



MLE NEWS

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LOTS OF GREATNESS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR!



Our school has continued to buzz with excitement for greatness and gratitude. The students in grades 4-6 represented our school well during the Veteran's Day program, listening respectfully and asking **great** questions of our special guest, Les Rasset. All of our students contributed to our "Tattoo A Teacher" fundraiser--over \$450 toward Merry Math Night with over 500 tattoos sold! We're extremely **grateful** to our staff for donning the tattoos and the subsequent scrubbing off of them, all in the name of Merry Math Night!

Just last week, we held a **great** D.A.R.E. graduation with special guests Wright County Attorney Brian Lutes; Deputy Loomis and Grizz, the Wright County K9; and Deputy Lamack, who serves at the Wright County D.A.R.E. officer. We are continually **grateful** for our partnerships with Wright County and the D.A.R.E. program!

UPCOMING DATES

- Dec. 1: Merry Math Night, 5-6:30pm
- Dec. 4: Kindergarten-Grade 3 Music Concert, 6:30pm @ MLHS Gym
- Dec. 5: Irish Pride Celebration & Gum Day
- Dec. 8: PTA Meeting, 5:00pm @ MLE Library
- Dec. 10: Tri 1 Report Cards Sent Home
- Dec. 15: 5-12 Winter Band Concert, 6pm @ Auditorium
- Dec. 23: Last day of school before break
- Dec. 24-Jan. 2: Winter Break



MERRY MATH NIGHT

Students and families are encouraged to wear festive gear on Monday, Dec. 1, during the day AND to Merry Math Night! The Merry Math Night pizza meal will be served in the high school cafeteria, with math activities to follow around the elementary school!

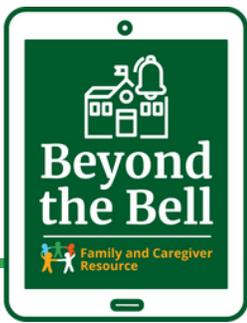
FORMS DUE

- Read to Achieve (blue)**
Due December 7
- Oak Realty Coloring Contest**
Due December 10
- Winter Conferences (purple)**
Due December 12

GOLDEN NUGGET

As we enter into the holiday season, we encourage you to consider setting healthy boundaries on technology use. It's much easier to set the boundaries from the start than try to reign it in after routines have been set. If you are considering holiday gifts of screens, the attached "Beyond the Bell" resource offers strategies families can use to encourage responsible use of electronic devices for their children. At MLE, we aren't trying to say our students shouldn't be on screens at all--simply that healthy boundaries are important to every routine, including screen time.





A Family Guide to Healthy Screen Time Habits for K-8 Kids

In today's digital world, screens are everywhere—from tablets and smart phones to laptops and gaming consoles. But not all screen time is created equal. Use these strategies to encourage responsible use of electronic devices for your child.

For Elementary School Students

Young children often engage with screens for entertainment or early learning. Tablets are especially common, with over half of children owning one by age four. While these devices can support learning, they also pose risks when used excessively or without supervision.

Set clear boundaries: Limit screen time to 1–2 hours a day, focusing on high-quality, ad-free content like educational games or logic puzzles.

Co-view and co-play: Engage with your child during screen time. Watching videos or playing games together helps you monitor content and build connection.

Use parental controls: Enable filters and time limits on devices to ensure age-appropriate use.

Find balance: Encourage play, reading, and outdoor time to support healthy development.

Model healthy habits: Children mimic adult behavior. Show them how to use screens thoughtfully and take breaks.



For Middle School Students

In middle school, screen use expands to include social media and texting.

Create a family tech agreement: Outline expectations for screen use, including time limits and device-free zones.

Discuss digital citizenship: Teach about online safety, respectful communication, and the impact of their digital footprint.

Monitor social media use: Encourage open conversations about what they see and share online. Use tools to track usage and set boundaries.

Support academic screen time: Edtech has value when used intentionally. Ask teachers how technology supports learning and reinforce those practices at home.

Encourage mindful entertainment: Help students choose enriching content—like documentaries or creative apps—over passive scrolling or ad-heavy games.