

Murray Lake Messenger

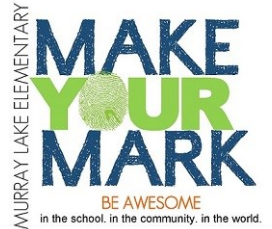
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From the Principal....

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 several 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: Matt Jablonski (5th grade), April Simmons (4th grade), Rosa Lancioni (Kindergarten), Jennafer Slinger (Reading Intervention Coordinator), Amber Rediske (School Psychologist), Meagan Baker (Speech Therapist), Yvonne Hodges (Food Service), Kylee Golden (lunch and playground supervision), and Alisha Martin (playground supervision). We also have a new face at Murray Lake who transferred in from another building in Lowell: Sue Wernet (Reading Interventionist). I know all of these new staff members will help make MLE an even better place to be!

Make Your Mark will be our school theme this year and hopefully for many years to come. We had an all-school assembly Tuesday morning talking about how we can Make Our Mark in the school, in the community, and in the world. On Tuesday, your children received Make Your Mark bracelets to remind them, each and every day, to give their best and try to make their marks wherever they may be. As I circulated through classrooms on Tuesday, I had kids coming up to me telling me how they helped a friend or a teacher and how they Made Their Mark!

During the month of September, our teachers will be introducing our students to PBIS. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). This promotes positive behavior in all areas at MLE. Staff members will recognize positive student behavior with Mustang Moment Tickets. Students will be able to use these tickets to earn positive consequences (lunch with teacher, school store \$, extra recess time, etc.). We want ALL students at MLE to be Safe, Responsible, and Respectful, and we plan on bringing attention to these all year long!

The Pink Arrow game this year will be Friday, September 16th. As many of you know, all of the proceeds stay in our Lowell community. Lowell's own Gilda's Club was established a few 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. If you haven't purchased your Pink Arrow shirts yet, they will be on sale during lunch here at MLE on September 13th and 14th. Make sure to have your child wear their pink arrow shirt to school on Friday, September 16th to show their Pink Arrow Pride. I hope to see you all at the game. Go Pink Arrows!

For new parents, I want to make you aware of our **School Store**. Each Friday (the first store date will be September 23rd) 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!). We will start doing No TV Night counts next week.

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! Don't forget to Make Your Mark!

Molly K. Burnett, Principal

We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

Working together to: Achieve Academic Excellence
Build Self Esteem, and
Care for Others

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, September 14

Cub Scout Parent/Student Mtg,
1-5 gr boys, 6-7:30 pm, art room

Thursday, September 15

Girl Scouts Recruitment Mtg,
6-7 pm, library

Friday, September 16

Pink Arrow Pep Assembly, 10:30 am
Pink Arrow Football Game, LHS

Picture Day!

Friday, September 23

- no payment required day of -

Make-up Day:

Tuesday, November 1

Pink It Forward 9!

This year marks the 9th anniversary of Pink Arrow. To Pink It Forward for the next 8 months, students and staff will be encouraged to wear a pink shirt and support Gilda's Club on the 9th day of each month. Support could mean anything from a 1 cent donation, to a 1 dollar donation, to bringing a much-needed item for our local Gilda's Club. Please support our Pink It Forward efforts!



SCHOOL STORE

HELP WANTED:

We are in need of some parent volunteers to run the school store and the PBIS store this year. School store will be held 2x a month on Fridays, 11:30-1:00. PBIS store will be held 1x a month on Friday, 11:30-1:00. If interested, please call our office, 987-2750, or email Mrs. Burnett, mburnett@lowellschools.com.

Did you know...

You can apply for free and reduced lunch at www.lunchapp.com.

The website, www.everyoneon.org, has resources for families who qualify for free or reduced lunches to receive discounted high speed internet access.



School Lunch



Odyssey of the Mind...

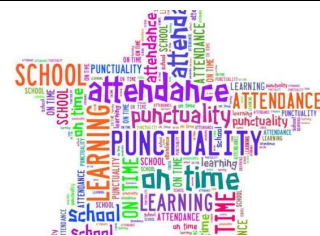
Creative problem solving, teamwork, acting, building and creating - If any of these activities interest your child, you should check out our Odyssey of the Mind program. We will be hosting an informational meeting for interested students, gr K-12, and their parents, on Wednesday, 9/28/16, 6:30 pm, in 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 lowellodysey@gmail.com.

All messages regarding **end-of-day dismissal changes** must be called in to the office, 987-2750, no later than 3:00 pm. This will allow time for the message to be passed on to your child's teacher prior to dismissal. You can also send a note with your student or email the teacher and office (abush@lowellschools.com or cnoffke@lowellschools.com).

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&>