

# Murray Lake Messenger

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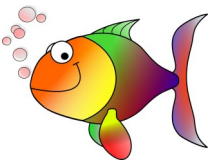
April 21, 2017

## From the Principal...

The Murray Lake third graders will be holding a Market Day during all lunch hours on Monday, April 24th. They will be selling goods and services that they have made themselves as part of their economics unit. All proceeds from the Market Day will go to either Kids' Food Basket or the Lowell Pink Arrow Project. So if your child is interested in purchasing any of these items, they will be selling them on the 24th. Prices range from 25¢ to \$5.00 per item.



The F.R.O.M. Food Fight competition starts on Monday, April 24th! Murray Lake will be collecting non-perishable food items until May 23rd. The classroom collecting the most items will earn a pizza party. The school donating the most items will get the cherished F.R.O.M. traveling trophy and bragging rights for a year. This initiative has earned the support of Amway's One-by-One foundation which has pledged to match the school's efforts up to \$10,000! With this extra funding Flat River Outreach Ministries plans to continue to offer programs for children such as providing students with free lunches during school break and backpacks filled with school supplies to start the new year. They also plan to pilot a new program working with local agencies and our schools to address mental health concerns and service needs as they can have a direct tie to a child's academic success. We are excited about this program and what this opportunity could mean for kids and families in Lowell. If you are able please send in food items for the next few weeks to help with this worthwhile cause.



Many of you may know that we raise salmon here at Murray Lake during the school year. Mr. Kohl and a group of students are going to be releasing the salmon they have been raising on May 3rd. He is looking for about 20 students who would like to attend this great opportunity. He is also looking for parents who are interested in driving groups of students to the Flat River by the Lowell Fairgrounds. This will happen after school hours.

Students should return back to MLE by 4:45. If your child is interested, please have him/her see Mr. Kohl for a permission slip. All permission slips are due by Friday, April 28th.

It has been another busy week at Murray Lake. Our students are continuing to take the MSTEP (grades 3-5) and MAP (grades K-5) for the next few weeks so keep encouraging them to do their very best! I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing weekend!

Molly Burnett  
Principal

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Respect Responsibility  
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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



## Lowell Youth Lacrosse

Lowell Youth Lacrosse Learn to Play program will begin the week of 4/24.

If you haven't yet registered, please do so at

[www.lowellyouthlacrosse.com](http://www.lowellyouthlacrosse.com)  
by 4/22/17.

This program is open to girls, K - 4th gr, and boys, K - 2nd gr. If you have questions, please contact [info@lowellyouthlacrosse.com](mailto:info@lowellyouthlacrosse.com).

## Upcoming Events:

### **MAP & M-STEP TESTING ALL WEEK**

#### **Monday, April 24**

2nd gr to Meijer Gardens, 8:50-1:15

PBIS Store - 1st, 3rd and 5th

3rd gr Market Days, 11:30-1:00

#### **Tuesday, April 25**

Lunch w/ the Leader, 12:10-1:10

#### **Wednesday, April 26**

Administrative Professionals' Day

Titche/Wilterink to WWC, 9:15-12:00

PBIS Store - K, 2nd and 4th

Wilterink, Jr Achievement, 2:25

#### **Friday, April 28**

Day to WWC, 9:15-12:00

Eldridge to Ftn View, 9:15-10:45

## **Michele Ostrander Named Volunteer of the Month**

Mrs. Sue Wilterink, 3rd gr teacher, nominated Mrs. Ostrander. Wilterink commented, "We appreciate all the time that Michele dedicates to Murray Lake. I thank her for coming in every Friday to fill Friday folders with huge mounds of corrected papers!"

"I've loved helping out in the classroom since my oldest daughter, Ellery, started out in Kindergarten at Murray Lake Elementary. Ellery is now in 5th grade and my youngest daughter, Delani, is in 3rd. I enjoy being at least a small part of my children's learning experience here at Murray Lake. I am very fortunate for the time spent here at MLE," said Ostrander.



## **Summer Athletic Youth Camps!**

Online registration is now open! Check out our listing of sports camps at **[lowellsportscamps.com](http://lowellsportscamps.com)**. Registration and payment should be completed at this site.



## **3rd Grade Market Days!**

When: Monday, April 24, 2017, during lunch

Where: Cafeteria

Why: Proceeds from this year's Market Day are going to Kids' Food Basket and Gilda's Club.

