



# the bear facts

## SCHOOL TODAY?

**Friday, April 2**

NO SCHOOL  
Good Friday

**Monday, April 5**

NO SCHOOL  
Easter Monday

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**Friday, April 16**

MLC WILL HAVE SCHOOL.  
NOTE: This is a change from  
the original school calendar.

**Friday, April 30**

12:30 pm Dismissal  
Professional Development

## YOU ARE.... Our Greatest Advocate!

It is that time of year when parents are thinking about next school year - especially parents with preschool-aged children. With round-ups and open houses on area community calendars, parents are considering their education options. **Be ready to tell them about MLC!**

Word of mouth is MLC's best advertisement! Most of the students new to MLC over the past years have come from parent/friend referrals (**that's YOU!**).

Invite your friends and family to contact the MLC office at 507-427-2010 to receive more information about the advantages of education at MLC. No commitments, just a conversation.

Below are a couple of upcoming opportunities at MLC for parents with young children -- **help us spread the word!**



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## Open House

*Pre-Kindergarten*



**April 27**  
**4:30 - 7:00 pm**

## Round-Up

*Kindergarten*



**April 22**  
**1:00 pm**

## Re-enrollment for Next School Year

Watch for information about re-enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. Enrollment will open in April!

Help spread the word about the benefits of a Christian education at MLC. Encourage your friends and family to contact the MLC office to get their questions answered and receive more information at 507-427-2010 or via email at [info@gomlc.org](mailto:info@gomlc.org).



**Sunday, March 28, 2021**  
from 2-4 pm  
**Exhibit Dates:**  
**March 28 - April 24**

Cottonwood County Historical Society cordially invites us to attend the reception of the Cottonwood County Student Art Show. Admission is free; light refreshments will be served.

The exhibit features art work by area senior high art students including students from Mt. Lake Christian. Over 40 works of art showing a variety of mediums will be on display in the Remick Gallery.

MLC students participating in this art show are: Dannika Sajban, Meghan Johnson, Ella Toutges, Makayla Belgarde, Lydia Cavanaugh, and Abi Renteria.

## SPRING TRIPS



### Grades 11 & 12

MLC juniors and seniors and Mr. Raabe are currently in the Dallas, Texas, area visiting historical sites that they have learned about over their years in Mr. Raabe's social studies classes.

Thank you to Steve and Elena Linscheid (Elizabeth's uncle & aunt) for hosting our group. The gift of their home and involvement in this way is immeasurable. We are grateful!

Pray for our group as they learn more about our nation's history; pray for group unity and safety as they travel home on Sunday, March 28.

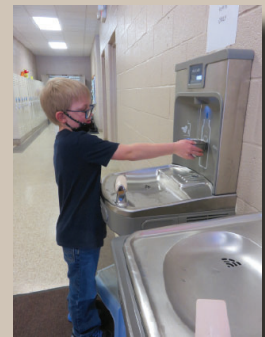
### Grades 7-10

The grades 7-10 missions/service trip to Camp Ironwood Springs Christian Camp has been postponed. We are searching for a week later this spring when this trip will work. Keep watching for more details.

### Grades 5 & 6

Grades 5 & 6 will travel to Eagle Bluff near Lanesboro, MN, for their annual spring trip on May 13-14. Highlights of this trip will include seeing some of the Minnesota history that the students have been learning about in social studies and participating in some team building.

## WE LOVE OUR WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS



Thaiden Meyer using the new bottle filling station

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. One station has been installed and another is pending.



Achievement Testing is given on an alternating-year schedule to students in grades K-9 at MLC. Due to distance learning last spring, however, we were unable to test. This year, all students in Kindergarten through 9th grade will participate in Terra Nova Assessments through ACSI. Students will test the week of **April 12** (this is a change from the last Bear Facts).

Terra Nova testing is a reliable, standardized tool used for the purpose of tracking student progress. These tests measure mastery in reading, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, vocabulary, spelling and other areas. Test results are used to identify strengths and weaknesses in student performance and help to highlight any gaps in curriculum.

Parents: please make sure your student(s) gets enough sleep so that they are at their best! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher. ■



Thank you for the privilege of visiting you at PT Conferences on March 11th. We appreciate each of you that made this event a priority. We look forward to finishing this school year strong. ■

**Find it at the  
MLC website:  
[www.gomlc.org](http://www.gomlc.org)**

MLC students participated in the 17th Annual SWWC Creative Writing Contest. SWWC received 162 entries from 110 students.



Six MLC students received an award for their stellar writing. Congratulations to the students pictured at right. A virtual Awards Ceremony will be held on **April 18** where place winning results will be revealed.

