



the bear facts

SCHOOL TODAY?

May 27

Last day of Pre-K

May 28

Last day of School
for K-12

2021-2022
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Grades K-12
Wednesday, Aug 25
2021

SUMMER OFFICE
HOURS
9 am - Noon
Monday thru Thursday

Re-enrollment for Next School Year 2021-2022

MLC Parents: It's time to reenroll for next school year. We encourage you to get it done in May as enrollment fees will increase after May 25th. Early enrollment will save you money, and it helps the office better prepare for next school year. The sooner we know class sizes, the sooner we can order materials. PLEASE contact the office if you have any questions. AND...

Help spread the word about what you love at MLC. Is it the teachers? Is it the education? Let others know. Most of next year's classrooms have openings that we would love to fill! SPREAD THE WORD!

We're Aiming for Black!
MLC's GOAL
amount to raise by
July 31st is \$152,000

Won't you pray about how you might help us reach our goal?



Go to the Support MLC tab at www.gomlc.org to make a donation. Thank you for your consideration and support!

The LAST WEEK of SCHOOL

Monday, May 24

11:30 am -- Kindergarten Lunch at Mrs. Fast's house

12:30 pm -- Grades 3 & 4 Field Trip to Ashes to Art

Tuesday, May 25

9:00 am -- Acacia Play, *Where's That Cat*, in the Music Room
Parents Welcome

10:00 am -- Pre-K Pinning in the Music Room

Wednesday, May 26

Student Field Day in the afternoon

Thursday, May 27

10:00 am -- Pre-K field trip to Lawcon Park and last day for Pre-K

Friday, May 28

9:30 am -- Kindergarten Graduation in the Music Room

9:30 am -- Grades 7-12 to Springfield
12:30 pm -- Assembly in the Soccer Field

1:00 pm -- Dismissal

Saturday, May 29

10:00 am -- MLC Commencement @ Alliance Missionary Church,

Look for the 2021-2022 calendar at www.gomlc.org. Find it under the Parents Information tab.

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SUMDOGGIN'



The MLC winners from the April SUMDOG Contest are listed below. Congratulations to all of our students for a great year of Sumdoggin'!

Out of a total of 403 participants, our top students finished as follows:

Ava Lepp - 4th
Trevor Meyer - 10th
Shelby Penner - 22nd
Ian Meyer - 27th

These students all did 1000 questions. Way to go, students! Job well done. ■

CHROMEBOOK RETURN

MLC Parents (and Students): If your student checked out a Chromebook from the office earlier this year, please return it to the MLC office by **Thursday, May 27**. Don't Forget to include the charging cords when returning the Chromebook. ■



WE GOT TWO!



Crystal Reith, Cottonwood County 4-H Program Coordinator, has worked hard with Miss Knutson to give some normalcy to the 1st & 2nd grade classroom through the AG in the Classroom Program. This year's meets were largely done via Zoom teaching about agriculture and science. Currently, the classroom is hosting two small chicks newly hatched in their classroom giving lessons on the life cycle of a chick. Thank you, Crystal Reith, for teaching our students. ■

PEACH FUNDRAISER

MLC will begin its Peach Sale on **Monday, May 24**. Sales forms are being emailed to parents with this issue of the Bear Facts; hard copies will be available from Vickie in the MLC office. This is an online sale just like the annual fruit sale.

This year's sale will include two new items and some familiar items in addition to the Georgia peaches.

- **(NEW)** Lemonade kits. You will note two different kits. Both will include enough lemons to make approximately 4 gallons of lemonade and will include a recipe. One of the kits will include a small juicer in the kit as well.
- **(NEW)** Georgia Pecans
- Premium Cut Beef Jerky
- Beef Sticks
- Smokey Snack Sticks

Go to myfruitsale.com to get started. As always, please call the MLC office @ 427-2010 with any questions.

The sale will end on **Monday, June 21**. Pickup is scheduled for **Friday, July 9**, at the MLC north door from 9:00 a.m. - noon.

Thank you so much for your participation. ■

**YOU ARE....
Our Greatest Advocate!**



HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!



You are invited to celebrate the graduation of
Elizabeth Linscheid and Jack Lepp.

