



the bear facts

MLC ANNUAL MEETING

SCHOOL TODAY?

Oct 8

EARLY DISMISSAL
@ 12:15 pm
PT Conferences

Oct 21 & 22

NO SCHOOL
ACSI Conference

Nov 5

NO SCHOOL
Borscht Supper

Nov 24

EARLY DISMISSAL
@ 12:15 pm

Nov 25 & 26

NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving

The Mountain Lake Christian School Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 21** beginning at 6:30 pm



MLC members, supporters, and other interested persons are encouraged to attend. If you are not currently a member of MLC but are interested in membership (which allows one to vote), information will be made available at the meeting. Even if you are not interested in membership but have a love for the school, please come to this informational meeting.

The membership will be voting on two at-large board members. A sample ballot is pictured below right. If you would like to vote via absentee, please contact the MLC office to receive a ballot.

You will want to get in on the prize drawings to be held at this year's meeting. Prizes include certificates for Maynards, HyVee, Caseys, and A&W.

We hope to see you on Tuesday evening!

MLC Annual Meeting
September 21, 2021
At-Large Board Member Affirmation Ballot


MLC Board members must have a clear testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. They must be spiritually qualified, give unqualified support to the statement of faith, philosophy, goals, vision and mission of MLC, and be willing to work hard in their role as a board member. It is essential to the collective spiritual discernment of the board for each member to be spiritually qualified according to Biblical standards. The role of the board is not to manage the day-to-day operation of the school but to assist the administration by establishing the policies to accomplish the school's mission.

_____ I BELIEVE **KERRI OLTMANS** has the above qualities to serve a three-year term as an At-Large Board Member.

_____ I do NOT BELIEVE **KERRI OLTMANS** has the above qualities to serve a three-year term as an At-Large Board Member.

_____ I BELIEVE **NIKOLE KESTNER** has the above qualities to serve a three-year term as an At-Large Board Member.

_____ I do NOT BELIEVE **NIKOLE KESTNER** has the above qualities to serve a three-year term as an At-Large Board Member.


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DON'T MISS IT!!

We would like to recognize Shannon Dick and Andy Nickel for their service to MLC over the past six years. Both have served two consecutive, three-year terms on the MLC Board and are not eligible to serve another term at this time. Thank you!



Mark **Monday, September 20** on your calendar as the day for school pictures. Beginning at approximately 9:30 am, Scherling Photography will be set up to capture MLC students' smiling faces. In addition to individual pictures, Scherling will also put together class composites. **DON'T FORGET** to bring your completed picture folder ■



Friday, Sep 24

8:45 am-12:10 pm

MLC elementary students have invited their grandparents to MLC Grandparents Day scheduled for **Friday, September 24**.

The day will begin at 8:45 am, for a devotional with Mr. Belgarde. Grandparents will then be given the opportunity to visit their grandchild's classroom. The morning will end with lunch at 11:30 am.

MLC students brought home information and sign-up sheets last week. These sheets are due today, Friday, September 17. This RSVP is especially important as we prepare for noon lunch.

Please contact the office if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing grandparents on **Friday, September 24**. ■



Parent-Teacher Conferences are planned for **Friday, October 8**. It is our expectation that all MLC Parents will treat these conferences as an extremely important part of communication between parents and teachers.

Friday, October 8th is a scheduled early dismissal at 12:15 pm. Buses will run their regular routes.

Conferences will begin at 12:30 pm. Instructions and scheduling will be sent out soon; however, in the meantime, we are asking that if you need a specific time beginning at 12:30 pm, on this date, please email Vickie at vkrueger@gomlc.org.

We look forward to seeing you! ■



Help us spread the word:
Soup's On!

Make plans to attend MLC's Borscht Supper planned for **Friday, Nov 5**.

The MLC Ladies Auxiliary is currently asking for donations of quart jars, lids, rings, one-gallon ice cream pails with lids, and Blue Bunny oval ice cream plastic containers with lids. Bring your donations to the MLC office. ■



The Southwest Minnesota Career Expo is a highly interactive career information and exploration event with 70 to 80 exhibits. Our Junior and Senior classes, along with Mr. Raabe will be leaving for this event on **Tuesday, September 28th** at 9:15 am and returning around 2 pm. It will be held at the Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Worthington.

