

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 many 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 this year: Kristin Manske (2nd grade), Robin Picarazzi (4th), Jacquelyn Bernat (music), Alice Bush (office asst), Cathy Noffke (office asst), Jacqueline Farrington (speech), Megan Pulvermacher (psychologist), and Steve Tripp (Kitchen). 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. Or you can sign up online at www.meijer.com/rewards. 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 www.target.com.

During the month of September, our teachers will be introducing our students to all of our character traits: Responsibility, Respect, Caring, Trustworthiness, Fairness, and Citizenship. They will look for students who put these traits into action on a daily basis, and nominate these students for one of our monthly Character in Action awards. Please emphasize how important it is to put good character into action on a daily basis, and treat others the way we want to be treated. It is great to have parent support in this regard.

For new parents, I want to make you aware of our **School Store**. Each Friday (the first store date will be September 12) 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 8

MAP Testing-4th grade

Cub Scouts Mtg, 6:30 pm, MLE

Tuesday, September 9

MAP Testing-4th grade

Wednesday, September 10

MAP Testing-4th grade

Thursday, September 11

MAP Testing-3rd grade

Pupel-Wittenbach Center

9:30 am-12:00 pm

Friday, September 12

MAP Testing-3rd grade

School store open during lunch

Monday, September 15

MAP Testing-1st grade

Byrne-Wittenbach Center

9:30-11:30 am

Cub Scouts Mtg, 6:30 pm, MLE

Tuesday, September 16

MAP Testing-1st grade

McGovern/Pike-Wittenbach Center

9:30-11:30 am

Wednesday, September 17

MAP Testing-2nd grade

Odyssey of the Mind Parent/

Student Info Mtg, 6:30 pm

Cherry Creek Media Center

2014-2015 School Year

September 19

Picture Day

October 1

Count Day

November 21

Half day for students

(11:50 am dismissal)

End of 1st Trimester

November 26-28

No school—Thanksgiving Break

December 22-January 2

No school—Christmas/Holiday

Break

January 5

School resumes

January 19

No school—Martin Luther King

Day

February 11

Count Day

February 16

Mid-Winter Break

March 6

Half day for students

(11:50 am dismissal)

End of 2nd Trimester

April 3-April 10

No school—Spring Break

April 13

No school— PD Day

May 25

No school—Memorial Day

June 4

Half day for students

(11:50 am dismissal)

June 5

Last day of school—half day for

students (11:50 am dismissal)

End of 3rd Trimester



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&>

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**Welcome
Back!**

**First Day
of School,
2014-
2015!**

