



the bear facts

SCHOOL TODAY?

January 28 -
NO SCHOOL/Prof Development

February 21-
NO SCHOOL/President's Day

Find weather-related announcements at:

- KEYC TV
- KSTP TV
- KMSP TV
- KARE 11 TV
- WCCO TV
- KJWR 90.9 FM
- KDOM 1580 AM
- KDOM 94.3 FM
- email message
- cell phone text message
- MLC Facebook page: Mountain Lake Christian School
- MLC website: www.gomlc.org. Find announcements on the Home Page and by navigating to the Winter Weather tab.

CONTACT US:

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ONLINE FRUIT SALE

IMPORTANT DATES

Sale Begins:
January 27



Sale Ends:
February 22



Fruit Delivery:
March 4



ACADIENCE TESTING



MLC students in grades K through 6th grade will participate in Acadience Math and Reading testing January 21-January 27.

Acadience testing helps teachers understand where students are by providing performance measures and giving recommended interventions where needed.

MLC participates in this testing three times per school year. We are anxious to see how our students are progressing. ■

Find it at the MLC website:
www.gomlc.org

ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE



This year's Spelling Bee is scheduled for **Thursday, February 3**, in the MLC Music Room.

Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend this year's spelling bee. Thank you for your cooperation. ■

We are cleaning house! Time to sell some treasures.

Find our For Sale items at
www.gomlc.org
under the

For Sale tab along the top of the Home Page.



If you are interested in purchasing any of the listed items, please contact the MLC office via phone or at info@gomlc.org.

And, keep checking back as new items will be periodically added. ■

WHAT: ICE SKATING

WHO: Grades K-12

WHEN: Friday, Feb 11

WHERE: Windom Arena at the fairgrounds in Windom

COST: \$3 per student



Watch for permission sheets to be sent home next week. These permission sheets and the \$3 fee are due at school on **Monday, January 31.**

MLC Parents are welcome to join our group but will need to provide their own transportation. Due to a limited number of skates at the arena, they have asked that we bring our own skates, if possible. ■

A&W & Teachers

Plan to *join us* on

Tuesday, Feb 15

4 - 7 pm

at Mt. Lake A&W

for MLC's Teachers' Night.

*Come out and support
MLC teachers.*

GO WOLVES!

Keep up-to-date with the MLAC Wolverine & Cobra games! Go to the website (www.gomlc.org) and find



the Parent Resources tab along the top of the Home Page. There you will find a schedule of winter sports. Parents will also find an MLAC basketball practice schedule under this tab. Both calendars are live and will update as changes are made. ■



JR/SR Class Fundraiser
Swanson's Pulled Pork
Drive-Thru Meal
at MLC

Friday, February 18

4:30 - 7 pm

Plan to attend!

MLC HS GRADUATION

MLC's high school graduation is scheduled for **Saturday, May 28**, at Alliance Missionary Church, in Mt. Lake. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the celebration!



BIDDING FOR
KINGDOM IMPACT

APRIL 1, 2022

FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

Coming back to school in January held a great deal of excitement for the fifth and sixth graders at MLC. Not only did they get to see all their classmates again, but a field trip to Minneapolis awaited us in the near future.

On January 7, Mrs. Belgarde, Mrs. Stoesz, and the fifth and sixth graders piled into vehicles with our faithful chaperone, Mrs. Lepp. We enjoyed the play, *Annie*, at the Minneapolis Children's Theater ("It's a Hard Knock Life" taking the prize for favorite song), delicious hamburgers at Five Guys, and a scientific exploration in the vast halls of the Science Museum of Minnesota. We are thankful for the opportunity to use our bake sale money to expand our horizons in the arts and the sciences. It was a great day! ■



ENJOYING *ANNIE* at the MPLS CHILDREN'S THEATER: Fifth and Sixth Grade (L to R): BACK: Mrs. Belgarde, Ezra Petersen, Emily Johnson, Abbey Lepp, Chloe Oltmans, Gideon Winger, Jackson Stoneking, Waylon Winters, Dakota McCall. FRONT: Mrs. Stoesz, Emma Nickel, Galaxie Penner



GOOFY GIRLS: Galaxie Penner, Emily Johnson, Emma Nickel, Abbey Lepp, Chloe Oltmans

Watch for 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



ENJOYING FIVE GUYS (L to R) AROUND THE TABLE: Waylon Winters, Jackson Stoneking, Ezra Petersen, Galaxie Penner, Gideon Winger, Dakota McCall. IN BACK: Emily Johnson, Chloe Oltmans, Emma Nickel, Abbey Lepp.

