

***YOU ARE INVITED!***

**3rd Annual  
MLC Student Expo**

A K-12 OPEN HOUSE EVENT

*Thursday, May 11*

**MLC  
Student  
Expo**

*6:30-8:00 pm*

- **Grades 1-12 Art Projects, including art projects selected for the Fine Art Festival.**
- **Acacia Topographical Maps, Handwriting, Short Stories**
- **Grades 7-8 Alphabetical Autobiographies**
- **Grades 7-12 Writing Samples**
- **Oak States' Exhibits, Word Studies**
- **Kindergarten Art Projects, Graphs, Calendars, Photos**
- **Pre-K Pet Shop**
- **Challenge Groups Research Project Posters**
- **Cedar Immigration Projects**
- ***AND SO MUCH MORE!!***



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The Expo will begin at 6:30 pm. A map will be provided to help guide you through the exhibits.  
We look forward to seeing you!



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## ONE MORE DAY! WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

The steps toward MLC accreditation have begun! Successful completion of the accreditation process will require the involvement of many people: students, parents, staff, donors, and the school board. We will be asking for your input through the taking of surveys and attendance at a few meetings. We may also solicit help from some of you with expertise in certain areas (some examples: construction, finance, document typing and proofreading etc.). We greatly appreciate your input as we ask for your participation in these ways over the next five or so years.



**You should have received a Climate and Culture Survey over the past week via email.** We are hoping you have already taken the time to complete it. If not, please do so today as this survey will close tomorrow: Friday, May 12th. ■

**MLC's Christian Leadership Foundation (CLF) will be holding a public meeting on Thursday, June 1, at 8 pm.**

## SCHOOL TODAY?

Friday, May 26  
12:30 pm Dismissal  
Last Day of School

## MLC SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

9 am - 12 pm  
Monday - Thursday

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2017-2018  
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
K-12 - Wed, 8/23  
Pre-K - Thu, 8/24

# MLC

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The public is invited to attend the grades 7-12 Spring Program scheduled for **Friday, May 19, at 7:30 pm**, in the MLC Music Room. This program will feature the high school choir, band (including Basura Beats, the trash can percussion group), and student solos/duets (both vocal and instrumental).

PARENTS and STUDENTS:

- Students should meet in the MLC Library by 7:15 pm (students in band should arrive earlier so they can tune and get their instruments ready).
- Students should look "nice". Preferably no jeans, sweatshirts, t-shirts, or clothing with words or pictures. All dress-code rules from the Student Handbook regarding modesty apply to concerts, as well. ■



## SUMDOG

The last Sumdog contest for this school year is being held this week. MLC is competing against all participating schools in Minnesota. Prizes will be awarded for first place winners in the following classrooms: 7/8 grade, Cedar, and Oak. ■



Grades K-12 are taking garden tours of Jubilee Foods, in Mt. Lake. These class tours nicely cap off Mrs. Judy Harder's monthly visits to MLC teaching students about nutritional topics. Additionally, some of our oldest students will be preparing and serving dinner to the MLC board members before the May meeting! What a yummy way to begin a meeting! ■

## MLC LIBRARY UPDATE



Grades K-6 library books are due on **Wednesday, May 17th**. Please get books back to school by this date. ■



**Announcing the  
Acacia Plays!  
Tuesday, May 16,  
10:50 AM  
In the S.M.A.R.T. ROOM**

Parents and grandparents are invited to attend this performance!

