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# bear facts

## SCHOOL TODAY?

Fri, 10/20 - NO SCHOOL  
PT Conferences

Fri, 11/3 - NO SCHOOL  
Borscht Supper

Thu-Fri, 11/23 & 24  
NO SCHOOL  
Thanksgiving Break

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences for Pre-K through 12th grade are scheduled for **Thursday, October 19**. Pre-K conferences will be held during the day, with K-12 conferences beginning at 3:30 pm. **Friday, October 20**, will be reserved for conferences as needed.

Pre-K will not have school on Thursday, October 19. K-12 students will have a normal day of school on Thursday with no school planned for Friday.

**PARENTS of PRE-K STUDENTS:** Ardith is putting together a schedule of parent-teacher appointments for during the day on Thursday. If you would like a specific time on Thursday, please let her know by Monday, October 9.

**PARENTS of ELEMENTARY STUDENTS:** Ardith is putting together a schedule of parent-teacher appointments. If you would like a specific time on Thursday or Friday, please let her know by Monday, October 9.

**PARENTS of MRS BEHRENS STUDENTS:** If your student spends time with Mrs. Behrens in the ELC, you need to make an appointment for a conference. Ardith is putting together a schedule of parent-teacher appointments. If you would like a specific time on Thursday or Friday, please let her know by Monday, October 9.

**PARENTS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL and HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** You are welcome to come and visit teachers beginning at 3:30 pm on Thursday. Teachers will be set up in the gymnasium. If you cannot attend conferences on Thursday or need to make a special appointment, please call the school at 427-3900.

We encourage all MLC parents to participate in these conferences. We consider these conferences to be one of the most important times of communication between parents and teachers. We want to visit with you about your child and his/her education. *Don't miss this opportunity!* ■

# MLC

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## BORSCHT SUPPER

**It is time.  
Borscht time.**

The annual MLC Borscht Supper is just a few weeks away. This year's supper is scheduled for **Friday, November 3rd**. *Mmm, mmm, gut!!* In addition to the supper, the middle schoolers (grades 6-8) are preparing for the bake sale. You are not going to want to miss this event. Help us spread the word to your family and friends. Encourage them to save this date!

This soup supper is one of MLC's largest annual fund-raisers. In order to make it a success, every MLC family is asked to participate. Together with the MLC ladies auxiliary, MLC families prepare, serve and clean-up. The MLC auxiliary has already begun the planning and preparing! Most of you know the drill! But here is a run-down for new families.

- A borscht supper worker sign-up sheet is sent to MLC families showing ways in which help is needed.
- MLC families and students are asked to complete the sign-up form and return it to the MLC office by **Wednesday, October 18**.
- The office makes up a work schedule and returns it to families and the ladies auxiliary.
- The auxiliary is in charge of the workers the night of the supper and, working together, we serve borscht to the surrounding community.

**SO. HERE WE GO!** Enclosed with this issue of the Bear Facts is this year's worker sign-up sheet (SEE THE LAST PAGE). Please complete this form letting us know your first and second shift choices. Remember to mark whether you will bring two pies (*of any kind....for this fundraiser variety is the spice of life!*) or whether you will take advantage of the pie buyout. Return the form to the office by **Wednesday, October 18**. Then watch for the borscht supper worker schedule to be sent out, and join the rest of the MLC families and the ladies auxiliary serving borscht at the supper. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 427-3900.

*Mmm, mmm, gut*

So much better than anything out of a can,  
it's time for Mountain Lake Christian School's 51st Annual  
*borscht supper*  
and middle school bake sale

Friday, November 3, 2017 • 4:30 - 8 p.m.

Homemade Vegetable Beef Soup (Borscht)  
Gluten-free Borscht available upon request!  
Homemade Bread • Homemade Pie  
(All you can eat Borscht and bread)

Adults \$8 • K-12 \$4 • Pre-K Free

 Location: Mountain Lake Christian School  
710 11th Street N • Mt. Lake, MN

## CEDAR FIELD TRIP



The Cedar classroom continues their learning about Native American culture in geography class. A field trip to the the Jeffers Petroglyphs is scheduled for October 17th. What a great site to visit as they continue their learning about Native American culture and history.

## SIXTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

The sixth grade class is looking forward to next week's trip to Mankato's History Fest where students will experience a day of "storytelling, singing, dancing, playing and learning" about the 17th century. Their trip is planned for Wednesday, October 11th.

