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SCHOOL TODAY?

Monday, Feb 15

NO SCHOOL
Presidents' Day

Friday, March 12

NO SCHOOL
Professional Development

Friday, April 2

NO SCHOOL
Good Friday

Monday, April 5

NO SCHOOL
Easter Monday

It's That Time of Year!
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WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!



As with so many other schools, it seems that there are always needs at the MLC building that go unmet or are covered by an already busy employee.

If you have ever wondered how you could help at MLC - either by volunteering or by picking up a few paid hours - consider the following:

1. Sub Bus Drivers. MLC has two full-time bus drivers: Renee Toutges and Ricardo Renteria. We are so grateful for them! Thanks to these dedicated drivers, our students arrive at school safely and on-time each day. MLC is always looking for people willing to sub for our routes or a field trip when our regular drivers are unavailable.

2. Sub Janitorial. Renee Toutges works hard keeping our building clean. It is a big job picking up after 100 plus people!! We are grateful for her work at MLC. There are times when due to illness or work load, we could use an extra hand at the building with janitorial work.

3. Snow Shovelers. We are grateful for the work Nickel Construction does clearing our parking lot, driveways and

walkways after a snow. This is an incredible gift to the school.

We have generally escaped any large snow falls this winter. However, with each snowfall our doorways and walkways need to be given a final shoveling so that they are cleared.

4. Sub Teachers. MLC's teachers are dedicated to giving students the best education possible. Occasionally, one of our teachers is sick or is otherwise unable to be in school. At those times we refer to our sub list. We are grateful for the qualified substitute teachers that respond - sometimes at a moment's notice! Our list is easily exhausted, and we always have an eye out for people willing to sub at MLC.

Is It You?! If any of these opportunities is something in which you might be interested, please contact the office. We can let you know more about what is involved.

Thank you for your consideration. ■

Join the Crowd!



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MLC K through 6th grade students are participating in Acadience Math testing. Acadience Math provides standardized assessments of students to understand how they are understanding basic mathematics. It tests early numeracy, computation, and problem-solving which helps to indicate the essential skills that every child must master in order to become proficient in mathematics.

MLC Parents: keep your eyes on classroom newsletters so that your student will be prepared by receiving enough rest before these types of tests. ■

UPCOMING TESTING

- 11th Grade: PSAT TESTING on Tuesday, January 26. In addition to qualifying for scholarships, PSAT test scores are one of the criteria used when applying for PSEO classes in the State of Minnesota.
- 10th Grade: Pre-Act TESTING on Tuesday, February 23. The Pre-Act helps students prepare for the ACT testing that will be taken for acceptance to many colleges. This test helps us identify a student's strengths and weaknesses. This is important information as students plan for success in college. ■

CHAPEL with MR. WINGER

Using his skills in both communication and juggling, Mr. Winger makes a special connection with students of all ages. We are grateful that he is a part of the MLC staff and is willing to share his talents in occasional chapels.

Last week, Mr. Winger's chapel centered on the theme of finding our identity in Jesus. He used the acronym ASK to help us remember to answer the questions: *Who are you created to be?* *What are you?* and *Why are you here?*

Thank you, Mr. Winger!

To read what the acronym ASK stands for, see the box at right. ■



Watch for It!

MLC FRUIT SALE begins January 29!



MLC would like to thank Southwest Initiative Foundation and Mountain Lake Community Foundation for their approval of a grant in the amount of \$2,200 towards the purchase of two Elkay bottle filling stations. Watch for this addition to our water fountains in the coming months.

A- You are an ambassador for Christ

S- You are a Sinner Saved by grace

K- You were created to Know him and make him Known

PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



This year's SWWC Photography Contest winners received their awards via mail this year. Due to Covid, the in-person photography event with awards and a speaker did not happen.

Pictured at left are Lydia Cavanaugh (Honorable Mention) and Abi Renteria (2nd Place) holding their awards. Congratulations, ladies!

L.E.A.D.

MLC celebrated Law Enforcement Appreciation Day by inviting the Mountain Lake Police Department to speak to students at MLC Chaperls.

One of the goals of this event was to show appreciation for those that work in law enforcement. Another was to encourage our students to be leaders and to do the right thing when they are faced with choices.

