

Murray Lake Messenger

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From the Principal....

We continue to focus on our “1, 2, and 3s” at Murray Lake: Being Safe, Respectful, and Responsible. Each week our teachers review these words with their students in a different school environment. This week we focused on what it means to be safe, respectful, and responsible in our cafeteria. Our new PBIS program is having a huge positive impact on how our students are behaving here at school.

Kent County is facing a severe substitute teacher shortage this school year. I am seeking parents and/or other people you may know to become substitute teachers for Murray Lake. You must have a minimum of 90 college credit hours toward any college degree. If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a substitute teacher, please call our office for more information.



I am including a copy of our Student Handbook with this week’s parent email. I apologize for taking so long in getting it to you, but we had some major revisions to make this year. If you have any questions about it’s content, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Our parent teacher conferences begin next Thursday. Research shows that a strong parent/teacher relationship is one of the top indicators of a child’s success in school. I hope you will make every effort to attend your child’s conference in the next two weeks.

Congratulations to Ruby (Karen) Baker and Sara Ponchard for being named our Staff Members of the Month for October. These ladies do an outstanding job each day pulling off hot lunch for about 300 of our students. They do this with a positive attitude and a smile on their faces every day. We are very fortunate to have them in our lunch room. I also want to congratulate Laura Judge and Deanna Mears. They have been named our volunteers of the Month. These ladies are here at MLE almost every day. They are very active with our Family Links and spent hours and hours on our Mustangs on the Move fundraiser. They are very deserving of this recognition.

As many of you know, our Red Arrows have once again made the football playoffs. We are in division two this year. We will be hosting Byron Center this Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm. I hope many of you can come out and support our Red Arrows.

We had another very productive week here at Murray Lake. MLE is a GREAT place to be. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend! GO ARROWS!

Brent R. Noskey, Principal

We value: Trustworthiness
Respect Responsibility
Fairness Caring Citizenship

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

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 10

Book Fair begins

Thursday, November 12

Parent Teacher Conferences,
4:30-8:30 pm

Thursday, November 19

Parent Teacher Conferences,
4:30-8:30 pm

GOTR News...

Registration opens 11/6/15. Go to www.kgotr.org to sign up. See attached flyer for more info.

Also, Girls on the Run is in need of assistant coaches for this upcoming season. If interested, please contact

Josie Anstett,
josephineanst@yahoo.com,
(616) 648-5480).
Thank you!



AR Winners

Pictured below are Murray Lake Accelerated Reader (AR) Meijer gift card winners for the month of October. Each month students earn a raffle slip for each 10 AR points they earn. Five lucky winners earn a \$10 Meijer gift card. Murray Lake students have passed 4,500 AR tests and have earned just over 7,000 AR points.



Pictured left to right: Sydney Darling, Kartrina Sandman, Addison Weed, T.J. Hollern, and Brady Smith.

Limo Winners!



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&>

Accelerated Reader



5 pts
Sophia Bergsma

10 pts
Lily Collins
Maddyson DeWitt
Delani Ostrander
Samuel Washburn
Brody Koewers
Anna Reedy
Reese Carpenter
Treyton Cavanary
Keagan Fitch
Hope Kaminski
Gwynneth Kelly
Claire Pohl
Logan Rose
Jacob VanDrie
Jadyon Young
Taylor Clark
Delaney Huizinga
Nolan Jannenga
Elly Looman
Katelyn Meyers
Landon Miller
Kaitlyn Smith
Stephanie Spinella
Ellyonna Brown
Nathan Mohr
Audrey Belding

Landen Butler
Max Davidson
Kira Henry
Owen Kreps
Kate McDonald
Lainey Organek
Tori Labron
Aubree Lee
Nolan Lowrie
Kailen Stokely
Brady Swift
Peter VanderMeulen
Grace Hough
Kendal Kiser
Autumn Lamoreaux
Hannah Witherell
Brynn Chapman
Natalie Cornell
Frances Eddy
Elliott Kemp
Tucker Krause
Lilliana Lorentz
Sydney Luxford
Ava McCormick
Gracen Simmons
Eleanor Westbrook
Emerson Whitscell
Quinn Wood
Grace Cadwell
Kylee Eggerding
Gracie Gasper
Isabel German
Halle Goggins
Corbett Phillips
Grady Proctor
Mya Richmond
Emmitt Visscher
Addison Weed
Alanna Wester

Summer Havey
Zoey Mierendorf
Avery Miller
Grayden Rooker
Stone Heimburger
Alanee Selover
Gracyn Hamilton