## SUMDOG



Sumdog is a proven to be a fun way to help students enjoy math. By using engaging game-based techniques, MLC students are learning and practicing numeracy. Again, this school year, MLC is excited to be participating in the Sumdog program. Our first Sumdog contest for this school year will be held October 27 - November 2. Be watching for our results!

**PICTURE RETAKE DAY**  
**Wednesday**  
**Oct 25**



## DIBELS

Next week, each student in grades K- 5 will participate in the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessments. At MLC, this set of procedures and measures assesses early and developing literacy skills. The assessments, administered by Brittany Siebert, take about 10-15 minutes per student. We use the DIBELS assessments to inform classroom instruction and guide program decisions. The DIBELS is administered three times each year.

## KITCHEN NEEDS!!

Nancy Quiring is asking for donations of fresh vegetables to be served at lunch. She is specifically looking for tomatoes, onions, peppers, carrots and cucumbers. Donations of melons and apples would also be gobbled up! How about fresh from the farm eggs? If you have an abundance of any of these items, please consider bringing them to school.



Mrs. Quiring is also looking for donations of forks and teaspoons to be used in the lunchline. Note that these items do not have to match.



Donations will be accepted in the MLC office.

## 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 Oct 9-13

Monday: Spaghetti, Peas, Peaches  
Tuesday: Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Pineapple  
Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Sweet Potato Fries, Carrots, Pineapple  
Thursday: Tacos, Green Beans, Applesauce  
Friday: Hot Ham Sandwich, Chips, Fresh Carrots, Oranges

### Week of Oct 16-20

Monday: Chicken Strips, Corn, Peaches  
Tuesday: BBQ Pork Sandwich, Chips & Salsa, Carrots, Pears  
Wednesday: Cheese & Chicken Hotdish, Pineapple, Green Beans  
Thursday: Pizza, Fresh Veggies, Mixed Fruit  
Friday: NO SCHOOL

## KITCHEN HELP



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

### Week of Oct 9-13

Monday: Renee Toutges  
Tuesday: Dana Schroeder  
Wednesday: Nancy Sajban  
Thursday: Connie Smith  
Friday: Renee Toutges

### Week of Oct 16-20

Monday: Julie Clerc  
Tuesday: Amy Moller  
Wednesday: Julie Clerc  
Thursday: Connie Smith  
Friday: NO SCHOOL



## HELP FOR COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS

An informational meeting regarding college financial aid will be held on **Monday, October 30th, at 7 p.m.** in Room #1, at the MLPS. Nancy Sprengler, director of Educational Talent Search, Minnesota State University will be presenting information helpful for students pursuing post-secondary education. Parents and students are invited to attend.



### COMMUNICATE with US, PLEASE

It is important to remember to communicate a change in your student's schedule through either a note, email or phonecall prior to the change.

**Grades P/K-5:** Inform your student's classroom teacher or Ardith at 427-2010.

**Grades 6-12:** Inform Dee Ann in the office before the school day at 427-3900 in case of sickness or other emergency. For planned absences, a Pre-Planned Absence Form must be completed. These forms are available in the school office.

We appreciate your best efforts at scheduling appointments after school hours.



### WAYS WE COMMUNICATE with YOU

- bi-weekly Bear Facts
- teacher newsletter, notes & emails
- RenWeb
- cell text messages
- www.gomlc.org
- facebook
- radio & tv announcements

## 2017-2018 Test Dates

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>(Late Fee Required)</u>
<b>@ Windom HS</b>		
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 23-October 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
<b><u>Test Date</u></b>		
<b><u>find alternative testing sites for these tests at act.org</u></b>		
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
<b><u>Test Date</u></b>		
<b><u>@ Minnesota State Univ, Mankato</u></b>		
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

## BARNABAS FOUNDATION

With the goal of "growing generosity," Barnabas Foundation partners with MLC to provide our supporters with clear and easy-to-understand Estate Planning information at no cost.

Jim Prichard is planning to be in the SW MN area **October 25 and October 26, 2017**, and will be available to meet with those who wish to work on their estate plan or explore planned giving options. Just call Deb Harder at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 or email Deb at: [dhard@barnabasfoundation.com](mailto:dhard@barnabasfoundation.com) if you would like to schedule a conversation with Jim.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barnabas at the contact information below. Or contact Dr. Mike James at 507-427-2010 for more information.

Barnabas Foundation  
 888.448.3040 (toll-free)  
 708.532.3444  
[www.barnabasfoundation.com](http://www.barnabasfoundation.com)

A memorial gift is a thoughtful way to honor a friend or relative while providing meaningful support to MLC. The following memorial gifts were given to MLC in the names of

Wayne Green \$480.00  
 Stan McCone \$50.00

Please make your memorial gift check payable to MLC, noting the name of the person you wish to honor. If you want MLC to acknowledge your gift (not the amount) to the honoree's family, please include appropriate name and address.

