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From the Principal....

All of our students are in the process of taking the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. This is a norm reference test that compares our students with students across the United States in the areas of math, reading, and language arts. We use this data to help set goals with our students. Our teachers also use this data to help differentiate lessons within their classroom; providing remediation to students who need help, and challenges to students who may be at a higher level than the grade level expectations. You will receive your child's test results within the next few weeks. If you have any questions about these MAP scores, please do not hesitate to call me. You can also go to the MAP website: www.nwea.org to learn more about this assessment.

Students who were in 3rd and 4th grade last spring are bringing home their M-STEP reports today. Individual results and a guide for how to read the scores are in Friday folders. M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) assessments were given to 3rd-5th gr students last spring. Students participated in math and reading tests; 4th gr students also took a science test. We are in the process of analyzing Murray Lake results, and will be sharing school-wide information with you next month. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have M-STEP questions. Also, you can go to [The M-STEP/MME Parent Report Video](#) for more info.

Home Connect is a component of Renaissance Place and a feature that allows parents access to view their child's Accelerated Reader (AR) progress online. You should have received an informational letter about Home Connect from your child's teacher. The letter explains the steps parents need to login and view their child's AR progress. There is a special feature parents can set up that sends an email to all registered email addresses (each family can register up to 6 email addresses per child) each time a child takes an AR quiz. The email includes the book title, child's score, points earned, and a link that will take the parent to the Home Connect account.



If you have any problems or questions regarding your family Home Connect account through Renaissance Place, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Pelletier, our district technology specialist. She can be reached via email at jpelletier@lowellschools.com. Home Connect is another great way to be involved in your child's education by staying involved in their reading progress.

We've had another fantastic week here. We continue to reinforce to our students that they are Safe, Responsible, and Respectful. This will be a theme we continue throughout the school year. Murray Lake is a GREAT place to be! Have a wonderful weekend and don't forget to Make Your Mark!

Molly 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:

Friday, September 1

No School

Monday, September 4

Labor Day—No School

Tuesday, September 5

MAP Testing

Student Council forms due

Wednesday, September 6

MAP Testing

Thursday, September 7

MAP Testing

Gilda's Club Assembly, 2:30 pm

Friday, September 8

MAP Testing

Pink Arrow District Photo,

8:45 am departure

Ice Cream Sale during lunch

Pink Arrow X, LHS



A Safety Reminder from the Principal....

I have noticed that our parent drop off/pick up area before/after school is very busy! We have a lot of students here at MLE who get dropped off/picked up. My number one goal is to keep all of our student's safe during this process. In order for kids to be safe they need to be dropped off/picked up in the parent drop off/pick up area. Please do not park in the staff lot and have your child walk across the parking lot. Our bus drivers cannot see children if they are behind the buses. The best way to pick up your child is to park in the visitor lot and walk in or remain in the car line and wait for your child. We are trying our best to keep that car line moving to make our parent drop off/pick up process as efficient as possible.

Also, ALL parents/visitors entering the building during the school day MUST stop in the office to sign in and obtain a visitor tag. Our staff has been instructed to send adults without a visitor tag back to the office to check in. We appreciate your cooperation! This is for the safety of our children!

-Mrs. Burnett

Family Links is looking for volunteers for Ice Cream Sales!

Please copy/paste the link below into your browser to sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c44acaf2ea13-Friday>



Please 'like' our Facebook Pages!

www.facebook.com/lowellareaschools

www.facebook.com/MurrayLakeElementary

www.facebook.com/MurrayLakeFamilyLinks



Family Links Meeting!

When: 9/15/17, 9 am

Where: Family Links Room

Who: Current FL Parents & anyone interested in helping with Family Links is welcome!

A Reminder from Phys Ed

Gym class is in full swing! Please be sure your child has tennis shoes/socks on his/her gym day. Sandals and flip flops are not appropriate for gym class activities. Thanks for your help!



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&>



Pink Arrow Week!

Next week will be Pink Arrow Week! If you are new to Lowell or unfamiliar with the Pink Arrow event, please go to <http://pinkarrowpride.org/> for more information. It should be another terrific community event. 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 us all proud to be part of such a caring and giving community. It is an amazing community event, and I hope many Alto families will participate in the festivities. Pink arrow shirts will be available for purchase at lunch on September 6 and 7. The cost is \$15 per shirt. Financial assistance forms are available in the office for students needing shirts at a reduced cost. We are still in need of volunteers to help sell t-shirts. Please go to the following links if you are interested in helping:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f49ada728a1fd0-peptalk>
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f49ada728a1fd0-game>

On Friday, September 8, all students will be bussed to Lowell High School for a district photo for the 10th anniversary of Pink Arrow Pride. Students will begin loading buses at 8:45 am, so please plan to have your child to school on time. We should be returning to school between 11:00 and 11:30 am. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be canceled. Please know that parent viewing and parking opportunities will be limited at the high school for this event. If you do choose to attend, we ask that you park in the upper west lot at the high school. Lower lots near the field will be used for busses. Seating is available on the concourse/volleyball area at the north end of the field. We anticipate needing all other bleacher areas for staff and students. Don't forget to have your child wear PINK on Friday, September 8!

Pink Arrow Quiver 5K!

It is that time again to let your Pink Pride Fly!

When: Sat, Sept 9
 Where: 300 Avery St
 Lowell MI
 Cost: Adult \$25, Kid \$15

Sign up today and help raise money to support programming at Gilda's Club in Lowell, which provides financial assistance for families battling cancer.

To sign up, copy/paste into browser:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Lowell/PinkArrowQuiver5KRunFamilyWalk>