25 pts
Cooper Byrne
Lily Hornik
Connor Lixie
Katelyn Farstvedt
Weston Koewers
Logan Acheson
Brayden Krueger
Rylee Nichols
Ryan Baker
Sophia Campos
Leah Davidson
Patrick deVoest
Ainslie Shelley
Nolan Simmons
Sydney Darling
Jillian Fabis
Julia Meier
Corey Sandman
Kaya Bender
Colton Byrne
Rhys Sandman
Andrew Veldman
Stone Heimburger
Alanee Selover
Gracyn Hamilton
T.J. Hollern
Maxwell Stoner

50 pts
Thomas Judge
Griffin Ponchaud
Brady Smith
Alice Bredwell
Jacob DeVries
Nicholas Williams
Jack Meier
Olivia Staley
Jack Bacon
Cadance Ferguson
Ella Acheson
T.J. Hollern
Maxwell Stoner

75 pts
Maya Kemp
Jonah Phillips
Ramsey Ponchaud

100 pts
Isabel Saffell
Vivianne Bledsoe
Ramsey Ponchaud
Joseph Kovacs

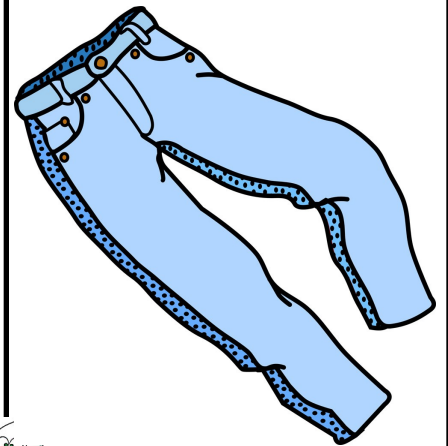
125 pts
Lauren Visscher
Joseph Kovacs

150 pts
Joseph Kovacs

175 pts
Hope Kanouse
Connor Smith

Clothes Needed

We are getting low on emergency clothes in the office. Please return any borrowed items. Also, donations would be greatly appreciated. We are especially in need of small (sz 5,6, & 7) pants for boys and girls. Thank you!



Halloween Parade



BOOK FAIR is coming!

Book Fair hours:

Tuesday Nov 10- 11-3:30

Wednesday Nov 11- 9-3:30

Thursday Nov 12- 9-8:30

Friday Nov 13- 12:30-3:30

Monday Nov 16- closed

Tuesday Nov 17- 12:30-3:30

Wednesday Nov 18- 12:30-3:30

Thursday Nov 19- 9-9

Friday Nov 20- last call & closing

Hours subject to change pending volunteer availability

You can also shop online 11/2-11/22 at www.scholastic.com/fair!



We live in Michigan, so the weather is constantly changing! Please keep an eye on the weather report to be sure your child comes to school with the appropriate clothing. The weather will soon be turning colder. Coats, gloves or mittens, and a hat may be needed. Once the snow arrives, snow pants and winter boots are necessary. Our students enjoy two outdoor recesses each day, unless the wind chill is at or below zero. Recess is more fun when you're dressed for the weather! It's also a good idea to have your younger children practice getting dressed at home so they know how to put their outdoor gear on by themselves. Thank you!

Pink It Forward in November by making a donation to a "No Shave November" participant (all MLE's male teachers & Mr. Noskey). Proceeds go to Gilda's Club. Thanks!

Attention boys in grades 1-5!

There will be a "Join Cub Scouts" information & fun night for students & parents on Wednesday, Nov 11, 6-7 pm, in the Murray Lake Art room. Come check it out!

Lowell Elementary Ski/Snowboard Club!

Are you a skier or snowboarder? Would you like to try? Then we have the club for you!! We will be hosting a weekly club night at Cannonburg Ski Area for Lowell students and their families! Discount club cards and rentals are available for purchase. If you're interested in signing up, please email **Karla Byrne** at kbyrne@lowellschools.com for details! *Please put Ski Club in the subject area.*

All sign ups must be completed by **Friday, Dec. 4th**. You can also go to the following link for more information:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B44I9nL4X4NvV3Z5OTY5NFJDnM/view?usp=sharing>.



Looking forward to a great season!!

What: Father Daughter Dance!

Who: 2nd & 3rd grade girls
When: Wednesday, December 2, 2015,
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Where: Grand Volute



Parent Teacher Conference Dinners—Volunteers Needed...

To sign up, go to:

Mamma Mia! Pasta and Salad!: <http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508054EADA929AA8-mamma/21033125>

Soups On: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054eada929aa8-soups1>

Museum Offers Unique 2016 Calendars!

Looking for a great gift idea?

The calendars feature 12 months of historic pictures of Lowell. A *great gift idea for teachers, neighbors, parents, grandparents and more!*

Available at the Museum gift shop and Springrove Variety Store for \$8.00, or order online www.lowellmuseum.org.