## MOMENTS with MRS. FRIESEN

Here is what's up with speech....

On **Saturday, Oct. 7th**, beginning at 9:30 am, the speech team and family members are asked to join us for our fall yard fundraiser in



Windom. We begin at Grandma Friesen's (732 19th St.) and end up eating lunch at Godfather's. Lunch is provided for all volunteers by Grandma Roselyn Friesen. Bring rakes, trimmers, clippers, water bottle, and gloves.

We will have our kick-off and informational meeting at MLC on **Tuesday, Oct. 24th @ 6:30 pm**. Immediately following, we will have a judge's clinic for adults who would like to travel with the team as one of our judges. We have a larger team this

year, so we will need extra help with judging.

### TEAM MEMBERS:

- Start now to find your \$125.00+ team sponsor. (Due Feb. 1st.)
- \$75.00 activity fees will be due in January. This activity fee can be paid all at once, or it can be paid in three \$25.00/month payments.

We're excited to begin a new season of speech. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Friesen at 507-221-0418.



And now, a word from an MLC supporter

**amazon**smile  
You Shop. Amazon Gives.

*"While going through my emails today I was reminded that whenever I want to purchase anything through Amazon I can also benefit MLC by ordering the same item, at the same price, through Smile. Amazon.com ..."*

Find out how at

<https://smile.amazon.com/about>

## BEST BUDS has BEGUN!

Last Friday, students divided into this year's Best Buds groups! It was exciting to meet new amigos! Eating lunch and playing a game helped students get to know each other better. It is exciting to begin these monthly "get-togethers" again this year. Find pictures of all the groups - along with a few extra - on our Facebook page. Follow us at Mountain Lake Christian School.



Keep collecting the following items and bring them to the office!

**AVAILABLE NOW!** Maynard's scrip is available! Purchase scrip in the MLC office on school days.

**WATCH!** for an email when a fresh supply of HyVee of Windom scrip is available

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

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

# Operation Christmas Child

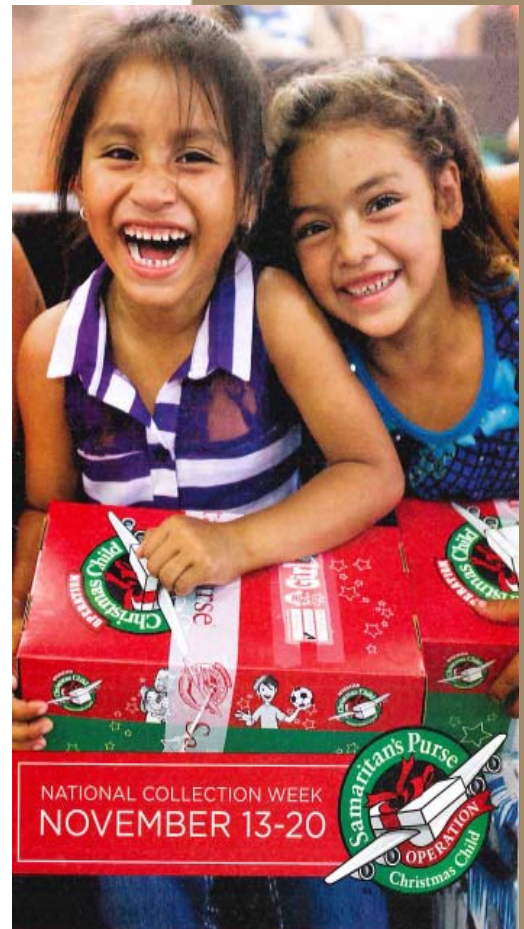
## Samaritan's Purse

### "Good News. Great Joy."

It seems too early to be thinking about Christmas, doesn't it? However, MLC's participation in Operation Christmas Child necessitates that we begin to prepare for the "shoebox season." In order to accommodate those that will be delivering our shoeboxes to an area drop-off location, we have scheduled our shoebox dedication chapel for **Monday, November 13**. Please have your boxes to MLC by this date.

As you begin your planning for these boxes, keep the following in mind.

