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From the Principal....

You should receive some information about our fourth annual "Mustangs on the Move" fundraiser in your child's Friday folder this week. Our kick off assembly was held earlier today. This is our Family Links main fundraiser for the year. In past years, this fundraiser has allowed us to buy many pieces of technology for our building, allowed students to go on field trips, and purchased many different learning materials for our classrooms. In the past two years, we have raised over \$40,000 for our school. I would love to see us raise at least \$14,000 this year. Please encourage your child to get involved and get pledges for this event. I realize some of you may be facing difficult financial times, so don't feel pressured to participate if you are not financially able to at this time. Students need to have their pledge forms and money turned in by October 9. Thank you in advance for supporting our fundraiser!

Most of our 2nd through 5th graders will be bringing home their Measurement for Academic Progress (MAP) scores today. Some classes, including third grade, do not have all of their scores back yet so they will be sending parent reports home next week. These scores show how your child is doing in comparison to children across the country. Our 3rd through 5th grade students have also set goals based on their own MAP scores. They are bringing home their goal sheets for you to review and sign. Our teachers use this data to help adjust their instruction to meet the needs of ALL students. I have attached some information about MAP to this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's MAP data, please feel free to contact me.

As you know, we make our character traits a focus throughout the year. October's trait is *Responsibility*. Our staff will focus on this trait throughout the month and discuss with our students the many ways they can put this trait into action. I would greatly appreciate you bringing focus to this trait by reinforcing responsibilities that your child has at home and at school and by praising your child for exhibiting this character trait.

Our Student Council final vote for our fifth grade board positions was this week. Our third and fourth graders voted for their classroom representatives last week. I will be sending home a final list of all of our student council members next week. The students did a wonderful job with their speeches and their posters. Even if they did not win, I think the experience of this process will serve them well in their futures.

Next week is SPIRIT WEEK at MLE. We have always held a spirit week to go along with the high school on their homecoming week. Each day will have a special theme, chosen by our fifth grade student council candidates, as follows:

- Monday: Mismatch and Extra Recess Day (students wear mismatched clothes)
- Tuesday: Crazy Hair and/or Hat Day
- Wednesday: Grade Level Color and No Homework Day: (each grade level is assigned a specific color to wear to show their spirit) K-white, 1st-blue, 2nd-black, 3rd-red, 4th-green, 5th-pink
- Thursday: PJ/Movie Day (students wear PJs and get to enjoy an educational movie)
- Friday: Red Arrow Spirit Day (students wear red, white, black and/or pink)

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 29

Mismatch and Extra Recess Day

Tuesday, September 30

Crazy Hair and/or Hat Day

Wednesday, October 1

Grade Level Color/No Homework Day

Day/Titche-Wittenbach Center

9:00-12:00

Count Day

Thursday, October 2

PJ/Movie Day

Wilterink-Wittenbach Center

9:15-12:00

Friday, October 3

Red Arrow Spirit Day

School store open during lunch

Monday, October 6

Health Week Kickoff

Tuesday, October 7

Released Time Bible Study

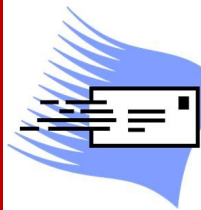
9:00-10:00

Wednesday, October 8

Child Study Day

Thursday, October 9

Walk-a-thon pledges due



Are you receiving our emails?

If you or someone you know feels they aren't receiving all our emails, please add mail@notify.onecallnow.com to your address book. This should clear up most of the issues we are experiencing. This type of error is handled by the parents' email service provider (Yahoo, Hotmail, Amway, etc).

If you receive email through an organization, such as your workplace, it may be necessary for you to speak with the system administrator to have onecallnow.com added to the organization's list of acceptable email addresses.

Looking for a way to get involved? Family Links is going electronic this year! Watch your Friday eblasts for opportunities via Sign-Up Genius.

Mrs. Harrison needs your help!

When: Tuesday, Oct 7

Where: Phys Ed Class

To volunteer, go to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48aca923a0fe3-health>



This is
happening!

**Mustangs on the Move
Walk-a-thon,
October 10, 2014!**

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&>