

## What's Happening in May at MLS



### Celebrating our Educators!



This month, we highlight all of our dedicated educators. Educators don't just teach lessons; they prepare our students for life! Our MLS staff are some of the most dedicated educators in the Delaware Valley -- they motivate, inspire, and empower our students to grow!. Please take a moment to thank an educator in your life!



## Important Dates/Reminders



May 2-6: Educator Appreciation Week

May 3: Eid Al Fitr Holiday  
(school closed)

May 4: PSSA testing

May 5-6: PSSA Make ups

May 27: Color Day  
(early dismissal)

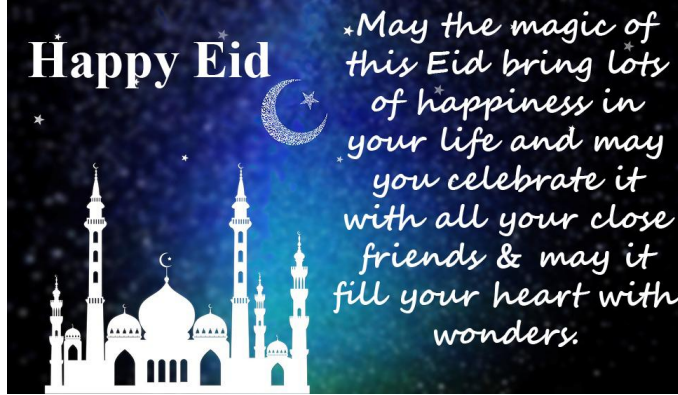
May 30: Memorial Day Holiday  
(school closed)

June 14: End of year picnic

June 15: 8th grade graduation

June 16-17: Early dismissal

June 17: Last day of school



To our Muslim family and friends, we wish you a happy and healthy  
**Eid-al-Fitr Mubarak!**  
If you are wondering what happens during the Eid or what the season of  
Ramadan is about, check out this infographic and link.

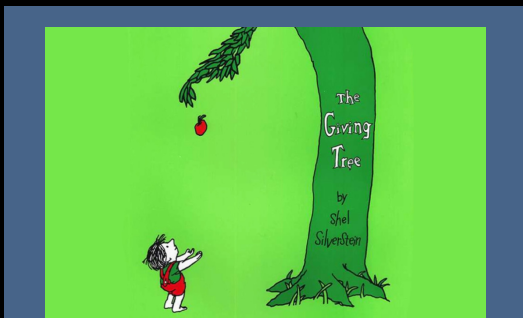
Eid al-Fitr  
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### How Muslims spend Eid al-Fitr?

- Start the day with something sweet
- Give and wear new clothes
- Communal prayer early in the day
- Share gifts
- Gather with family and loved ones for a meal
- Elders give children money called ediyah
- Donate to those less fortunate
- Visit loved ones

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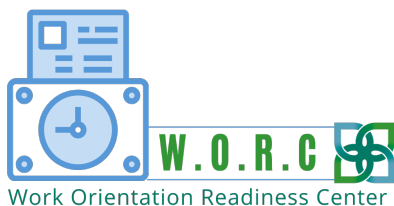


## The Giving Tree: An Opportunity for Student-Service

The MLS community read *The Giving Tree*, an allegorical story about a tree that keeps on giving. Martin Luther has connected with The Giving Tree, whose mission is to recognize the needs of others and help students recognize the impact they can have. Martin Luther School understands the importance of serving others and offering ways to practice MLS values. Students were provided opportunities to process and share how it feels to give of oneself, just as the tree did to the boy in the book. As an action step, students and staff supported Meals on Wheels by creating to-go bags and notes for senior citizens in the community. Our goal is to continue to offer ways in which students can give of themselves in service to others.

## You're Up Next....

Our next round of showcases is quickly approaching! The Social Studies Department is busy preparing to show off students' debate and public speaking skills on May 25th. Each grade will debate a topic of their choice with an audience of peers and staff. It is a fantastic opportunity to gain confidence in a very encouraging and positive environment!



Did you know that most careers require the ability to have good teamwork skills? This month our focus in WORC has been understanding the importance of teamwork and using this awareness to apply these skills within team building

activities and jobs. In WORC, students have been tasked with breaking up into teams to complete a no-hand cup stacking challenge and achieve a difficult tangram puzzle. These activities challenged our students' ability to communicate with each other, persevere, problem-solve, use flexible thinking, and much more! Our virtual social, emotional learning lesson has focused on building social awareness through empathy. Understanding and sharing the feelings of others can help build meaningful relationships.

Here's what you can do at home to help your child develop these skills:

- Model positive communication by showing your child that you are listening to them

- Provide opportunities for problem-solving
- Teach empathy by showing empathy!
- Talk about other people's feelings to build social awareness.
- Talk to them in a calm way about your feelings and encourage them to talk about theirs.
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Recent WORC Activities:

- Spring Bulletin Boards
- Special Snack assembling and delivering
- Team-building challenges



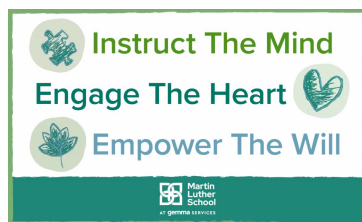
Extended School Year (ESY) is almost here! Thank you to those who have already signed their students up for ESY; if you have not and your child is eligible, please sign up soon!

ESY is a wonderful opportunity for students to work on their academic skills. Rising 9th and 10th graders will get to participate in a Spanish language course, all of our students will be able to swim, play flag football, participate in reading and science clubs, and if that isn't enough -- several fabulous field trips are planned. Additionally, we will offer "super summery" special snacks throughout ESY! If you have any questions about Extended School Year, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or IEP coordinator!

We can't wait to see everyone for some summer fun!



Enjoy your upcoming Memorial Day Holiday!



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