1. MLC families should feel no obligation to participate in the OCC collection. Students have the choice of making and bringing a shoebox, or bringing an item for a shoebox to be made by the classroom.
2. Go to the Samaritan's Purse website: [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org), and click on the "Good News. Great Joy" icon to receive information on the types of items that are on their "Do Not Include" list, in addition to a listing of suggested items to include.
3. Call the school if you have any questions at 507-427-2010. ■



#### Give a \$9 Donation

You can do this online through **Follow Your Box** OR place it in the attached envelope and put it inside your shoebox gift. Use the attached form (details inside).

## LOOKING FOR MORE SCHOOL NEWS?

### MLC Weekly

An Independent Student Newspaper  
Monday, October 2, 2017

**Upcoming Events**

October 16: Knowledge Bowl Meet @ MLC  
October 19: Parents/Teacher Conference  
October 20: No School (Conferences)  
October 25: Picture Retake Day

**Lunch Menus**

**Monday:** Chicken Alfredo, Pinapple, Carrots  
SALAD BAR

**Tuesday:** Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup, Peas, Applesauce  
Wednesday: Corn Dogs, French Fries, Peas, Corn  
SALAD BAR

**Thursday:** Chicken Supreme, Peaches, Beans  
SALAD BAR

**Friday:** French Toast, Sausage Mixed Fruit, Fresh Carrots

### Best Buds

An MLC tradition is once again set into motion. Every last Friday of the month, MLC students and staff of all ages gather into five groups to eat lunch together and play a group game. Each student is given a shirt of their color. Previous years have seen teams of red, gold, green, black and white. However, this year the white was switched to blue for various reasons. We asked grades K-8 principal, Mrs. Kim Friesen, what the purpose of Best Buds was. She said, "The reason we do this is to build community and positive relationships within the student body." MLC Administrator Dr Michael James added to that saying, "We do this to allow the older kids to practice leadership and also for the younger kids to get to know the High schoolers".

As the kids played and enjoyed their time, it really showed what a benefit and success this activity is, and we are so excited to see the fruit that come from this beneficial activity.

Eli Johnson



**Jokes**

Q: What do Pandas wear when they rob a bank?  
A: A Panda!

Q: What is black and white and read all over?  
A: An embarrassed Panda!

Q: Why do Pandas like old movies?  
A: They're black and white!


### Entertainment!

Theme: "Pandas"




THE LUNGS FROM THE TV CAN BE HIT JUST BY THE SHARK

Lydia Cavanaugh, Eli Johnson, Meghan Johnson, and Luke Klassen have begun a student run MLC news website and weekly newspaper. Their primary audience is MLC middle and high school students, however, all are welcome to check in and catch up. To receive these daily updates, school news, and more, go to: [sites.google.com/gomlc.org/mlcweekly](http://sites.google.com/gomlc.org/mlcweekly)




# BOY




Mark the correct age category:

2-4 Years Old	5-9 Years Old	10-14 Years Old
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# GIRL



Mark the correct age category:

2-4 Years Old	5-9 Years Old	10-14 Years Old
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# 2017 Borscht Sign-Up Sheet

**MLC FAMILY:** Use this sign-up sheet to let us know the shift that works best for you at this year's Borscht Supper. We will need workers on Thursday and Friday, November 2 & 3. Once the schedule has been made, we will publish it along with more instructions and information. **Thank you so much for your work with this fund-raiser.**

- Please give us your first and second choices. We will do our best to put you in one of those places. We assign on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Be sure to use the pie check-off on the bottom of this form letting us know that you will be bringing your pies.
- Return this sheet to the MLC office by **October 18th**.

## THURSDAY, November 2

Cutting vegetables and set-up \_\_\_\_\_ 1:30 - about 4:00 pm

## FRIDAY, November 3

Stirring Canners \_\_\_\_\_ 8 am - 12 noon Stirring Canners

Wash & Dry Dishes \_\_\_\_\_ 8 am - 12 noon Dishwasher & Dry

\_\_\_\_\_ 12 noon - 4:00 pm Dishwasher & Dry

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 - 6:30 pm Dishwasher & Dry

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:15 - 8:30 pm Dishwasher & Dry

\_\_\_\_\_ 8:15 - 10:30 pm Dishwasher \_\_\_\_\_ Dry

Serving Tables \_\_\_\_\_ 4:15 - 6:45 pm

Serving Tables \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Cutting Bread \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 - 6:00 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Clean up gym & kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ 8:15 - About 10:30 pm or until finished

Garbage \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 - 8:00 pm



\_\_\_\_\_ I will bring two pies of any kind. We want a variety - fruit, custard and creams are great choices for the Borscht Supper.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am taking the buy-out option. My check for \$20 is enclosed.