

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal....

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Pink Arrow Project last week. What a night it was. It was quite an impressive sight to see our football field filled with so many people dressed in pink! The final amount raised has not yet been tallied, but the number will be impressive. What was even more extraordinary was to see that we are part of such a caring and compassionate community.

Our Family Links (PTO) group held their first meeting on Friday. I want to introduce to you this year's Family Links Council: Co-facilitators- Deanna Mears and Carrie Kooistra; Financial Coordinator- Lisa Verburg; Volunteer Coordinators- Courtney Serne and Melissa Simkins; Special Activities Coordinators- Kaily VanLaan and Brooke Uzarski; and Student Activities Coordinators- Michelle Schaedig and Sarah Simon. These ladies do SO MUCH to help our school and I greatly appreciate their time and efforts. This week they helped us kick off our annual Mustangs on the Move fundraiser. Packets will be coming home today! If you run into one of these ladies, please join me in thanking them for all they do! If you are interested in helping out at all with Family Links, they are always looking for volunteers.



Our students have set a goal to earn 36,000 AR points this school year. Our students have currently earned over 1,200 AR points. Please keep encouraging at home AR reading.

During the month of September, our teachers have been reinforcing our 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!

For new parents, I want to make you aware of our **School Store**. Each Friday (the first store date was today, September 15) 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 have had a wonderful week at MLE. It is truly a great place to be! I continue to see outstanding examples of teaching and learning in our classrooms. Have a great weekend! Go Red Arrows!

Molly Burnett, Principal

We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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



Mustangs on the Move

Mustangs on the Move fundraising is starting for our annual walk-a-thon! Packets come home TODAY! Thank you to all of our sponsors!

Please click on the link below if you'd like to help out with our walk a thon (starting next week until the day of, 9/29).

[Mustangs on the Move Walk A Thon](#)



Directory Cover Contest

Attention all students! We need your creative talents to help design a cover for the 2017-2018 student directory. Please turn in to office with your name on the back.

Deadline is October 6.

Picture Day!

Friday, September 22

-no payment required day of-

Make-up Day:

Monday, October 30

See flyer attached for more info.



Upcoming Events

Monday, September 18

Map Testing

Odyssey of the Mind Mtg, 7-8 pm

Tuesday, September 19

Map Testing

Mileage Club, 2nd recess

Simmons-WWC 9:10-1:50 pm

Wednesday, September 20

Map Testing

Aaron/Wills-WWC, 9:10-12:50 pm

Thursday, September 21

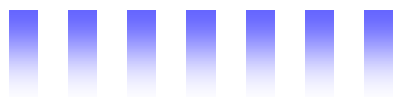
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PBIS Store during lunch

Friday, September 22

Map Testing

Picture Day



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!



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&>