## CEDAR PLAYS

WHO: CEDAR (grades 5 & 6)  
WHAT: Immigration Plays  
WHEN: **Tue, May 23 @ 10 am**  
WHERE: S.M.A.R.T. ROOM

The Cedar classroom is anxious to share what they have been learning about immigration. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend! ■



## TRACK & FIELD



Track & Field Day for grades 1-6 will be held on **Wednesday,**

**May 24**, beginning at approximately 12:45 pm. This fun afternoon will be held at Munson Field track. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend! ■

## OH SO EASY!!

It really is Oh So Easy to help MLC earn a few dollars even over the summer. Keep collecting the following items and bring them to the office all summer long! **Summer office hours are 9 am - 12 pm, Monday-Thursday.**

**COLLECT!** the following and bring them to the MLC office:

- Box Tops for Education
- Milk Moola labels and caps
- Ink cartridges

**WATCH!** for an email when a fresh supply of the following scrip is available:

- Maynards of Mt. Lake
- HyVee of Windom

**USE!** Amazon Smile and a small percentage of your purchases will go to MLC. Find out more at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). ■

## Kitchen News



### LUNCH MENU

**All meals served with milk and are subject to change.**

**MLC Salad Bar is available to grades 5-12 on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, unless otherwise noted.**

#### Week of May 15-19

- Monday:** Hot Ham Sandwich, Chips & Salsa, Peas, Pineapple; Salad Bar for Grades 5-12
- Tuesday:** Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni & Cheese, Pears, Carrots
- Wednesday:** Pork Burgers, Oranges, Corn; Salad Bar for Grades 5-12
- Thursday:** Taco Bar, Green Beans, Applesauce
- Friday:** Pancakes, Ham, Peaches, Fresh Carrots

#### Week of May 22-26

- Monday-Thursday:** Cook's Choice. Watch for menus to be posted daily.
- Friday:** Sack Lunch for Grades K-6

### KITCHEN HELP



**Helpers should be in kitchen by 11 am. Thank you!**

#### Week of May 15-19

- Monday:** Marie Rete
- Tuesday:** Miriam Rojas
- Wednesday:** Andria Nowak
- Thursday:** Renee Toutges
- Friday:** Renee Toutges

#### Week of May 22-25

- Monday:** Marie Rete
- Tuesday:** Rachel Wilson
- Wednesday:** NEED VOLUNTEER
- Thursday:** Rachel Wilson

## SUMMER SKILLS CAMPS 2017



**SESSION 1**  
**June 27 - 29**

**SESSION 2**  
**July 25 - 27**

Sessions run  
Tuesday-Thursday  
12:30-3:00 pm.

Register Now!

Reserve a spot for  
your child by June 2.  
Stop in or call the  
MLC office at  
507-427-2010!

Summer Skills Camp is FREE to MLC families and is for students who have finished Kindergarten through 6th grade. Students from other area schools may attend, but there is a \$50 fee per session/child.

We are looking for high school-aged students, parents and grandparents to volunteer as helpers, readers, and listeners. Call the school for more information or to volunteer.

Developing skills  
in math, reading,  
language arts,  
and science.  
Snacks provided!

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## KEEP UP-TO-DATE!

Check out our website:  
[www.gomlc.org](http://www.gomlc.org)

Find us on Facebook: Mountain Lake  
Christian School

Help us spread the word about the  
great things that are happening at  
MLC!

## WE NEED YOU!



POW WOW!  
June 18-20

As many of you know, Mt. Lake's annual Pow Wow celebration gives MLC an opportunity to both earn money and promote the school through our popular food booth. However, in order to make this happen, *we need every family's participation.* We're asking MLC students in grades 5-12 and parents to participate in this fund-raiser. Our biggest need is for booth workers. Please consider working at least one shift (and more if you are able).

Included with this issue of the Bear Facts is a POW WOW Sign-Up form (the last page). When completing this form, please include every member of your family from 5th grade up. (Note: 5th & 6th graders need to be supervised by a parent in order to work in the booth.)

Sign-up forms are due in the office on **Friday, May 26th** (the last day of this school year).

**ESPECIALLY FOR NEW FAMILIES:** If you have any questions about Pow Wow and what might be involved in working in the booth, please contact the MLC office at 507-427-3900. We will be happy to fill you in!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Danica Dick and Rachel Sajban for winning awards at the Cottonwood County Historical Society's Student Art Show (gr. 9-12). How exciting! We have many artsy students and we love to see them shine out into the community.