MLC Commencement Exercises will be held at Alliance Missionary Church, 809 Fifth Avenue, in Mt. Lake, on Saturday, May 29, at **10 am**. The MLC graduates would like to invite the MLC Family to celebrate

Elizabeth Dee Linscheid - Saturday, May 29 @ 2-5 pm, at her home,
35598 620th Avenue, Butterfield

Jack Roman Lepp - Saturday, May 29 @ 4-7 pm, at his home, 63631
340th Street, Butterfield

PLANTING A TREE



Mrs. Long shared with the Fast family and MLC students the influence her friend Brigetta had on her life.

Former MLC teacher, Mrs. Myrna (Dick) Long had it in her heart to plant a tree in memory of her friend and MLC grandparent, Brigetta Fast. She invited Brigetta's family to a very special ceremony on Friday, May 21, on the MLC soccer fields, when a tree was planted in Brigetta's memory.

Brigetta's grandchildren who attend MLC are in Pre-K, fourth, and seventh grade. With the help of the students, Mr. Raabe, Mr. Bill Baerg and a prayer by Mr. Belgarde, a very special tree was planted to honor the memory of this special friend and grandmother.

Thank you, Mrs. Long, for your example to MLC students of friendship and remembrance of a friend.



Mr. Raabe spoke to the students about the importance of trees to our environment and gave a lesson on planting a tree.



WE MADE IT!

Mrs. Esther Klassen, MLC Teacher

We made it! After last year's cancelation and this year's COVID setbacks, we weren't sure we would be able to say those words this year. But we did! Grades 7-12 made it to Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch for a full week of mission work. **Thank you to all of you who prayed for us and supported the week. We want missions to be woven into the culture of our school, and a great way to achieve this is through our week-long mission program. Our school has a long history of blessing and helping ministries all across the country, and we have even ventured past our borders several times.**

Ironwood Springs was chosen for several reasons this year. It was close, we were able to social distance as a group, and they would take us. MLC served at the camp many years ago. It was neat for our group to hear Bob, the camp founder, talk about the work MLC had done for the camp in the past.

Twenty-two students and two adults gathered at 8:00 Monday morning to cram ourselves and all our luggage into two vans. After loading up, we realized one of the vans wasn't going to start. Ricardo Renteria graciously offered to drive a bus to take us to camp. So we unloaded and reloaded and learned our first lesson about being flexible on a mission trip.

During the week, the students were able to work on several different projects. Many students helped with stick clean-up and wood splitting. Several of our students cleaned and sanitized the dorm bathrooms. We painted the inside of the pool and many picnic tables. Some of our students and Mr. Raabe were assigned the wonderful job of scraping carpet off of cement. We also picked rocks out of the horse arena and mended several fences. All in all, we provided over 550 hours of labor for the camp.

As a team, we made our meals. Students helped with cooking and the clean-up (dishes upon dishes). We had a lot of fun serving each other through mealtime. During the week, students made meals such as, french toast, breakfast burritos, pasta dishes, cakes, brownies, and cookies. It was fun to watch them enjoy creating food throughout the week.

During our time at camp, we had a couple of hurdles to overcome. We didn't have hot water in our kitchen. So,



we carried hot water from our dorms across the parking lot to be able to wash dishes. On Day 4, we lost all access to water. Thank goodness for outhouses and bottled water. The sun was a bit warm, and some of our poor, northern, pale skin got a bit burned. We even had some sunburned lips. But, our students were great. They faced each challenge with good attitudes and a willingness to work hard.

Bob Bardwell, the founder of the camp, shared his story and his testimony with us. He has a wonderful story of God's grace, provision, plan, and purpose. He challenged us to choose to be a victor, not a victim. He has published a book about his journey. It is a fascinating read about the last 50 years of Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch and how God has sustained it through the years. The school has a copy if anyone is interested in reading it.

One of the best statements of the whole week was made as we sat around the campfire on our last night. "Where are we going next year?" This question echoed around the group as we shared that night. We are excited to fan the flame of missions in our students' hearts. So let's be praying - where God would you have MLC serve next year? We're excited to go!



Above: Lydia C, Isaiah R, and William B scraping and painting. Right: Kate Janzen tries the zipline. Below: Bob Bardwell speaking to our students.

