



the bear facts

A Note FROM MLC'S HEAD OF SCHOOL

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SCHOOL TODAY?

Sep 3
NO SCHOOL

Sep 6
NO SCHOOL
Labor Day

Oct 8
EARLY DISMISSAL
@ 12:15 pm
PT Conferences

Oct 21 & 22
NO SCHOOL
ACSI Conference

And everyone said "Yeah!" and "Praise the Lord!" because school is back in session!

It is such a pleasure to have the halls of MLC busy once again. The students are such a blessing to us. We've moved full speed ahead into the new school year with joy and anticipation for all that the Lord has in store for us. I am so glad to announce to all of our MLC family members that this year's theme is "Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit." We will focus much of our chapel times and Bible classes on how we can grow in spiritual maturity and service to God and others, based on Galatians 5:22-23.

Today, I also want to encourage each and every one of you to pause and take a moment to reflect on the goodness and provision of our God. We can trust Him with everything we are going through. Nothing surprises Him. In fact, the Word of God promises us that the Lord is active on our behalf. Isaiah 64:4 (NLT) says, "For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him!" I am so encouraged to know that no matter what happens, our Savior reigns! Amen?!

God bless and keep you and your family!

MLC ANNUAL MEETING

The Mountain Lake Christian School Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 21**. 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

board members. Watch for sample ballot(s) in the next issue of the Bear Facts. If you would like to vote via absentee, please contact the MLC office to receive a ballot.



We want to thank 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.

MLC

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Mark **Monday, September 20** on your calendar as the day for school pictures. Beginning at approximately 9 am, Scherling Photography will be set up to capture our smiling faces. In addition to individual pictures, Scherling will also put together class composites. Watch for picture folders to be sent home. ■



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.

Instructions and scheduling will be sent out within the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing you! ■

NEEDED: Vinyl "LP" Records



The MLC Art Department is going *old school*! Mrs. Penner is looking for 30-40 vinyl records to be used for an art project. If you have any "LP" records (larger records) that you are willing to part with, Mrs. Penner will take them off your hands! Bring your donations to the MLC office. ■

FYI: We are pretty sure you are not thinking about Christmas just yet, but we want to let you know that MLC will be participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. Now is a great time to purchase school supplies to include in shoeboxes.

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

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



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.

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, Uncrustables 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. ■

CHROMEBOOK

MLC Parents: If your student needs a Chromebook for the school year, be sure to get the Chromebook permission form completed and returned to the office. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie at vkruieger@gomlc.org. ■



Mmm, mmm, Mmm, gut



Help us spread the word:
Soup's On!

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

Watch For It!

**Grandparents Day
2021**

YOU ARE....

**MLC's
Greatest
Advocate!**

**SPREAD THE
WORD ABOUT
MLC!**



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.

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!!!