

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal...



Next week will be **GOAL WEEK** at Murray Lake. Everyone, including our staff members, will be setting goals for themselves. Some teachers have already set goals with their students, and will be reviewing these goals during "Goal Week." Some will be holding off to the following week to set goals until all of their MAP data is in. Our teachers will be blocking out some time to speak with our students about the importance of setting goals. Each of our students will set goals for this school year. These goals will include academic and affective goals dealing with our character traits. Our older students will review their fall MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress) scores to help them set their academic goals. You will receive your Child's MAP report within the next couple weeks (depending on when your child's classroom is finished testing). Research shows that students who set goals have a much higher chance of being successful adults. Take some time to share with your children the goals you have in your life. You have the most impact on your child and if he/she sees that goal setting is important to you, he/she will also think it is important. Also, ask your child what he/she wants to be when he/she grows up. It is never too early to have these discussions with your children. They may change their minds over the years, but what is important is that they are thinking about their future and seeing how doing well in school will relate to being successful in their future.

Our 2nd-5th grade students will also set AR (Accelerated Reader) goals. I have attached a letter about AR to this week's newsletter. This letter shows the minimum number of points we require for students' AR goals. There are times with certain students where these can be tweaked. Please take some time to read this document about our AR program.

Our Family Links group held their first meeting a couple weeks ago. I want to introduce to you this year's Family Links Council: Co-facilitators- Alisha Martin and Ashleigh Gage; Financial Coordinators- Laura Judge and Lisa Verburg; Volunteer Coordinators- Kylie Golden and Melissa Simkins; Special Activities Coordinators- Carrie Kooistra; and Student Activities Coordinators- Deanna Mears and Kaily VanLaan. These ladies do SO MUCH to help our school and I greatly appreciate their time and efforts. This week they helped us kick off our annual Mustangs on the Move. If you run into one of these ladies, please join me in thanking them for all they do! If you are interested in helping out at all with Family Links, they are always looking for volunteers.



We have had another great week here at MLE. I see daily our students putting our PBIS traits into action. They are being Safe, Responsible and Respectful, and we appreciate this! I am impressed with the high quality teaching and learning I see taking place each day. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend! Go Red Arrows!

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 26

MAP Testing

Box Tops Contest starts (runs through 10/25)

Wilterink/Day to WWC, 9:15-12:15

Tuesday, September 27

MAP Testing

Breuker/Washburn to WWC,
9:15-12:15

Mileage Club during 2nd recess

Wednesday, September 28

MAP Testing

Eldridge to WWC, 9:15-12:15

Odyssey of the Mind info mtg
6:30-7:30 pm, media center

Thursday, September 29

MAP Testing

Friday, September 30

MAP Testing

3rd gr to Heidi's Farmstand,
8:50-2:00

Washburn to Fountain View,
9:45-11:15

Student Council Primary Election
School store open during lunch



Ready, set, go!

Mustangs on the Move Walk-a-thon

October 7, 2016

Packets go home today and are due back by October 7. All packets that are brought back by the 7th will get a ticket. If every student raises \$30, we will meet our school goal. All money raised for this event directly benefits Murray Lake Students. Thank you for your help!

HELP WANTED!



Substitute Paraeds are needed for our lunchtime duties! Times would range from 11:10-1:10. Please see Alice or Cathy in the office for an application and more information. Thank you!

Family Links is looking for volunteers for Ice Cream Sales!

Please copy and paste the link below

into your browser to sign up:

[http://www.signupgenius.com/
go/10C0E4EA9AD2DA1FB6-
icecream/21033125](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9AD2DA1FB6-icecream/21033125)



BOX TOPS CONTEST!



Family Links will be holding a Box Tops Contest 9/26-10/25/16. Box Tops can be turned into the teacher or his/her mailbox in the office.

A Safety Reminder from the Principal....

I have noticed that our parent pickup area after school is very busy! We have a lot of students here at MLE who get picked up at the end of the day. My number one goal is to keep all of our student's safe during this process. In order for kids to be safe they need to be picked up in the parent pickup area. Please do not park in the staff lot and have your child walk across the parking lot. Our buses cannot see your child if they are behind their bus. The best way to pick up your child is to park in the visitor lot and walk in or remain in the car line and wait for your child. We are trying our best to keep that car line moving to make our parent pickup process as efficient as possible.

Also, ALL parents/visitors entering the building during the school day MUST stop in the office to sign in and obtain a visitor tag. Our staff has been instructed to send adults without a visitor tag back to the office to check in. We appreciate your cooperation! This is for the safety of our children!

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&>