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From the Principal...

Thank you for the kindness extended to our staff during Staff Appreciation Week! Each day we enjoyed treats, including a luncheon, that made our hearts (and tummies) full. Our Family Links coordinated events each day, and we are grateful for the opportunity to work in a district with such tremendous support. Special thanks to our Family Links Moms, as well as all of the families and volunteers that donated food, money, and/or their time to help make our staff feel extra special! We REALLY appreciate you! We are blessed to work in such a supportive community.

We are off to a good start with the FOOD FIGHT. Murray Lake students were invited to participate in Lowell's 2024 FOOD FIGHT, to benefit the Food Pantry at Flat River Outreach Ministries. During the month of May, food items and paper goods can be brought to school, where they will be counted in classrooms. Each food item earns our school 1 point towards a friendly competition between the other Lowell elementary schools. Monetary donations can also be given, and school will tally 4 points per dollar. Here is a link to donate: <https://www.mygiving.net/campaign/ff2023>. Help us bring home the traveling FOOD FIGHT trophy and share what you can.

Don't forget to check out all of the summer camps that are taking place this summer. There are many great sports camps to choose from. Go to www.lowellsportscamps.com to sign up! Deadline is May 20 if you want to ensure receiving a t-shirt.

We are again running Arrows on the Move this summer. It is a free program and allows you to bring your student to our school libraries all over the district throughout the summer. Lowell's Englehardt Library will also be teaming up with us this summer as well. It is so important to keep your child reading throughout the summer, and if you don't make it a goal, it is easy to let the reading slip. Please consider signing your child up for this. I am also encouraging our students to access IXL online throughout the summer.

We kick off MAP testing next week! 1st- 5th grade parents should be receiving MAP reports by the end of the school year. These reports show how your child has grown from the fall of this school year in math and reading. Although traditionally our students do very well, we still use these MAP scores to evaluate our teaching and learning and look for areas of instruction where we can improve. If you have any questions about these scores, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It is hard to believe that we only have 3.5 more weeks of school left! Although our summer break is just around the corner, I continue to see quality teaching and learning on a daily basis. Murray Lake is a GREAT place to be. Have a terrific weekend!

Molly Burnett
Principal

**PBIS Lunch
w/ the
Principal!**



We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

FOOD FIGHT-Week 3!

4 ways to give:

- Bring food items, personal care products, and/or paper products and donations to school.
- Donate online: <https://www.mygiving.net/campaign/ff2023>.
- Shop FROM's Amazon wish list: <https://a.co/gqqf5BD>
- Dine at Flat River Grill May 14 when a portion of profits directly benefit FOOD FIGHT! Other benefit nights: May 20—B.C. Pizza; May 28—Culvers.

This week's focus items to collect: Pasta noodles, cereal, crackers!

Thank you for your generous support so far!

Arrow Readers on the Move Summer Program

Arrow Readers on the Move is a FREE mobile reading program, sponsored by Lowell Area Schools, that travels throughout our district. Students in grades K-5 may check out library books and take Accelerated Reader tests. Prizes are awarded to students meeting summer reading goals for their respective grade level.

MLE: 6/19, 26, 7/10, 17, 24, 31, 9am-12pm

Registration will be open soon!

Academic Scholarships (due 5/31/24)!

The application (it is also linked in the instructions/info attached):

<https://forms.gle/QTi6HGr1RPTThZtaq6>

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 11

Whitecaps Game, 7:05 pm

Monday, May 13

Hearing & Vision Rescreening
Kindergarten Visitation

Tuesday, May 14

Hearing & Vision Rescreening
Byrne/Neubecker to WWC, 9:15-1:30

Wednesday, May 15

Child Study Day
McGovern/Pike to WWC, 9:15-1:30
5th gr Geskus class photo, 1:30

Thursday, May 16

Bright Beginnings Playgroup, Gym,
9:00-10:30
2nd Gr (Grp 1) to Lowell Museum,
9:00-10:30
2nd Gr (Grp 2) to Lowell Museum,
10:10-11:30

Friday, May 17

Yearbook distribution



FIELD DAY!

Parent volunteers wanted!

Please contact
Mr. Steele,

bstele@lowellschools.com. Limited space is

available.

Thank you!

**Friday, 5/24,
9:15-11:30 am
K-4th gr**

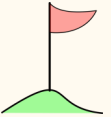
5th Grade Golf Outing is Coming!

Who: 5th Grade

When: Thurs, May 23, 11:30-1:50

Where: Arrowhead Golf Course

*Please have your students bring water bottles!



3rd Grade Market Day!

When: Wednesday, May 29, during lunches!

Where: Cafeteria

Why: Hands on Economics!

Proceeds go to Kids' Food Basket/
Gilda's Club.

Cost: 25¢ to \$5.00/item



Order a 5th Grade Class Photo by Geskus!

Our graduating 5th graders will have their class photo taken on 5/15/24, 1:30 pm. You can order one through 5/22/24. Go to:

<https://store.geskusphoto.com/search/MURRAYLAKE2024>

Last Chance for Yearbooks!

