



Director

Greetings MMLA Family,

We are off to a great start to the year! Thank you all for your patience with some of the new policies and procedures we are rolling out at the school. Please continue working with us on Dismissal. I know it is a hectic time of the day, but hopefully as we continue to refine and get into the routine of end of the day procedures the process will keep getting better and better. If you have any suggestions for ways we can do things better, please stop in the office, as I would love to hear from you.

Over the next few weeks we will be conducting our first round of MAP Testing. This round of testing creates our baseline for the school year, and as a result, attendance over the next few weeks will be critically important. Please make every effort to attend school over the next few weeks! If any issues arise or if you need any assistance please contact the office at the school, and I would be more than happy to set up an appointment to meet with you. Ultimately, our ability to work and partner together will have a tremendous impact on our students' academic success.

Create a great day!

Mr. Tim Tenneriello
School Director

Special Services Dept.

The Special Services Department would like to welcome Marina Rine to the team. Ms. Rine will be working with the 6th and 7th grade students as well as provide other supports to the students and staff around the building.

We would also like to welcome Samantha Rodman to the MMLA team! Ms. Rodman will be working with the English Language Learner students who come to us with limited knowledge of using and speaking English. Ms. Rodman will also be providing support in the special education department as needed.

We are very excited to have Ms. Weber, Mrs. Shaw and Ms. Alexa back with us this year. This is going to be an exciting year-I hope the students can feel it too!

Mrs. Christine Ewell
Special Education Academic Quality Controller

AQC

Welcome to what is going to be a fabulous school year!

My name is Barb Rooker and I am thrilled to be the new AQC here at MMLA. I taught first grade here last year and fully enjoyed getting to know the ins and outs of our school as well as the students. In my years prior, I served other schools in a variety of ways. Now, I am excited to serve the MMLA community and work to ensure that all students are learning and being highly successful. If you have any questions about the academic progress of your student, please do not hesitate to contact me.

This year there are a few changes that we believe will benefit our students. The biggest of those is all students getting to participate in PE daily. We have also placed a dedicated time in our schedule for



students to receive some intervention. This could be additional assistance or enrichment. Likewise, tutoring will once again be occurring after school. If your student's teacher would like for them to participate in tutoring, you will be hearing from the teacher within the next few weeks.

Diagnostic testing occurred this week and provides us with a quick snapshot of what the students retained over the summer. Normal exams will begin very soon. Please start talking with your student about the importance of working hard in class and studying for those exams. Keep the exam schedule in a location where it can be checked often.

Together, we will make this the best year yet!

Mrs. Barb Rooker
Academic Quality Controller

A B C's
Of Student Success

A is for ATTENDANCE.

Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the workplace. This year, make school a priority in your household. Commit to excellence in attendance. Your child's future depends on it!

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Mobile Food Pantry

The mobile food pantry will be distributing free, fresh, non-perishable food items.

- Saturday, September 17, 2016
- 9am-11am to until food runs out
- St. Cashmir located at 800 W. Barnes Ave, Lansing, MI 48910

All participants must bring a valid state identification card or driver's license.



Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

Student Life Organization®

The Student Life Organization® is growing in number and in its capacity to serve. This week, Student Life® prefects were deployed throughout the school to provide tours to parents and school visitors. We have also had prefects assist in ice-breakers and team building activities. The SLO® Activities Department is very active planning and organizing the first fall round of MMLA Student Life® clubs. Student prefects are taking ownership of their everyday school experience. New students are learning about the ways they can participate and get involved with the Student Life Organization®.

With school spirit in mind, this week the Student Life Organization® also introduced a Lion Mascot Drawing Contest where students can enter their best drawing of our school mascot to win a custom MMLA shirt featuring the winning design. The deadline for submissions is Friday, September 23rd.



Once again we would like to thank all of the Men that volunteered their time to welcome our students back to school in style at our 100 Men in Suits Welcome Party on our first day. Special thanks to Rich Lewis, Andrew Brewer, Espresso Royale, M.M.A.D., Kappa Alpha Psi Inc., Lansing Police Department, Power 96.5 and all of the men that participated.

The MMLA parent connection is live and is seeking parents to fill positions. The Parent Connection meets this Thursday at 4pm. Please contact Mr. Caldwell or Mr. Art (Parent Connection President) if you are interested in joining the MMLA Parent Connection.

For more information on the Student Life Organization® please contact Mr. Elvin Caldwell Jr. at (517) 827-1276.

Elvin Caldwell Jr.
Student Life® Coordinator

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Monthly Board of Trustees Meetings - Meetings are held at 6:00 PM in room 2015 of the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy on the 2nd Monday of each month. (unless otherwise posted on the MMLA website or Facebook page) You're welcome to attend.

- Oct 5 Free Hot Breakfast from 7:15-7:40am
- Oct 5 Picture Day
- Oct 13 2nd Thursday Parent Connection Meeting 4:00-5:00pm in the MMLA Computer Lab
- Oct. 20 3rd Thursday Parent/Family Night
- Oct 21 Prof. Development Day – **No Students**
- Nov 10-11 Parent/Teacher Conferences in the MMLA Gym
- Nov 11 Half Day – **dismissal at NOON**
- Nov 23-27 Thanksgiving Break – **No Students**

2016-2017 MMLA School Day Schedule & Contact Information

Breakfast will be served in the Gym from 7:15-7:40am each day - late breakfast will not be served, please drop students off in the back of the main building near the gym if arriving before 7:50am

School Day begins at 7:50am - students arriving late will be counted as tardy, please drop students off at the front office doors of the Main School Building if arriving after 7:50am

Dismissal is at 3:30pm – Drivers, please pick up near office door in the front of the Main School Building. If there are any changes to your students daily dismissal routine please notify the office before 10:30am the same day. **Half Day dismissal is at noon.** 2016-17 Half Days are scheduled for: Nov 11, March 24, and June 22.

School Office Hours: 7:45am-4:00pm, you can reach the main office at 517-485-5379
If you need to reach the school afterhours for:

- Boys & Girls Club, please call 517-349-0455 or 517-827-1276
- Aftercare, please call 517-853-3285
- School Bus, please call 517-319-8300 or 517-827-1276

MMLA 24 hour Attendance Line: 517-485-5806, please leave a message including:

- Your full name
- Your child(ren)'s full names
- Reason for their absence
- Date(s) of the absence
- Your child(ren)'s grade

Please note the office must receive a written notice to excuse any absence.



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