friday, September 25

- no payment required day of -

Make-up Day:
Tuesday, November 3

Do We Have Your Correct Contact Info?



Parents, please review and edit the information on the Census Verification forms we're sending home today in the Friday Folders and return to school by 9/25/15. Thank you!

Reminder!

Reminders

All messages regarding **end-of-day dismissal changes** must be called in to the office no later than 3:00 p.m. This will allow time for the message to be passed on to your child's teacher prior dismissal. The preferred method for notifying teachers about your plans for the end of day would be to send a note with your child before he/she leaves for school in the morning, but we do understand that changes sometimes occur during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please remember to call in your student's absence, late arrival, early dismissal, and vacation dates to the **attendance line, 987-2775**, which is available 24 hours a day. Thank you for your cooperation!

Information regarding student activities and community events can be found on the Student Activities page on the Community tab of the Lowell Schools website at:

<http://www.lowellschools.com/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=17461&>