L to R: Danica Dick and Rachel Sajban holding their prizes given for their winning artwork pictured at right.



"Wings of Peace"  
Watercolor  
Danica Dick  
Honorable Mention



"Asian Beauty"  
Pencil  
Rachel Sajban  
People's Choice Award

## MOMENTS with MRS. FRIESEN

### IT'S COMING TO A CLOSE

The school year is rapidly coming to a close. It has been such an exciting year with new staff,



expanded programs, Harlem Ambassadors, new families, awesome learning, and much more. It takes all of us (staff, students, families, churches, and community) to accomplish our school's goals of pursuing Excellence in Education and Humility in Christ. Thank you for the part you have played. I love being a part of MLC and working alongside each of you. God bless you and enjoy your summer.

### SLEEPY SUMMERTIME



Please remember that, although bedtimes need not be so strict during the summer months, bedtime routines are still important and your child continues to need adequate rest to be healthy and strong. Allowing your child to stay up an extra 15 minutes if they will read (silently or aloud) is a great option. It's amazing how much they can read in 15 minutes.

We suggest establishing next year's school bedtime early and getting into that routine one to two weeks prior to school beginning. This gives him/her time to adjust before school starts. It is amazing how much difference this can make to the start of a school year. It is a definite success booster. ■

### VISIT YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY!



Check out your public library's summer reading program and fun days. Reading aloud to your children, at any age, is beneficial.



### LET US KNOW!

Does your child participate in 4H or Other Summer Activities/Competitions? If your child is a participant during any area county or state fair or in any other competitions, please let the office know. We want to celebrate their summertime successes here at MLC. ■

### KEEPING SHARP!

It is important to keep your children engaged in learning activities over the summer, helping to prevent skills loss. Vacations, day trips and outdoor activities can be supplemented with drawing, journaling, reading books about your destination and travel brochures, playing games (card, board, and oral), taking photos and writing captions, map reading, and engaging in family discussions to help keep academic skills sharp. It takes a little more effort to incorporate these activities, but the benefits are worth it. Thanks for making choices this summer that will help your child(ren) hit the ground running in the fall.



Take out your calendars! The next two weeks will fly by! Don't miss these important events!

**Thursday, 5/11**

Student Expo

**Friday, 5/19**

HS Spring Concert

**Tuesday, 5/23**

Pre-K Pinning

**Friday, 5/26**

(1/2 day of school)  
K Graduation

Last Day of School

**Saturday, 5/27**

1 pm

HS Graduation

See page 5 for more graduation details.

Find all of these events - and more - on the MLC Master Calendar at [www.gomlc.org](http://www.gomlc.org).

As you look towards next school year, please note that calendar items for the 2017-2018 school year are being added weekly.

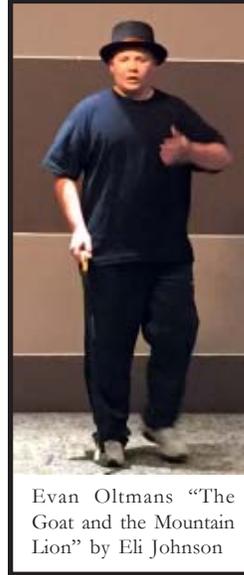
During the busy summer months, keep your eye on the Master Calendar!

## Aesop's Revisited

Fables are short stories that illustrate or lead to a particular moral lesson. This past Sunday's *Aesop's.....Revisited* highlighted more modern fables written and directed by MLC 7th and 8th graders. Students in grades 5 and 6 joined the older students as actors. "Unity is strength", "be kind no matter what", "treat others as you want to be treated", and "pride goes before the fall" were just some of the morals being taught by these young thespians. What a wonderful event!