MLC winners are pictured at left beginning at the top of the page are: Kate Janzen (11th), Kelsey Hinkeldey (8th), Ava Lepp (6th), Ezra Petersen (5th), Norah Siebert (3rd), and Teo Winger (3rd). ■



MLC Elementary students did a fantastic job at the MLC speech meet last week. Despite the unusual format -- no parents and videotaped -- our students conquered their fears and hit it out of the park!

Students speeches will be available for download. Watch for more information. Thank you for your patience. ■

MLC PARENTS: Please know that in many ways we are continuing to respond to COVID concerns. We are, however, excited as we have the board's approval to include parents in the Expo and high school drama, and we look forward to more spring events. Check out the column on the left on page 4 to see May events. Watch for more details as we move towards May.





## THE SILK ROAD

Karin Stoesz, MLC 5th & 6th Grade Teacher

*The Silk Road...a road made of silk?!* Well, not exactly, but it was a trade route born of the love of silk across Europe and Asia.

Recently, the fifth and sixth grade class studied Ancient China, and that included the impressive Silk Road. For centuries, the Silk Road was the 4000 mile highway by which goods such as silk, pearls, horses, slaves, and spices were traded from China to the Byzantine



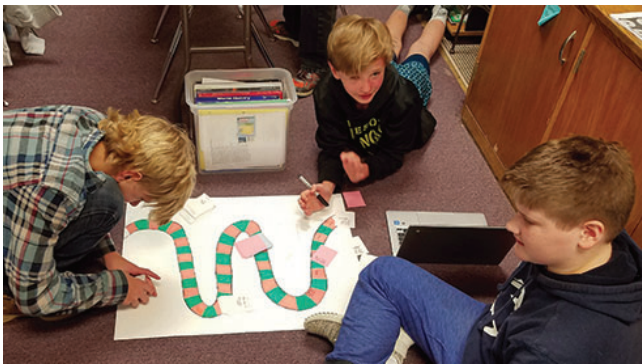
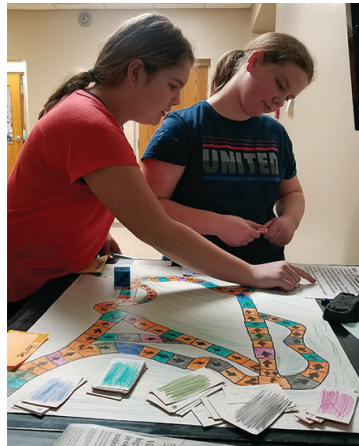
Empire. After learning about this piece of history, the kids summoned their creativity and created games that reinforced what they learned about the Silk Road. The classroom buzzed with excitement and talk of places like the Taklamakan Desert and the Pamir Mountains and silk and more silk! The games were so creative, I think they would have done quite well trading on the Silk Road!



### Navigating the Silk Road!

At left, Katie Johnson & Kirstin Nickel

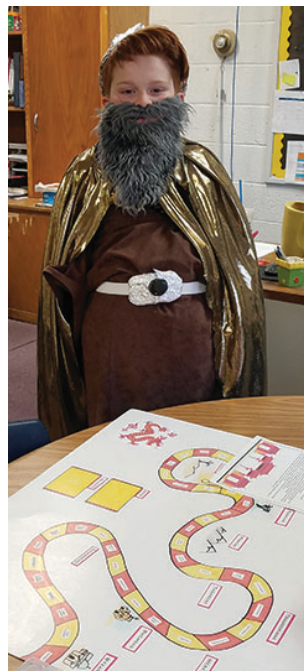
At right, Sofia Flohrs and Audrey Dick



Above (L to R): Owen Klassen, Caleb Klassen and Nate Toutges;  
Below (L to R): Ian Nelson, Alden Klassen, Quin Vidana



Below: Ezra Petersen pictured with his Silk Road Game. Ezra is dressed up for Diffendofer Day. He dressed as the Bible character, King Eglon.



With only nine weeks of school left, our thoughts are turning towards May. At MLC, we are making plans and holding them loosely as we look ahead. Mark the following dates on your calendar and watch for more details!

High School Drama  
May 6-8

5th & 6th  
Grade Trip  
May 13-14

MLC Expo  
May 21

Pre-K Pinning  
May 25 @ 10 am  
(last day of school for  
Pre-K)

Last Day of School  
for K-12  
May 28

Kindergarten  
Graduation  
May 28 @ 9:30 am

High School  
Graduation  
May 29

Find these dates and  
more at  
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