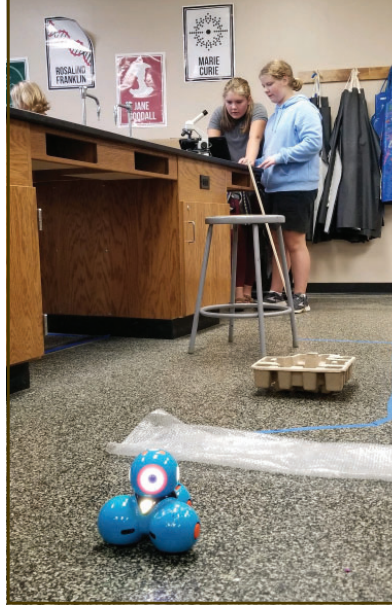
We are happy to provide this experience for our oldest students as they make plans for their future.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 507-427-2010

ROBOTICS CLASS

Coding is becoming a highly sought after skill in many careers. In robotics class students are learning how to code using robots and online coding resources. In addition to coding, student in this class are working on collaboration, communication, digital citizenship, flexibility, critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity. Robotics class is taught by Mrs. Melissa Kutch.

Pictured are student collaboration teams. Top (L to R): Katie Johnson, Caleb Klassen, Josiah Kestner. At right (L to R): Sofia Flohrs, Audrey Dick. ■



SideKicks

At MLC we value relationships, which is why we are excited that students are once again able to participate in Sidekicks.

What is Sidekicks? Sidekicks is students connecting over activities and games to build cross-grade peer relationships, develop leadership skills, promote school pride, and spread the love of Jesus! On top of that -- it is just plain fun!

Often our Sidekicks events coincide with "special day" celebrations during the year when teachers plan fun activities to help the groups celebrate. September's special celebration days are National Coding Day (today!), and National Snack Stick Day (9/23).



This week was National Coding Week. Pictured at left are students participating in Sidekicks and practicing a bit of coding. The older students are teaching the younger ones what they have already learned.

Pictured L to R: Waylon Winters, Austen Belgarde, Ezra Petersen, Haydn Axford, Hugo Flohrs, Trevor Meyer and Caleb Fast



Watch for our communication!

Communication is important to us, and it takes work!! We want to hear from you, and we work hard to communicate with you. Watch for our communication in the following ways:

- bi-monthly Bear Facts
- teacher newsletters, notes & emails
- your student's backpack
- RenWeb
- cell text messages
- www.gomlc.org
- Facebook (Mountain Lake Christian School)
- radio & tv announcements

IMPORTANT REMINDERS for MLC PARENTS:

If your student has a change in scheduling for the day (i.e., sickness appointment, etc.), please remember the following important items.

- If your student will not be in school:
 1. Call the office as soon as possible after 7:30 am; leave a message if it is before 7:30 am. An email to vkrueger@gomlc.org is also acceptable. If we do not hear from you, we will call you.
 2. You may also contact the classroom teacher via email. Teacher emails can be found on the school website (www.gomlc.org) under the About Us tab.
 3. Contact the bus driver, if possible.
- **ALL STUDENTS** must sign in when coming late or sign out when leaving early at the counter in the MLC office. Parents should inform the office ahead of time of a change to the student's schedule. Students will not be able to leave the building at any time other than dismissal time without parental permission.

THANK YOU! to the donor that provided us with the requested LPs!



Watch for an interesting art project from Mrs. Penner's Art Class.



PACK A SHOEBOX!

It's not too early to begin shopping for items for a shoebox. Watch for more details!



ALL INFORMATION INCLUDING IN THIS NEWS FOR THE MLC OFFICE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.



Duck, Duck, Grey Duck

Pre-K students had fun playing Duck, Duck, Grey Duck with their teacher Mrs. Myers. It's even more fun when the teacher is picked as the grey duck - as pictured above!! What skills do students learn playing this game? Spatial awareness, following instructions, problem solving, critical thinking are just a few.

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MLC's
Greatest
Advocate!



**SPREAD THE
WORD ABOUT
MLC!**

HUNGRY?

We Got You Covered!

Find Kitchen News (including daily menus and the kitchen helper schedule) at the MLC website: www.gomlc.org. Go to the "Program and Services" tab and click on Lunch Program. If you have any questions about this information, please contact the school at 507-427-2010.

REMINDER: We ask every MLC family to provide one helper in the kitchen to help with serving and cleaning up after lunch during the year. Vickie Krueger is putting together a schedule and will let families know their time. Please contact her at vkruieger@gomlc.org if you have any questions.

NEW OPPORTUNITY: SIGN UP FOR FREE BREAKFAST!