Officers Doug Bristol and Andrew Kinnetz gave presentations to both elementary and middle school/high school students. Students learned more about what it looks like to be a police officer by asking questions and listening to the officers' stories. Officers stayed for lunch to continue building important relationships with the students.

Thank you, Officer Bristol and Officer Kinnetz! We enjoyed having you at MLC.



Pictures L to R: (Back Row) Makiah Hall, Gwyneth Flaming, Thaiden Meyer; (Middle Row) Officer Kinnetz, Hugo Flohs, William Schisel, Naomi Rete, Maverick Penner, Officer Bristol; (Front Row): Jaeylen Melson-Jurries, Akram Eltoum, Hattie Klassen



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each month of between 75-150 minutes. The prize for reaching this goal might be a popcorn & movie party, 30 minutes extra free time, or a cozy reading afternoon including sleeping bags and game playing. This month's incentive was baking chocolate chip cookies! It looks like it was a yummy celebration!

IT'S WAS A CELEBRATION

Congratulations to the 1st and 2nd grade classroom for reaching their monthly reading goal for December of 75 minutes independent reading!

To encourage independent reading, Miss Knutson gives the students a reading goal



Students enjoy sledding on MLC's snowhills during recess.

IT's A SNOW DAY!

Receive weather-related announcements by:

- cell text message
- email
- Facebook (Mountain Lake Christian School)
- website: gomlc.org
- radio stations:
 - KDOM (1580, 103.1)
 - KJWR (90.9)
- TV stations:
 - KMSP
 - KSTP
 - KARE 11
 - WCCO
 - KEYC

Important Reminders:

- In the case of an early dismissal or a no school day, all afternoon/evening activities are cancelled (including practices, games, meetings, etc.).
- In the case of a two-hour late school day on a Tuesday or Thursday, there will be NO PRE-K at MLC.

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Hy-Vee and Maynards Scrip

What is stopping you from using scrip? The percentage of MLC families using Hy-Vee and Maynards Scrip could be so much higher because it is sooo easy! Did you know that MLC receives a 5-10 percent donation for all of your groceries purchased using scrip? The average family of four spends nearly \$600 on groceries per month.....**your grocery purchases could bring a \$30-\$60 donation to MLC each month!** Here's what you should do:

- Purchase scrip in the MLC office on any school day
- At Hy-Vee: Use the gift (scrip) card like a debit card
- At Maynards: Bring the purchased scrip to the store and set up an account. Use this account like a charge card.

Amazonsmile

If you are shopping online at Amazon, we want to encourage you to use Amazonsmile. Did you know that MLC receives a donation from the eligible purchases you make? And it is so easy! **MLC has earned nearly \$2,500 for our collective Amazonsmile purchases!**



- Go to smile.amazon.com
- Set up an account or sign in using your current account username and password
- Make Mountain Lake Christian School your charity of choice

Amazon Wishlist

Take a look at this list by going to the MLC website: www.gomlc.org. Find the *Support MLC* link on the navigation menu and click on the *Amazon Wish List*.



If you already have an Amazon account:

- View the wish list
- Add an item to your cart
- Proceed to the checkout
- Choose the shipping address: Mountain Lake Christian Gift Registry Address and add payment

Want to help even more? After adding items to your cart, navigate to smile.amazon.com. Choose your charity - Mountain Lake Christian School - and proceed to checkout.

Casey's Rewards

Sign up to participate in the Casey's Rewards program and start earning points on your everyday purchases. 250 points make a \$1 school donation. Turn those points into a donation to your school --- it's soooo easy! Here's how to begin:

- Create a Casey's account online (Casey's.com) or in the Casey's mobile app
- You will earn points on all of your Casey's purchases
- Choose how to redeem your reward points -- pick Mountain Lake Christian School as your charity of choice



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Collectively, these Easy Peasy ways of earning money add up to real dollars for MLC!

For Sale

For sale in the MLC office: 1-gallon bags of POP-CORN for \$10. Reports from those that buy this corn say it is the best!!!



Collect & Bring to MLC:

Bring old ink cartridges to the MLC office, and we will turn these in for money.

