

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal...

It was a great Pink Arrow week! We had Gilda's Club here on Thursday to talk with the kids about their mission and how they help families in our community. On Friday, we were all bussed to the high school to form a giant PINK Arrow. An aerial photograph was taken while we were there. It sure was amazing to see thousands of students wearing pink to support such a great cause. These events always make me proud to be a part of the Lowell Community. We definitely have a lot of Pink Arrow Pride here in Lowell. I hope to see many of you at the game tonight. It will be another great community event. Festivities begin at 2:30 pm at the high school.

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 Positive Behavior Intervention and Support system. 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.

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 K. Burnett, Principal



Upcoming Events

Friday, September 8

Pink Arrow X

Monday, September 11

MAP Testing

5th gr Student Council Speeches,

1:15 pm

Tuesday, September 12

MAP Testing

Wednesday, September 13

MAP Testing

Child Study Day

Thursday, September 14

MAP Testing

Friday, September 15

MAP Testing

Family Links Meeting, 9 am

Mustangs on the Move Assembly,

Student Council Primary Vote,

gr 3-5

School store during lunch



New Stadium Policy: This year, Lowell Area Schools will be enforcing a new policy during events that occur at Red Arrow Stadium. Starting with the 2017-18 athletic season, any outside food or beverage will not be allowed to be brought into the stadium. Due to hazardous situations that have occurred in the past, it is also requested that footballs and any other balls remain at home. We also prefer that students stay seated and watch the game. This will help to ensure our events at the stadium are safe and secure. Go Red Arrows!



Mileage Club!

Mileage Club starts Tuesday, September 19, during 2nd recess, and we need volunteers!

Please copy and paste the link below into your browser to sign up:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/9040c44acaf2ea13-mileage>

Girls on the Run Needs You!

GOTR is in need of a new liaison for MLE. Mrs. Anstett is sad to have to leave this position but she's gone back to school and needs to dedicate time to her studies. If interested, please

contact Mrs. Josie Anstett, [616-648-5480](tel:616-648-5480) or josephineanst@yahoo.com. 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/9040c44acaf2ea13-friday>



Odyssey of the Mind...

Creative problem solving, teamwork, acting, building and creating - If any of these activities interest your child, you should check out our Odyssey of the Mind program. We will be hosting an informational meeting for interested students, gr K-12, and their parents, on Monday, 9/18/1, 7-8 pm, in the Murray Lake library.

More info can be found at our website,

<http://www.lowellschools.com/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=17461&>

Questions can be sent to lowellodyssey@gmail.com.

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&>