

# Murray Lake Messenger

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## From the Principal...

Do you want to have fun, make new friends, and support the kids, teachers, and families at Murray Lake Elementary? If so, Family Links is the ticket!!! Family Links is Murray Lake's Parent Teacher Organization! Family Links is a great way to get involved! We have an excellent team of parents that supports each other, has fun, and believes that many hands make light work! We would LOVE to have you join us! The mission of Family Links is to support the education of children at Murray Lake by linking the school, families, teachers, administration, and community to achieve academic excellence! We divide the roles up and strive to have two people serve each role. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity, we are looking for people to join our team! As always, all parents are welcome to attend the meetings. If you are interested, please email me, mburnett@lowellschools.com.



**Mrs. Judge reading to students.**

We had our first student council meeting this week for kids in grades 3-5. This was an informational meeting on the program itself. If students were interested, they took a permission slip to be signed by parents/guardians. Student Council is a great leadership opportunity where students can be the voice for their classroom and the school to help make MLE an even better place to learn. If you have a 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader, talk to them about this opportunity! More information about elections and representatives will be coming home soon.

In the next few weeks, we will finish up our Acadience Reading Testing. MAP testing will begin as well. MAP testing will take at least 3 weeks to complete. After that, our students and teachers will begin goal setting. 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. 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's important is that they are thinking about the future, and seeing how doing well in school will relate to being successful later on in life.

Did you know that the first Friday of each month is Ice Cream Friday? We sell ice cream treats for \$1 at lunch. If your child is interested in this opportunity, please send \$1 to school with them. They can take that money to lunch with them and once they finish eating, they can enjoy a cold treat! We do offer dairy free options as well!

Today (2nd Friday of each month) our School Store is open. This store is a money based store where kids can purchase trinkets, fun school supplies, and other goodies. If your child would like to shop, please send him/her to school with money. Most items are priced from .50 cents to \$2.00. This is totally optional but students do love shopping at our School Store. We also have a Mustang Market which is open the last week of each month. This store is where students spend their Mustang Moments (token economy) on toys, trinkets, or drawings for various things. They earn Mustang Moments by showing that they are safe, respectful, and responsible throughout the school day.

We have had another great week here at MLE. I see our students putting our PBIS traits into action daily! They are being Safe, Responsible and Respectful, and we appreciate this! RESEPECT is our focus word for the month of September. At the end of this month, students from each class have a chance to be nominated for showing great respect in the class and/or school. Each month we will have a new focus area, and throughout the year, students will be nominated and receive an award and pin for their lanyard. I am impressed with the high quality teaching and learning I see taking place each day as well. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend! Go Red Arrows!

-Molly K. Burnett, Principal

## Upcoming Events

**Monday, September 11**

Breaker/Washburn to WWC, 9:15-11:15

**Tuesday, September 12**

L. Kohl to WWC, 9:15-1:10



Student artwork!

## Directory Cover Contest



Attention all students!  
We need your creative talents to help design a cover for the 2023-2024 student directory. Please turn into the office with your name on the back. Deadline is October 6.



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[www.facebook.com/lowellareaschools](http://www.facebook.com/lowellareaschools)

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## STUDENT DIRECTORY: SIGN UP BY 9/15/23!



Parents! Please use this link if you would like your child to be in the Student Directory this year! You will need to submit one form per child. The Student Directory is a great way to arrange play dates, is not to be used for any sort of solicitation, and will be distributed free of charge to each MLE Family.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRE8mO\\_1-YFGgAePjvDoCxVKuvnm5HsvbhpfGfJrwW5YNYDQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRE8mO_1-YFGgAePjvDoCxVKuvnm5HsvbhpfGfJrwW5YNYDQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

As in past years, if you would like to provide your business card to be advertised in the Student Directory, please send one to school no later than 9/15/23, along with a check for \$10 made out to "Murray Lake Family Links." Write "Student Directory" on the envelope! This is a great way to advertise your business and helps allow the directory to be distributed to each MLE family free of charge! Thank you!

## School Store Info

The school store is open 2 Fridays a month (the store will be open today, and again on Friday, 9/10). The store is set up in our lobby. It has pencils, pens, folders, small toys, etc. The items cost between 25 cents and \$2.00. We make a small profit from the store and this money goes toward items needed in the school. The kids always look forward to visiting the school store when it is open. A special thank you to our volunteers to help run this store each Friday!



Mrs. McGovern's class listening and learning!

## Save the Dates!

Pink Arrow—September 22!

Picture Day—September 29

Mustangs on the Move Walkathon—October 13!

Our annual Mustangs on the Move Walkathon is Friday, October 13. This is Murray Lake's major fundraiser for the year. We use money that we raise for technology, field trips, assemblies, AR, and more. This is one of my favorite events of the year. I enjoy watching kids have fun, exercise, and support their school all at the same time. Mark your calendars for October 13! We appreciate your support in helping them raise funds!

Information regarding student activities and community events can be found under Extracurricular Activities on the Murray Lake Elementary website at:

<http://www.lowellschools.com/student-activities/>