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From the Principal...

TESTING

We are into the heart of testing season. Murray Lake 5th graders continued M-STEP testing this week. Students were focused and did their best. They took the math and social studies assessments this week. Next week, they will complete the final science assessment. M-STEP is required by the state and is an important measure of proficiency. We appreciate your support in getting students to school on time and ready to test (rested, positive attitude, breakfast). Another required assessment that our students take is the MAP test. Students in kindergarten through 5th grade will start taking that assessment soon as well. Some started this week! I know our students will do great. They have worked so hard this year and I am proud of each and every one of them.

I'd like to remind all of our parents how important it is to follow our Covid-19 protocols. Please keep your children home if someone in your household is being tested. Keep children home if they have symptoms and communicate with our school office so we can keep an eye on other classmates. We continue to practice the mitigation strategies KCHD deems necessary.



Next year's district calendar has been finalized and can be found here: https://www.lowellschools.com/downloads/calendar/district_calendar_2021-2022.pdf.



This spring, our school is completing safety drills as required by the State of Michigan: 5 fire drills, 3 lockdown drills, and 3 tornado drills. Students have been doing a great job with drills. We were assisted by our District's Kent County sheriff deputy, Todd Summerhayes. The State of Michigan has helpful handouts that can be used for emergency family plans too. Resources can be printed from this site: www.michigan.gov/MIREADY. Ideas for keeping family and pets safe in an emergency, checklists, and communication plan information are provided. Does your child know your family plan in case of a fire or tornado? We hope this resource is helpful.

It has been another busy week at Murray Lake. I was a bit chilly this week! As I look at the forecast, I see warmer temperatures in sight! I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing weekend!

Molly Burnett
Principal



Mrs. Smith & some 4th gr students spending time with a good book.



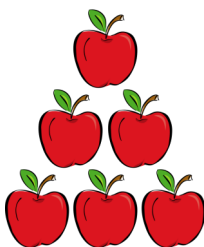
Eleanor Mier, 1st gr, picks up her MIRM prize!

We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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



**PBIS
Lunch
with the
Principal!**



Internal Schools of Choice: Applications for the 2021-22 school year are available from April 12-May 14. You must submit your internal choice application to the elementary building of residence. The district will not accept internal choice applications prior to or after these dates. If you applied and were approved, it is not necessary to re-apply. Applications and open grade levels are available on our website, www.lowellschools.com.

Incoming Kindergarten Parents: Kindergarten enrollment for next fall is open! If you have a student who will turn 5 by September 1, 2021, he/she can start his/her school journey! You may also sign a waiver for your child to start school if he/she turn 5 by December 1, 2021. Paperwork required includes proof of residency, original birth certificate, up-to-date immunizations, and a health appraisal. Information can be found on our Lowell Area Schools website [here](http://www.lowellschools.com).

Bushnell Elementary will be having a **Hearing & Vision Screening** day on 5/24/21. MLE incoming kindergarten students are welcome. The Signup Genius for this is as follows: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4babac2ea5ff2-bushnell1>.

Summer Athletic Youth Camps!

Online registration is now open! Parents should register students for the grade they will be in the fall of 2021. Registration and payment should be completed at: lowellsportscamps.com.



Upcoming Events:

MAP & M-STEP TESTING ALL WEEK

Wednesday, April 28

Colonial Experience-5th grade

Thursday, April 29

LHS Band/Orchestra concert for 5th grade

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/>