

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 last week. I want to introduce to you this year's Family Links Council: Co-facilitators- Becky Anderson and Mellisa Spinella; Financial Coordinators- Lisa Northup and Laura Judge; Volunteer Coordinators- Kaily VanLaan and Aubrey DeKubber; Special Events - Tiffany McCormick and Melissa Loughlin; and Student Activities- Janet Fabis, Eileen DeVries, and Deanna Mears. These ladies do SO MUCH to help our school and I greatly appreciate their time and efforts. Next week they will be helping 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!

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, GO BLUE, GO GREEN!

It has been another wonderful week at MLE. It's a GREAT place to be! Have a fantastic weekend. GO ARROWS!

Brent 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 28

Crazy Hair and/or Hat Day
Washburn to
Fountain View,
9:45-11:15
Wilterink/Titche
to WWC, 9-12
Kick-off to Walk-a-
thon, 1:15



Tuesday, September 29

Pajama Day
Day to WWC, 9-12

Wednesday, September 30

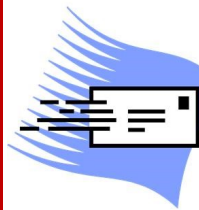
Sports Day
Student Council Speeches, 1:15

Thursday, October 1

Movie/Character Day

Friday, October 2

Red, White, Black and/or Pink Day
School store open during lunch
Student Council Election, 11:30



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Spirit Week!

In keeping with the tradition of Homecoming week, we will have Spirit week next week (9/28-10/2):

Monday: Crazy Hair and/or Hat Day

Tuesday: Pajama Day

Wednesday: Sports Day (wear your sports uniform or support your favorite team)

Thursday: Educational Movie Day and Dress as your favorite book or movie character

Friday: Red, White, Black and/or Pink Day



This is
happening!

Mustangs on the Move
Walk-a-thon,
October 9, 2015!

Safety Reminder....

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&>