

# Murray Lake Messenger

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## From the Principal...

Thank you for all of your support with Lowell's 2024 Food Fight! We have collected so many items to benefit the Food Pantry at Flat River Outreach Ministries. As a school, we collected over 4,550 items! This includes monetary donations well.

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 Xtra Math and IXL online throughout the summer. More info on Arrows on the Move coming soon.

Our Girls on the Run have been working extremely hard over the past several weeks. All their efforts pay off this weekend, as they will run a 5K in downtown Grand Rapids on Saturday morning. I am proud of all of them!

Congratulations to our Collaborative Team of the Week, the Office Staff! Alice Bush, Cathy Noffke, and Julie Simmons work together to help the office and school run smoothly each day. They are truly jacks of all trades. They are the motor that keeps our school running smoothly and we couldn't do it without them! Thank you, ladies, for making MLE the best place to work and learn.

We have many special events and trips happening in the next couple of weeks of school. We have scheduled our 5th grade graduation for June 4, 10:00 am. Our 5th grade students attend this assembly and parents are welcome to come watch. If the weather cooperates, we will have this celebration outside near the 5th grade hallway. If you plan to join us, bring a lawn chair and/or blanket. Many awards will be given and we will celebrate our 5th graders as they get ready to move on to the middle school next school year.

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


PS Final call for Food Fight items! We will take them through end of day, Monday, 5/20/24. Thank you!

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**2024**  
**MUSTANGS ON THE MOVE**  
 KEEP MOVING

Interested in joining our team for Mustangs on the Move or in learning more about what the team does? We're having our first meeting June 6th at 10am! Bring the kiddos!

Text Danielle at (616) 466-2249 if you're interested!

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday, May 18**  
 GOTR 5K

**Monday, May 20**  
 Last chance to drop off FROM items

**Tuesday, May 21**  
 1st Gr to Lowell Tour, 8:55-2:00  
 Fuss/Kohl to WWC, 9:10-1:30

**Wednesday, May 22**  
 Smith to WWC, 9:10-1:30  
 5th Grade visit LMS, 9:15-10:45

**Thursday, May 23**  
 K to Creekside Park, 10:30-1:15  
 5th Grade Golf Outing, 11:30-1:50

**Friday, May 24**  
 1/2 day for students, 12:00 dismissal  
 Field Day (K-4), 9:15-11:30

**Monday, May 27**  
 Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL



## FIELD DAY!

**Volunteers wanted!**

Please contact  
 Mr. Steele,  
[bsteale@lowellschools.com](mailto:bsteale@lowellschools.com). Limited space is available.  
 Thank you!

**Friday, 5/24,  
 9:15-11:30 am  
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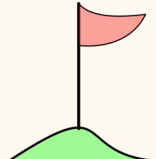
### Academic Scholarships (due 5/31/24)!

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

<https://forms.gle/QTi6HG1RPThZtaq6>

### 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



### The Race is On!

Build and race your pinewood derby car for the Ducky Derby during the 2024 Riverwalk Festival. Time honored fun for the whole family ~ Showcase your creative construction and race for awards! Kits to build derby cars are available at Bernards Ace Hardware and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. See the link below for all the details and registration.

<https://www.discoverlowell.org/ducky-derby/>

**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/>