

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal...

I want to thank you all for your support of *Mustangs on the Move*. All fundraising packets are due next week (9/28)! I am extremely pleased with how generous our families have been already! I will let you know our final numbers next week. I also want to thank all of our moms who have worked diligently to pull this event off. We could not do this without the hundreds of hours of planning they put into this event.



Last week information about a new Michigan law, House Bill 4822, was sent home to all students in grades K-2. This law focuses on having all students reading at grade level by the end of third grade. Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, Michigan third graders will need to demonstrate proficiency on the state assessment in order to be promoted to the fourth grade. Lowell Area Schools places a high priority on reading, and we have plans in place to help all be successful. Please contact me if you have any questions about this.

I was very impressed with the goals our students set during Goal Week(s). I was able to get into several classrooms as students set goals. Please ask your child about the goals he/she set and help him/her to reach these goals this school year. Third through fifth grade students have brought or will be bringing home a goal sheet for you to look at and sign. We will have students review their goals periodically throughout the school year and evaluate their progress toward their goals. Goal setting is extremely important for students, and research shows that students who set goals have a much higher likelihood of being successful and happy in their future.

We will be using **SIGNUPGENIUS** again this year to schedule conferences. This is an online scheduling program. Our teachers will be getting their accounts set up soon. We will send out login instructions to parents in the next few weeks. For now, just leave some time open on either Thursday, October 12, or Tuesday, October 17, as these are our two fall conference nights.

Our first Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) celebration will be at the end of this month. This is for all MLE students who did not end a day on "red" or have more than one "orange" during the month. We will have these celebrations monthly as a way of thanking students who are being Safe, Responsible, and Respectful on a daily basis. Our PBIS program has made a BIG difference at our building this year! Our kids are truly being more respectful and compassionate toward other students and staff.



We have had a wonderful week at MLE. It is truly a great place to be! I continue to see outstanding examples of teaching and learning in our classrooms. Have a great, warm weekend!

Molly Burnett
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 25

Mustangs on the Move Health Week begins!

Box Tops Contest starts (runs through 10/23)

Tuesday, September 26

4th gr to ArtPrize, 8:50-2:00

PBIS Store during lunch—5th, 3rd, & 2nd gr

Mileage Club during 2nd recess

Cub Scouts Mtg, 7-8 pm

Wednesday, September 27

Cyrocki/Durfee to WWC, 9:10-12:45

PBIS Celebration, 2:20

Thursday, September 28

Russell to WWC, 9:10-12:45

Tom Thelen, Speaker on Bullying, 1:30 pm

Friday, September 29

Washburn to Fountain View, 9:30-11:00

Mustangs on the Move Walk-a-thon, 1:45

BOX TOPS CONTEST!



Family Links will be holding a Box Tops Contest 9/25-10/23/17. Box Tops can be turned into the teacher or his/her mailbox in the office.



Ready, set, go!

Mustangs on the Move Walk-a-thon

September 29, 1:45 pm, 2017

Packets are due back by September 28. All money raised for this event directly benefits Murray Lake Students. Thank you for your help!

Health Week/Walk-a-thon Info!

Next Week is Mustangs on the Move Walk-a-thon & Health Week. Students are to bring completed fundraiser packets by Thursday, 9/28! Everyone who returns a packet will receive a water bottle!

Monday, 9/25: Fitness with Tabitha Goldsmith

Tuesday, 9/26: A fun, healthy snack available during lunch

Wednesday, 9/27: Inflatable Obstacle Course

Thursday, 9/28: A fun, healthy snack available during lunch & **LAST DAY TO RETURN PACKET** to receive tickets for the awesome prizes!

Friday, 9/29, 1:45: Walk-a-thon (kickoff starts in gym) and prize assembly -- wear running shoes!

Directory Cover Contest

Attention all students! We need your creative talents to help design a cover for the 2017-2018 student directory. Please turn in to office with your name on the back. Deadline is October 6.



Book Fair Coming Soon!



Scholastic Book Fair is coming 10/10/17! We need volunteers to make it a success! Please sign up by copying/pasting the link below into your browser.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f45aca728a7fc1-fall>

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&>