What is it? A FREE breakfast option is available daily for MLC students. Students may join in at any time and are not required to eat every day.

What types of items are served? Cereals, muffins, donuts, Pop Tarts, Un-crustables and fruit cups. All items are whole grain or whole wheat. Cereals are 25% less sugar than regular cereals with 10 grams or less of sugar per serving. Fruit is packaged in lite syrup. All items are based on Food Program Requirements.

When can students eat? Between 7:35-7:55 am on school days.

What does it cost? It's FREE!!

Questions or comments? Contact Nancy Quiring, MLC Cook at nquiring@gomlc.org.

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider. ■

DID YOU MAKE A CHANGE?

Have you had a change in your address, phone, or email over the summer? We do not want to lose contact with our families, alumni, and supporters. We need your help with these changes! Please inform us by calling the office at 507-427-2010 or email your changes to dstoesz@gomlc.org ■

GO TO THE WEBSITE gomlc.org

Watch the Tabs in the Black Navigation Bar across the top of the MLC Website. You will find school information on the website. Here are some highlights:

- **About Us Tab:** Direct friends and family to this tab where they can learn more about MLC. Word of mouth is our greatest promotion. (MLC Families -- that's you!!)
- **Programs and Services:** Find information about Athletics, Lunch, and Guidance under this tab.
- **Parent Resources:** Find calendars (kitchen, school, sports), the MLC Handbook, FACTS (Renweb), and more.
- **MLC Media:** Keep an eye on this tab for the latest issues of the Bear Facts, Teacher Newsletters, and Videos.
- **Support Us Tab:** Check out the different ways in which you can participate in educating kids for the kingdom. If you have questions about giving, be sure to contact the office at 507-427-2010. We appreciate your consideration!

Find Special Announcements:

Watch for the pop-up box showing special announcements when you arrive at the MLC Home Page. This will become especially important when winter weather sets in (Brrr... don't want to think about that!).

Navigate to the bottom of the Home Page for announcements, our Newsfeed, Events Calendar, and the Facebook Feed. ■



MLC parents are welcome to visit student classrooms and/or eat lunch with students.

Parents wanting to visit a classroom should call the office prior to their visit to arrange a time and keep teachers informed.

When coming for lunch, we ask parents to let the office know no later than the day of the visit. The cost for lunch is \$3.50 per person and is payable in the office.

All Visitors are asked to come to the office to sign in upon arrival and sign out when leaving.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE EASY WAYS TO EARN \$\$\$ FOR MLC?

• SCAN BOX TOPS for EDUCATION!

BOX TOP SCANS:



Download the Box Tops For Education app on your device. When shopping, find the Box Top for Education Scan label on participating brands (shown at right). Scan your receipt. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your MLC's earnings online. Box Tops are worth 10 cents paid to MLC.

• USE SCRIP!

Both Maynards in Mt. Lake and Hy-Vee in Windom participate in the Scrip program. Use Scrip to purchase your groceries, and MLC earns a 5% donation from Maynards or a 10% donation from Hy-Vee. **Over the past year, our collective purchases have made approximately \$8,000 for MLC using Scrip!**

Here's what to do:

1. Come to the MLC office.
 2. Write a check or give cash to MLC for an amount in either \$25, \$50, \$100, or \$200 increments.
 3. MLC gives you a prepaid cash card or certificate for the same amount.
 4. Go shopping!!!
- At Maynards: Go to Maynards and put your Scrip certificate on account and use as a charge account at check out.
 - At Hy-Vee: Go to Hy-Vee and use the Scrip card like a gift card.

• USE AMAZONSMILE!

All you need is an Amazon account. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be asked to log in to your Amazon account with your existing username and password. You will then be prompted to choose a charity to support. (Pick Mountain Lake Christian School.) During future visits, AmazonSmile will remember your charity and apply eligible purchases towards your total contribution!



• COLLECT AND BRING TO MLC

- used ink cartridges
- Best Choice Labels (products can be found at Maynards!)

• BUY POPCORN



For sale in the MLC office: 1 Gallon Bags of POPCORN for \$10.



Did you know?

MLC has an Amazon Wish List!! You will find items that we need or want for classrooms and the building. Here's what to do:

- Go to www.gomlc.org
- Click on Support MLC
- Navigate to the MLC Wish List
- Click on Amazon Wish List, or follow the instructions.

Don't forget to use your AmazonSmile log in to make your purchases, AND give even more!

Thank you in advance!!!