Parents, if you would like to order a yearbook & haven't already, there's still time! Simply call Geskus, 616/453-4170, to see if you already ordered one, and if not, place order with them. Distribution day at MLE is May 17 (revised date).



**Thank you all for
Staff Apprecia-
tion Week!**

**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/>

Accelerated Readers!

Student	Pts	Samuel Churchill	75	Penelope Lang	75,100	Casen Doyle	75,100,125
Ellie Hood	5	William Cunningham	600,625	Elanor Mier	175,200	John Hayden	25
Henry Lott	5	Nora Doyle	300	Genevieve Mosher	150,175	Allie Lindquist	25
Ian Patten	10	Addison Graftema	50	Aiden Noll	50	Dominick Mitchell	75
Tate Rangel	10	Eloise Hunt	125	Grant Patten	50	Lilian Selent	100
Adalae Sutterfield	25	Liza Nyahoda	425,450	Autumn Ricards	150	Lila Severts	175,200
Gavin Wright	25	Nona Roth	100	Tessa Stepanovich	700,725,750,775, 800,825,850,875	Jayce Shepard	50
Khloe Henige	50	Landrie Swayze	125,150,175	Titus Thenn	75	Zachary Simkins	50
Jonah Hood	10	Eva Szucs	100	Ivy Thuston	75	Hudson Wallace	50
Henry Smith	125, 150	Alexander Trujillo	75	Keegan Triplett	100,125	Adam Werner	75
Madelie Tarkowski	10	Paul Werner	150	Henry Vestal	75,100,125	Aram Albert	5
Monroe Wallace	75	Griffin Clair	75,100	Stefan Vidinic	10	Emma Bocker	10
Corbin English	50	Tessa Culver	75	Auburn Ford	25	Anna Costello	10
Bennett Jones	50	Josie Dykstra	175,200	Ava Hickman	150	Corbin Cullimore	10
Finley Matlosz	50	Beau Fynewever	25	Lila Judge	50	Cora Dykstra	5
Jordyn Roelofs	25	Laura Hayes	75	Aniya Mathieu	25	Colt Hauck	10
Cora Stone	50	Reese Kinney	150,175,200,225	Haley Roelofs	150	Hadley Hennes	5
Ryleigh Teater	75	Glenn Parker	125	Gracelyn Rogers	10	Brennan Holdburg	5
Malia Conley	50	Sydney Supplee	125,150	Malachi Rumley	25	Lacee Maddox	5
Jackson Kohn	50	Ella Aldrich	125	Grayson VandeWaa	100,125	Lola Moore	5
James Anderson	50	Sophia Allen	50	Lucas Wade	50	Safija Riordan	5
Kathryn Briggs	100	Logan Bond	400,425,450,475	Collin Wahl	100	Lilah Rumley	5
Austin Brocker	100	Lucas Chambers	150,175	Thaddeus Wright	10,25	Ella Selimi	5
Hazel Byrne	150,175	Cora Cosgrove	150,175	Lane Albert	25	Piper White	5
Banean Canfield	125,150	Reagan Cross	150	Landry Banks	275,300,325	Zavier Ayala	50
Olivia Costello	100,125	Isabella Duursma	175,200	Avery Blasius	75	Blake Burgnon	75
Ellerie Farnham	75	Ruth Gingerich	125,150	Leland Dody	75	Ryker Catanach	125
Bentley Gavitt	50	Dallas Kohl	150,175	Nathan Ellis	75	Myles Ellsworth	75,100
Dylan Hall	75	Deacon Rice	10	Emma Henige	125	Callen Haywood	75
Lain Jamison	75,100	Mason Sitzer	25	Conner Hoff	50	Francis Hudson	75
Caroline Jones	150	Aria Sonke	150	Hannah Hood	75	Ngoni Nyahoda	100
Lexi Krueger	75	Lenora Stewart	50	Preston Juarez	25	Mannix Silverman	75,100
Helene Maroto	275	Zachary Stodola	325,350,375	Reese Marek	100	Harrison Trujillo	150
Vincent Pnazek	200	Alison Swint	50	Lulubelle Pullen	125	Tucker Walker	50
Ella Spaans	100	Felix Uzarski	425	Mila Vosovic	25,50		
Natalie Spaulding	50	Connor Wright	250,275	Oliver Weston	125		
Eliza Aupperlee	75,100	Molly Austin	100	Emmerson Wilterink	100		
Martin Badge	50	Tate Freyling	175	Emma Wolf	25		
Zoe Bredwell	50	Isaiah Homolka	100				



The *Girls On The Run Murray Lake* team needs a 'Team Marshal' for our 5K event in downtown Grand Rapids **Saturday, May 18th at 8:00am!**

The 'Team Marshal' is responsible for checking girls in and out of the race to ensure their safety. We need your help! For more information, please reach out to Amanda Riley @

amandabyrne122@gmail.com or 616-634-0404

GOTR in need of additional volunteers that day, please visit <https://www.gotrwm.org/> for more information



Volunteers Needed!



**Principal for a Day,
Jocelyn Shepard!**