



# the bear facts

## MLC ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

### FINANCIAL RECAP

Your Generosity, God's Supply!

The annual meeting of the MLC board and constituents was held on September 21. Treasurer Thomas Stoneking's report of God's supply for another year was received with thanksgiving. The founding vision of MLC was to keep tuition costs manageable through annual operational support from churches and donor households. Since 1901, the school has prospered by way of an annual financial miracle as hundreds of individual donors join supporting agencies to provide well over half of the school's operating costs.

Annual donations (rounded) for operational support for fiscal '21 looked like this:

- Direct donations/bequests/memorials - \$303,000
- Commodity donations and sales - \$112,000
- Grants received - \$140,000
- Church donations - \$22,000
- \*Christian Leadership Foundation - \$69,000
- Fund-raising projects - \$57,000 [Fruit sales, Hy-Vee and Maynard's Scrip, Auction, Pow Wow food sales, and more]

**TOTAL - \$703,000**

*\* The Christian Leadership Foundation (CLF) is an independent corporation established to support MLC and other Christian schools in SW Minnesota. Holdings exceeded \$1 million for the first time in the past fiscal year. Donors seeking to provide endowed, long-term support for MLC may want to consider giving to CLF.*

Your generosity as detailed above permitted MLC to begin the new fiscal year with \$50,000 on hand. Because MLC operates without debt, this small cash reserve is very important. Year after year, your generous support and volunteerism glorifies God and shapes the future by educating young men and women in all of God's Truth. Thank you! Should you want to discuss your support of MLC, please phone the school office or email [development@gomlc.org](mailto:development@gomlc.org).

### 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

## MLC

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### BOARD REORGANIZATION

The following members make up the MLC Board for 2021-2022

Board Chair: Jody Lepp

Vice-Chair: Dan Strutz

Treasurer: Thomas Stoneking

Secretary: Paul Sajban

Bill Baerg

John Engstrom

Nikole Kestner

Kerri Oltmans



Parent-Teacher Conferences are planned for **Friday, October 8**. It is our expectation that all MLC Parents will treat these conferences as an 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, to end by 7 pm. In light of this, we ask that parents do their best to keep to this schedule. If you are not able to attend conferences on Friday, please contact the MLC office.**

**PARENTS of ELEMENTARY STUDENTS:** A schedule of parent-teacher appointments is included with this newsletter. Thank you for doing your best to keep to the appointment times!

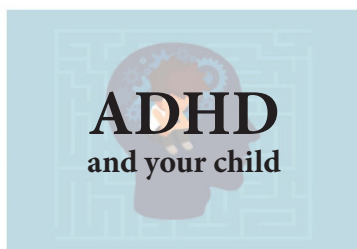
**PARENTS of MRS. SPINKS' STUDENTS:** The office will contact parents with whom Mrs. Spinks would like to conference. Watch for this email.

**PARENTS of MIDDLE SCHOOL and HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** Teachers will be available in their classrooms beginning at 12:30 pm.

**MR. WINGER & MRS. PENNER:** If you would like a conference with either Mr. Winger or Mrs. Penner, please contact the MLC office to schedule an appointment.

Please use the MLC front doors. All other doors will be locked.

*Don't miss this opportunity! We look forward to seeing you!* ■



ADHD, a reality or a buzzword, a lifetime or something that is grown out of, to medicate or not, and most importantly, what in the world does ADHD mean?

We invite you to join us as we discuss these questions and more on **Tuesday, October 19, 6:30-8:00 pm**, in the MLC Music Room.

During this time, we will look at myths and truths about ADHD, things you can implement into your home routines to help combat many of the struggles that ADHD brings, and ways you can partner with your child's teachers to help students have success. If you have questions regarding your child and ADHD - join us; if you want to learn more about ADHD - join us. ■

### SCHERLING PHOTOGRAPHY PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes are planned for Thursday, **October 28, beginning at 8 am.**

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU WANT A PICTURE RETAKE.

Bring your packet with you and return it to the photographer.

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU MISSED PICTURE DAY.

Picture retakes will begin at 8 am. Please be at the school ready to smile at this time. ■



## Hearing & Vision Screening Grades K-12 October 15 8:30 AM

MLC PARENTS: Annual vision screening helps to detect potential eye problems, but is not a substitute for a comprehensive, professional eye exam by an eye doctor.