A KINDERGARTEN DONATION

The Kindergarten classroom received a gift from one of our generous donors. Pictured below during Kindergarten Exploration (a Tuesday/Thursday afternoon program for MLC kindergarteners) are students playing with the classroom's brand new sand/water table! This item had been listed on Mrs. Fast's Kindergarten Wish List. MLC's Wish List gives families and donors the opportunity to donate item(s) that our teachers have requested but are outside the normal budgeted classroom supplies.

The table pairs nicely with the classroom's water beads. *Water beads?* you ask. YES. Water beads are exactly what you are thinking: beads filled with water. They are brightly colored, rubbery, squishy, and soft. These beads provide a visual and tactile sensory experience. They help improve fine motor skills and coordination and increase exploration and creativity.

We are grateful to this donor for this wonderful addition to our classroom. If you would like to give to a particular classroom, we have a way in which you can do that! Go to the MLC website: www.gomlc.org and find the Wish List under the Support MLC tab. Or, follow the QR code below. Check it out!

Pictured (L to R): Mrs. Fast, Addilyn Evers, Monroe Winters, Austen Belgarde, Paisley Mau.



MLC Wish List

Have you checked out the online MLC Wish List and is much easier to navigate.

What's so great about the MLC Wish List?

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

Where can I find the MLC Wish List?

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 quantities they would like to have in their classrooms.

Why do we need an MLC Wish List? 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 bottom left.
- 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 see the latest additions.

Use your smart phone to check out MLC's Wish List.

NEXT STEPS!

For parents and students, thinking about life after high school can be daunting. Whether the plans are to participate in service, attend college or work, it is never too early to begin the (re)search to become familiar with the process. The websites listed below contain helpful information for all ages. Check them out!

For seniors that are thinking some type of college is in their future, a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form that nearly every college will require of potential students. Go to www.fafsa.gov to apply and to receive FREE help. (Do not pay for the completion of the FAFSA. This is a FREE financial aid service.) Once a FAFSA form has been completed, a college admissions counselor is the best person to help you navigate through the financial aid process. If you want to receive the most financial aid possible, fill out the FAFSA form as soon as possible after your taxes have been completed.

In addition to the FAFSA website listed above, there are many great websites for any student (and their parents) to look at when making plans for the future. A few are listed below.

fastweb.com
finaid.org
studentaid.ed.gov
mappingyourfuture.org/
college-prep.org
collegenet.com
petersons.com
nextstepmagazine.com
salliemae.com

Check out MLC's Guidance page under the Programs and Services tab at www.gomlc.org for more information. ■

ACT TESTING

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.

<u>Test @ MLPS</u>	<u>Reg Deadline</u>
April 5	TBD

<u>Test @ Worthington</u>	<u>Reg Deadline</u>
June 11	May 6

<u>Test @ Jackson</u>	<u>Reg Deadline</u>
Apr 2	Feb 25

<u>Test @ MSU, Mankato</u>	<u>Reg Deadline</u>
Feb 12	Jan 7
Apr 2	Feb 25
June 11	May 6
July 16	Jun 17

<u>Test @ St James</u>	<u>Reg Deadline</u>
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

If you have questions, contact the MLC office.



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 \$4.10 for adults and \$3.95 for students 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.

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MLC's
Greatest
Advocate!



SPREAD THE
WORD!

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.

Ba da ba ba ba

We're loving it....
and you can too!

Available in the MLC office: \$10 gift cards for McDonalds -- MLC receives a 20% donation with your purchase.

Stop by the office and purchase these cards between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:30 pm, on school days.

And don't forget to purchase Maynards and Hy-Vee scrip when you stop!

FINANCIAL GIFTS

Financial gifts to MLC can be made online at the gomlc.org website. Click on the Support MLC tab to see the options.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 507-427-2010.