Miriam Rete, Meghan Johnson, Tyler Dick and Jordan Linscheid in "The Jaguar and the Anteater" by Kate Janzen



Evan Oltmans "The Goat and the Mountain Lion" by Eli Johnson



Tiegan Meyer, Drayton Klassen in "The Fairy and the Servant" by Riley Schroeder



Luke Klassen, Ella Toutges, Luke Moller in "The Dragon's Tail" by Sara Quiring

# Congratulations Danica, Katelyn and Levi



You are invited to celebrate the graduation of MLC's Class of 2017!

MLC Commencement Exercises will be held at Alliance Missionary Church, 809 Fifth Avenue, in Mt. Lake, on Saturday, May 27, at 1 pm. The MLC graduates would like to invite the MLC Family to celebrate with them their open open houses listed below:

**Danica Sara Dick** - Sunday, May 28 @ 4-8 pm, at her home, 38781 570th Avenue, Mt. Lake

**Levi Jedidiah Stoesz** - Sunday, June 4 @ 4-8 pm, at his home, 58560 370th Street, Mt. Lake

**Katelyn Ann Fast** - Sunday, June 11 @ 4-7 pm, at his home, 1014 Ninth Avenue, Mt. Lake



We are asking you to give some thought to next school year!!

If you have not already set up a ParentsWeb account, you will need to do so. Set-up instructions are on Page 8 of this issue of the Bear Facts.

Once you have a ParentsWeb account with RenWeb, follow the re-enrollment instructions below.

### Take advantage of early discounts by re-enrolling NOW!

Re-enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is now open. New this year, re-enrollment will be conducted entirely online through ParentsWeb. If you have not already, you will shortly be receiving an email with instructions for completing the re-enrollment process; if you don't want to wait, you can login to ParentsWeb anytime and look for the "Family Information" tab on the left side. In that tab, you will find an "Enrollment/Reenrollment" link that will take you to the necessary forms.

The enrollment fee is due at the time of registration and must be paid online in order to submit your re-enrollment package. We are offering an early registration discount if the re-enrollment package is paid before May 26th. Enrollment fees for 2017/2018 school year are listed at right.

Because books and supplies are ordered based on registration numbers, the registration fee is non-refundable. The fees at right include the \$10 processing fee charged by RenWeb.

If the enrollment fee will cause a financial difficulty, please contact the school office to discuss options. As always, if you have any questions about this information, please contact the school at our contact information at left.

#### On or before May 26, 2017

<b>High School (Grades 9-12)</b>	\$335/student
<b>Junior High (Grades 7-8)</b>	\$335/student
<b>Elementary (Grades 1-6)</b>	\$275/student
<b>Kindergarten</b>	\$185/student
<b>Preschool</b>	\$0

#### On or before July 31, 2017

<b>High School (Grades 9-12)</b>	\$385/student
<b>Junior High (Grades 7-8)</b>	\$385/student
<b>Elementary (Grades 1-6)</b>	\$325/student
<b>Kindergarten</b>	\$235/student
<b>Preschool</b>	\$60

#### On or before August 1, 2017

<b>High School (Grades 9-12)</b>	\$510/student
<b>Junior High (Grades 7-8)</b>	\$510/student
<b>Elementary (Grades 1-6)</b>	\$435/student
<b>Kindergarten</b>	\$310/student
<b>Preschool</b>	\$110



## HAVE YOU JOINED US ON RENWEB? *We Need You!*

RENWEB is a student information system that MLC is using - beginning this school year - as a secure and private tool to maintain family and student information, classroom information and student grades. The MLC staff is *learning by doing* this school year, spending time at monthly meetings becoming comfortable navigating the RENWEB system. Our

goal is that all of us (staff and families) will be familiar enough that by next school year RENWEB is “old hat.” If you have not already done so, we want to encourage you to take some time to set up a parent account and to begin exploring this system, too.

***Why should MLC parents set up an account as soon as possible?*** Simply put, this year’s grades and progress reports will be available only through RENWEB. **No grades or progress reports for students in grades 1-12 will be mailed out!** You will need an account to access student grades.

