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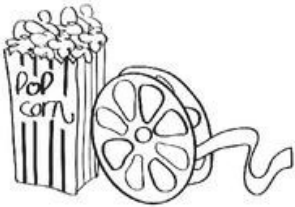
February 17, 2017

From the Principal....

The St. Jude's Math a Thon ended this week. We far exceeded our school wide fundraising goal by raising \$4,521.50!!! We doubled our goal! I'm so proud of what we've done as a community to help support this worthy cause. We truly have amazing families here at Murray Lake! We thank you for participating in the St. Jude Math a Thon.



Our second AR "check point" is just around the corner. We have set some grade level goals for our students to hit by March 10: 2nd grade-25 points, 3rd grade-35 points, 4th grade-45 points, and 5th grade-55 points. Please sit down with your child and review where he/she is with his/her AR points. Many of our students are well past these goals and have set their own personal AR targets. I have mentioned many times before that the number one way for a child to improve in their reading is to practice. AR gives us a perfect way to monitor this practice. The teachers and I truly need your support with this. Please find a way to carve out quiet reading time during the week and on the weekend. I appreciate your support with encouraging your child to read.



This is a reminder that Murray Lake's first annual Family Movie Night will be on Friday, March 3. Please RSVP to Family Links if you and your family plan to attend (see attached)!

As I pour over our mid-year Murray Lake Data (DIBELS and MAP), I am extremely impressed. Murray Lake students, on average, grow academically at a rate that is well above the national norm average. What that means is that when a typical MLE student leaves our school, he/she is well above the national norm average. This can only be accomplished with great teachers, students, and parents. I thank you for your continued support at home and the way you challenge your children to do their very best in school.

There was lots of learning taking place here at Murray Lake this week! I hope you all enjoy your extended mid-winter break weekend. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Wednesday! Murray Lake is a GREAT place to be!

Molly Burnett
Principal

Blood Drive Follow-up...

Thank you to those that were able to donate blood to our blood drive. We had 42 people give blood. They were able to collect 39 total pints of blood. We had 5 first time donors as well. The Murray Lake Elementary community saved 117 lives. Thank you to all that came to support this cause. Pizza Party winners (for getting the most referrals), Mrs. Byrne's class and Mr. Jacobus' class, will celebrate next Friday!



We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Upcoming Events:

Monday, February 20

NO SCHOOL, Mid-winter break

Tuesday, February 21

NO SCHOOL, Mid-winter break

Wednesday, February 22

PBIS store - 1st, 3rd & 5th,

11:30 am-1:00 pm

Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet,

6-7:30 pm

Friday, February 24

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

School Store during lunch



2017-18 Kindergarten Packets are now available!

Call our office, 987-2750, to get one & sign up for visitation on April 13!

MATH HELP WANTED!

We are in need of a volunteer to help a couple students with 6th grade math instruction. We would need this volunteer around 12:30-1:45, Monday-Friday. If you are interested, please contact Molly Burnett, 987-2750 OR mburnett@lowellschools.com. Thank you!



MARCH IS READING MONTH POSTER CONTEST!

Objective:

March is an exciting month full of reading, and what better way to promote that than to have a poster contest? Why is reading important to you? What do you do during reading month? The theme this year is Rock and Read.

Your goal is to make a poster to make other kids want to read. Examine real advertisements from magazines, and discuss what qualities made them effective.

The posters will be judged by Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Bosco, and Mrs. Coffman. The teachers and principal will choose 5 finalists per grade.

From those 5 finalists, the students cast their votes. Every student has the chance to be a judge and cast his/her vote for the poster of his/her choice from a different grade level. The names will be hidden and a secret so the students will not know for whom they voted!

Be creative! Make your poster stand out! You are an advertiser for reading! Tell people why it is so important to read! Make your mark!

Rules:

- Must be on 12 x 18 paper (poster board)
- May use colored pencils, paint, markers, & photos
- No Glitter
- Nothing that comes off the page (no 3D)
- Must be original
- Remember to put your name on the back

PRIZES: 1st place- Meijer Gift Card and Your poster will be seen all around the school!

2nd place- Certificate and a candy treat!

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2017

BOX TOP RESULTS

For the week of February 13-17

Wilterink:	623
Russell:	436
Fuss:	408



Keep the labels coming! The contest runs through February 21.

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&>