Cost: 25¢ to \$5.00/ item



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&>



## Lori Cyrocki Named Staff Member of the Month

"Lori is not only an amazing teacher, but an incredibly kind, generous, and thoughtful person. She drops everything to help those around her and can always put a smile on my face with her witty humor. Lori deserves staff member of the month not only for her hard work and dedication to teaching, but also for all the extra things she does to help those around her," said fellow 2nd grade teacher, Kristin Durfee.

Cyrocki commented, "I feel so fortunate to be able to say that I have been a Murray Lake staff member since the school opened its doors. It is fun to see past students when they come back for a visit and talk about the amazing things they are doing with their lives. I love teaching second grade and witnessing all the changes and growth that happens during the year. The staff here is so friendly and supportive, and they make coming to school each day a joy. In my spare time, my husband and I like to spend time with our grandsons who are 3 and 5 years old. I also enjoy traveling to Arizona to visit family."



## Character in Action!



Pictured above are Murray Lake Elementary's Character in Action award winners for the month of March. These students were nominated for being safe, responsible and respectful on a daily basis.



# Congratulations, Accelerated Readers!

Student	Pts	Student	Pts	Student	Pts	Student	Pts
Liam Kondor	25	Nicholas Williams	275,300	Brayden Krueger	250	Harper Weed	5
Avery Polczak	10	Kaya Bender	250	Jonah Liebig	100	Owen Wolf	10
Sophia Bergsma	100	Caden Cone	150	C.J. Martin	100	Lily Collins	50
Korbin Hickman	50	Kylee Eggerding	100	Carmen Mika	100	Ruby German	100
Landen Butler	25	Jillian Fabis	150	Hudson Newell	25	John Graham	75
Weston Koewers	25	Gracie Gasper	75	Claire Pohl	100	Ceagan Lavallee	50
Paige Clark	10	Isabel German	150	Jacob VanDrie	100	Sydney Luxford	75
Macy Curtis	10	Brody Koewers	125	Kara Bacon	75	Aidan McGann	50
Evan Deeds	10	Jodryn McClymont	50	Jahlin Clemenshaw	75,100	Brennen Nelson	125
Sierra Larsen	5	Corbett Phillips	75	Lilly Gordon	50	Lainey Organek	50
Sydney Darling	100	Graham Rutz	50	Kara Havey	50		
Halle Goggins	50	Corey Sandman	125	Jacqueline Hoke	50		
Brandon Hofmann	100,150	Aiden Schmidt	50	Benjamin Bannan	100		
Julia Meier	125	Irene Williams	150	Thea Candela	50		
Owen Newland	175	Cailey Bush	50	Adelyn Clark	125		
Elizabeth Plank	75	Lilah Cone	125	Lauren Deeds	75		
Grady Proctor	50	Cooper Hancock	25	Brenden Hill	50		
Liam TenHarmsel	150	Brooklyn Haywood	50	Kaitlyn Hofman	200		
Ava Winter	75	Kalob Hickman	25	Dylan Polczak	50		
Victor Preiss	100	Trinity Johnson	125	Lily Richards	225		
Faith VanDuijn	125	Aden Nieuwkoop	25	Blake Sitzer	75		
Marshall VanWagner	10	Leah Organek	50	Natalie VanLaan	50		
Samuel Zandstra	50	Ella Acheson	150,175	Emmitt Visscher	75		
Logan Acheson	175	Logan Bledsoe	125	Claire Allen	125		
Benjamin Gaskin	100	Sofia Bosco	50	Brynn Chapman	25		
Elle Jenks	350,375	Gracyn Hamilton	250	Emilyn Davidson	50		
Hope Kaminski	150	Kaci Reynolds	75	Ethan Doezema	50		
Hope Kanouse	575	Caleb Velting	100	Jack Hughes	100		
Jacquelyn Landman	100	Tucker Wilk	75	Thomas Judge	150		
Lexie Organek	50	J.D. Bacon	750,775,800	Griffin Ponchaud	350		
Ella Todd	175,200	Reese Carpenter	100	Avery Cadwell	10		
Matilyn Vogel	175	Gwynneth Kelly	100	James Meyers	5		
		Maya Kemp	350	Carley Schilling	10		



## AR Winners for March!

**BOOKS**  
 aren't just made of  
**WORDS...**  
 they're also filled with  
**PLACES**  
 to visit and  
**PEOPLE**  
 to meet.

Pictured L to R: Ella Todd, McGuire Carpenter, Kitri Gentry, and Cooper Hancock. Congratulations!