Students who do not pass this initial screening are re-screened about two or three weeks later. If a concern is noted at that time, a letter will be sent to you, requesting that you make an appointment for your child to see a doctor.

If your child wears glasses or contact lenses, please make sure he/she has them along on the day of screening. All students in the school will be screened this year.

If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse, Lana Sander, at Mt. Lake Public School at 507-427-2325, Ext 145.



Help us spread the word:  
**Soup's On!**

**It's another Drive-Thru Supper!**

Make plans to attend MLC's Borscht Supper planned for **Friday, Nov 5**. **Watch for details about what this year's supper will look like.**

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.

MLC PARENTS: Watch for a sign-up sheet to be sent out soon. We will be asking for help from parents and students grades 9-12 only. ■

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
October 4-8**



This year's Coats for Kids Drive will be first-come, first-served and will be held in Mt. Lake on **October 19, 4 - 6 pm**, at MLPS Elementary School. If you have questions, please contact Luke Ewald at Public Health at 507-847-6930 or 612-597-0433.

MLC is cooperating with the Cottonwood County Coats For Kids Drive, an annual project to help families provide children with proper winter clothing.

There is a need for new or very gently used coats, snow pants, snow suits, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, and boots. A donation box is located near MLC's front door.

If you know of a child that is in need of winter coats, mittens or hats, please contact CVHHS at 507-831-1987 to make an appointment. ■



**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
- FACTS/RenWeb
- cell text messages
- www.gomlc.org
- Facebook (Mountain Lake Christian School)
- radio & tv announcements



**PACK A SHOEBOX!**

Collection Week Chapel  
November 17th



NO CASH OR OTHER VALUABLES IN PACKS OR FOR THOSE WHO EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN PACKING.

# MLC Wish List

*The MLC Appletree is now the MLC Wishlist!*

We are excited to announce a change to our much-loved Apple Tree Wish-list that you may remember was previously hanging just inside our front doors.

*The Apple Tree is now an online MLC Wishlist and is much easier to navigate.*

### What's so great about the MLC Wishlist?

This list is our "Dream Big" list upon which our teachers add classroom items that they would like to have but are outside our normal budgeted classroom supplies. We think these items would make MLC classrooms better.

### Where can I find the MLC Wishlist?

Find the [MLC Wish List](http://www.gomlc.org) at the website (www.gomlc.org) under the Support Us tab. You will note that teachers have put links on the lists showing the exact items and quantity they would like to have in their classrooms.

### Why do we need an MLC Wishlist?

Our goal in publishing this list is to let you know some items we *wish for*. We also want to provide you with another way to give back to MLC. Instructions for receiving a receipt for tax purposes are shown at the bottom of the Wishlist Home Page.

### How does it work?

- Check out the [MLC Wish List](http://www.gomlc.org) or use the QR code shown at top right.
- Keep an eye out when you are shopping either online or in store.
- Purchase the item(s).
- Drop off or ship item(s) to MLC at

710 11th Street N, in Mt. Lake

- Be sure to check back often to keep up-to-date with the items.

Thank you in advance for your support! Your gifts to our classrooms are greatly appreciated! ■



## UPCOMING TESTING

MLC juniors will participate in PSAT testing on Wednesday, October 13.

MLC sophomores will participate in Pre-ACT testing on Wednesday, October 27.

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MLC encourages juniors and seniors to participate in ACT testing. Students are encouraged to take the test *at least* one time during their junior year and another time during their senior year. Below are this year's ACT testing dates and sites.

Test @ Worthington	Reg Deadline
June 11	May 6

Test @ Jackson	Reg Deadline
Dec 11	Nov 5
Apr 2	Feb 25

Test @ MSU, Mankato	Reg Deadline
Dec 11	Nov 5
Feb 12	Jan 7
Apr 2	Feb 25
June 11	May 6
July 16	Jun 17

Test @ St James	Reg Deadline
Feb 12	Jan 7
Apr 2	Feb 25
June 11	May 6

**Find more locations at:** <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration/test-center-locator.html>

**To register:** [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

If you have questions, contact Dee Ann in the MLC office. ■

## GO TO THE WEBSITE [gomlc.org](http://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.