



## Director

Hello MMLA Families,

I hope each one of you were able to enjoy your holiday last week! Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays because it provides a time to stop and reflect on all the things I have to be grateful for in my life! I hope you had the chance to do the same! We are gearing up for finals that will be starting in the next few weeks. Attendance at school for the next few weeks will be extremely important as each class will be busy working on reviewing, preparing for, and taking final exams.

If you have a Facebook account, please find and like our page. A link to our Facebook Page is at the bottom of our school website homepage [mmla.sabis.net](http://mmla.sabis.net) or go directly to [www.facebook.com/mmla.sabis/](http://www.facebook.com/mmla.sabis/). We



will be having a pizza party for the staff and students when we reach 2000 likes!

As some of you know, my wife and I are expecting our first child, a little baby girl. My wife is due in just about 2 weeks, and we have entered the timeframe where this could take place at any moment. In light of that, I will be taking some time off after she is born. If she cooperates, I should be taking that time off to start Term 2. However, if she comes early I will be out of the building to end Term 1. We will certainly keep you updated, and I am grateful to have a great staff at MMLA that I know will continue on without skipping a beat! I wish each of you a great end to Term 1!

### **Create a great day!**

Mr. Tim Tenneriello  
School Director

## Family Night – Dec 15

December's Third Thursday Family Night will be full of exciting celebrations! Join us as we embrace diversity and learn about the Holidays Around the World! We will have refreshments, activities, and a special presentation by our Board Treasurer, Dr. Bob Geake.



**In addition to celebrating the holidays, we will be celebrating the final payment of our building loan. MMLA is blessed to be one of the few charter schools in the state to own its own building free and clear!**

## Academics

Although it hardly seems possible, we only have two weeks remaining in Term 1! These last two weeks are some of the most critical weeks for our students. This is the time that teachers assist students in reviewing all the concepts they have learned so far this year, giving them the chance for students to “show us what they know” on their finals. Students should have brought home a Review Packet that indicates the concepts that will be covered on each exam as well as the finals schedule this week. **Work with your student at home to study for the exams and to understand the**



**importance of putting their best effort into each and every question.** Please also note the extreme importance of attendance during this time frame. We desperately need students to be on time, present all day, and actively participating in class. Your assistance with these things is greatly appreciated! Remember—educating our students is a team effort—teacher, parent and student!

Mrs. Barb Rooker  
Academic Quality Controller

## Students of the Month – November

- KA. Sarrae Willis
- KB. Cassidy Doyle
- 1A. Sylvia Smith
- 1B. Alaya Gardner
- 2A. Brooklin Bunn
- 2B. Lawrenzo Franklin
- 3A. Ke’Nia Manns
- 3B. Bayleigh Ramsey
- 4A. Jacob Thompson
- 4B. Cicely Goe
- 5A. Brendon Halsey
- 6A. Le’onna White
- 7A. Harrison Jefferson III
- 8A. Joshua Perez



**G** is for GRACE.

Grace means giving children what they need, not what they deserve. It means accepting kids as they are, and understanding their feelings and obstacles. It also means that we provide the unconditional support our children need to make positive changes. Grace, however, must be balanced with accountability or we risk enabling children to excuse unacceptable behavior or failure to achieve reasonable goals. If we balance grace with accountability, we let children know that we expect them to grow and learn.

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# Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

## Student Life Organization®

The Student Life Organization® is committed to promoting academic excellence and promoting social justice on campus. Last week students in grades 5-8 designed cool and unique electrical outlet covers for the Habitat for Humanity Door Jam fundraiser. Our outlet designs were displayed at their event and will be installed in a Habitat for Humanity home. Thank you to all the students that participated in this cool philanthropic project. Also, thank you to Prince Spann, former MMLA student, and our local Habitat for Humanity contact.



The Student Life Organization® would like to thank the Students and Graduate Students of Michigan State University's Human Ancestry Program that visited our campus twice this past week to share about the field and opportunities in anthropology, biology, and zoology programs offered at MSU. Pictured to the left are two 6<sup>th</sup> grade Students, Dai'Shanay Barber-Lake and Le'onna White enjoying the exhibit.

The Students Life Organization® has implemented bus teams and captains to promote student accountability. Please ask your child what team your child is on and what captain he or she is riding with. We are excited to implement ways to keep our buses safe and consistent. Thank you to all three of the MMLA Bus Drivers for their hard work and patience.

This year's Student vs. Staff Basketball game is set for 2:30pm Friday, December 9th in the MMLA Gymnasium.

For questions or for more information on the Student Life Organization®, please contact Mr. Caldwell via email, [ecaldwell@sabis.net](mailto:ecaldwell@sabis.net) or by phone (517) 827-1276.

Elvin Caldwell Jr.  
Student Life® Coordinator

## Food Distribution

Produce Distribution: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, noon–2pm  
Bread Distribution: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, noon–2pm  
Held at the Northwest Initiative located inside the Presbyterian Church on the corner of Pine & Ottawa St. Call 517-999-2894 for more information or visit [www.nwlansing.org](http://www.nwlansing.org)

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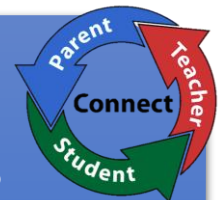
## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

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

- Dec 2      \$1 Dress Down Day
- Dec 7      Uniform Donation Drive Dress Down Day
- Dec 8      Popcorn Fundraiser, 50¢ each
- Dec 9      Student vs Staff Basketball Game
- Dec 12-16 End of Term Exam Week
- Dec 15      Popcorn Fundraiser, 50¢ each
- Dec 15      Family Night, 4-6:00PM Celebrating *Holidays around the World* & MMLA's Mortgage Retirement
- Dec 16      \$1 Dress Down Day
- Dec 16      Mind, Body & Soul Day and Class Parties!
- Dec 16      7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Dance, 6:30-9:30PM
- Dec 19      Winter Break Begins **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Jan 3      Classes Resume (Tuesday)

View our Annual School Calendar at [mmla.sabis.net](http://mmla.sabis.net)

## Parent Connection Corner



Parent Connection is a parent-run organization at Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy that connects our Parents to many aspects of the school. It's a great way to be involved! Parent Connection raises funds for special activities including field day and much more.

**GET CONNECTED!** Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec 8 from 4:00-5:00pm in the MMLA Computer Lab Meetings are typically held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.

## Volunteers Needed – Dec 15 & 16

*Holidays around the World* Family Night will be held on Thursday, December 15 and the *Winter Dance* will be held Friday, December 16 from 6:30-9:30pm.

Parent Connection is helping to coordinate volunteers for set-up, clean-up, and during the event. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Ms. Taylor at [ttrisha1971@aol.com](mailto:ttrisha1971@aol.com)