In order to assist you in this process, below are instructions for parents to set up a RENWEB Parent Account. Also included are instructions for students in grades 7-12 to set up a RENWEB Student Account.

- NOTE:
1. Both accounts are accessed through ParentsWeb.
  2. RENWEB works best when using internet explorer or mozilla firefox

### CREATE A RENWEB PARENT ACCOUNT

1. Go to [www.renweb.com](http://www.renweb.com)
2. Click on the orange LOGIN button in the upper right-hand corner
3. Find and click on the ParentsWeb Login link in the drop down menu
4. Click on “Create New ParentsWeb Account
5. Enter our District Code: ML-MN
6. Enter your email address
7. Click on “Create Account”
8. Check the email you provided for an email from RenWeb and click on the link provided.
9. Make up your own User Name
10. Make up your own Password
11. Click on “Save user name and password”
12. Open a new browser and go to [www.renweb.com](http://www.renweb.com)
13. Click on the orange LOGIN button in the upper right-hand corner
14. Find and click on the ParentsWeb Login link in the drop down menu
15. Follow the login instructions

### CREATE A STUDENT ACCOUNT grades 7-12 (through PARENTSWEB)

1. Go to [www.renweb.com](http://www.renweb.com)
2. Click on the orange LOGIN button in the upper right-hand corner
3. Find and click on the ParentsWeb Login link in the drop down menu
4. Click on “Create New ParentsWeb Account”
5. Enter our District Code: ML-MN
6. Enter your @gomlc.org email
7. Click “Create Account”
8. Check your @gomlc.org mail for an email from RenWeb and click on the link
9. Make up your own User Name
10. Make up your own Password
11. Click “Save username and password”
12. Look for the message in green at the top of the screen “Username and password saved”
13. You have successfully created your account. To login to your account follow the instructions.

# MLC FAMILIES

MLC's Food Booth is an important fundraiser and a popular attraction during Mt. Lake's Pow Wow festivities. We hope you are looking forward to working together (as an MLC family) in the booth. It really is such a great opportunity to get reacquainted with each other!

**SHIFTS:** ALL MLC parents and ALL students in 5th grade and up, are being asked to serve a shift. **NOTE: Students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade must be supervised by a parent in order to work in the booth.**

# Pow Wow

We are asking EVERY MLC FAMILY to complete this form. Return the completed form to the school office by **Friday, May 26.** If we do not hear from you, we will contact you.



June 18-20, 2017

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list each family member's name by the chosen shift.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Help set up booth on **Thursday, June 15, 6:30 pm**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cut onions at MLC on **Saturday, June 17, time to be determined**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday, June 18, from 10 am-3:30 pm**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday, June 18, from 3:15-8:30 pm**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Monday, June 19, from 10 am-3 pm**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Monday, June 19, from 2:45-8 pm.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Monday, June 19, from 7:45 pm-12 midnight**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with booth clean up **late Monday, June 19, evening**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Tuesday, June 20, from 10 am-4:15 pm**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Tuesday, June 20, from 4-9 pm**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Tuesday, June 20, from 8:45-11 pm**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Booth clean up **Tuesday, June 20, 9 pm**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Booth take down **Wednesday, June 21, 8 am**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clean up at school **Wednesday, June 21, 9 am**
- \_\_\_\_\_ We will help wherever needed
- \_\_\_\_\_ We cannot help with Pow Wow this year

## PIES:

Each family is responsible to bring **three, two-crust fruit pies** (no custard, please) to be served in the booth. **PLEASE NOTE:** This year, due to the planned MLC kitchen renovations, we are NOT able to bake pies at school and are having to pay a fee to have the pies baked off-site. Please consider baking your pies this year!

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will bake 3 pies
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will make \_\_\_\_\_ pies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$30 for pie buy-out

Pies should be brought to the "MLC Pie Building" across the street from our booth beginning on Saturday. Watch for more details.