



A Message from the School Director

Hello MMLA Family!

I am very excited for the upcoming week as we celebrate National School Choice Week. This week our school is celebrating the fact that you, as parents, have the ability to choose the best education possible for your children. It is our goal to provide the best education in the City of Lansing, and we believe that our World-Class Curriculum provided by SABIS Educational System Inc. provides your children a private school education absolutely free.

Our network of schools has over 60 schools around the world, and the vast majority of these schools are private schools with tuition costs of up to \$20,000 per year, per student. Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy is provided the same curriculum and textbooks as what is in those schools. We feel this provides us a unique opportunity to provide the best education in Lansing.

We are grateful you have chosen to trust us in the education of your children. It is not a responsibility we take lightly. Please join us next week in the celebration of our school and your choice!

Mr. Tim Tenneriello
School Director

D⁵ Dress Down Day

Have your students outgrown some of their uniforms? Donation Drive Dress Down Day or "D⁵" will be



happening on Thursday, February 16; the day before mid-winter break. Please bring gently used, clean, uniform pieces for donation. Students who bring these with them to school can also be out of uniform on that day. Thank you for your donation to our clothing closet!

School Choice Week

January 23-27 is Nation School Choice Week! We are celebrating by having a Spirit Week with themed dress down days!

Academics

We are so proud of the work students put into their mid-year assessments! Many were able to demonstrate tremendous growth since the beginning of the year. Now, we have great information to help us plan the best interventions and lessons to help our students go even further during this second term.

On Friday, January 27, we are going to be holding short assemblies to honor the hard work put forth by the students during the first term. Please reference the upcoming events section for times as we

would love to have you join us for the celebrations.



As we enter the fourth week of the second term, exams will be picking up again. Students can expect to have 2 to 4 exams a week most of the time. In order to be successful on these exams, it is critical that students are focused and on task in class. Likewise, they need to be completing all homework, studying for the upcoming exams and reading nightly.

Mrs. Barb Rooker
Academic Quality Controller

Community Connection

This month we started MMLA Winter Basketball for upper school boys. We would like to welcome Coach Brandyn Marshall to the MMLA family. Special thanks to assistant coach Mr. Art Watson. Much thanks and appreciation goes to both coaches for their time and dedication.

This week students in grades 6-8 learned about the social pressures and ways to be a strong teen and a leader in the school and community. We are excited to prepare our students with the tools necessary to survive and thrive in high school and into college.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the students that participated in a service project or volunteered on MLK day this past Monday.

Elvin Caldwell Jr.
School Community Liaison

J is for JOBS.

Giving kids jobs at home teaches them responsibility and other valuable lessons.

- Young children follow directions as they sort socks or set a table. Older children take on bigger tasks.
- Don't expect a job to be done right unless you take time to teach the child to do it right.
- Don't take away from a child's sense of accomplishment by redoing a job.

With practice and encouragement, jobs help develop responsibility and a strong work ethic as they set the stage for success in life.

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<u>MONDAY</u> 23	<u>TUESDAY</u> 24	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 25	<u>THURSDAY</u> 26	<u>FRIDAY</u> 27
Sports Day	Pajama Day	Crazy Day	Class Color Day each class picks its color	MMLA Spirit Day - wear gold or purple



Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

MMLA Basketball

Winter Basketball has begun! Meet the team:

Ricky Sutton	Harrison Jefferson
Terry Bailey	Christopher Mayhew
Devontae Norwood	Deshawn Clark
Josyah Espinosa	Jshon Martin
J'len Penbroke	Brendon Hasley
Keaton Morrell	



Brandyn Marshall, Coach
Art Watson, Assistant Coach

Please join us to cheer on the team at the Westside YMCA located at 3700 Old Lansing Rd. Lansing, MI. First Game: Saturday, Jan. 21 at 7:00PM.

For questions or for more information, please contact Mr. Caldwell via email, ecaldwell@sabis.net or by phone (517) 827-1276.

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.

- Jan 23 Anti-Bullying Assembly, 4-8 grades
- Jan 27 Term 1 Awards Assembly, All Grades
- Feb 8 Count Day – Pizza & Free Dress Down Day
- Feb 10 Project Return Forms Due
- Feb 16 "D⁵" Dress Down Day Donation Drive
- Feb 17-20 Mid-Winter Break **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Feb 21 Classes Resume (Tuesday)

View our Annual School Calendar at mmla.sabis.net

Save your spot for next year!

Project Return Forms were sent home this week. It is **important** these forms are completed accurately and returned to the school so we can have an accurate classroom and student count for next school year. There will be a celebration during lunch for students who return completed forms by January 31, 2017. The final deadline for forms to be returned is Friday, February 10. **With some grade levels already full it is more important than ever you return these forms to save your spot for next school year!**

Food Distribution

Produce Distribution: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, noon–2pm
Bread Distribution: 2nd & 4th 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

What Am I?

Draw a line from the clue to the correct fruit or vegetable. (answers below)

1. Before I became a box of raisins, I was a bunch of...
2. I'm a vegetable that is good for your eyesight. I grow under the ground. Usually I'm orange, but I can be purple, too!
3. When I'm fully grown, I can have a big head. I'm a leafy vegetable and can be green, purple, or red.
4. I look like a fuzzy, little ball. Eat my green fruit insides with a spoon. I have lots of vitamin C and potassium.
5. I'm crunchy with lots of vitamin C and fiber. Some think I look like a little green tree.
6. I'm usually red. Some think I'm a vegetable but I'm not. I have lots of vitamin C and lycopene.



Tomato



Carrot



Kiwi



Cabbage



Grapes



Broccoli

Adapted from: Community Youth Organization Idea & Resource Kit, Network for a Healthy California — Children's Power Play! Campaign, 2009.

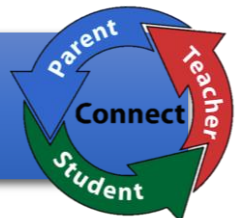
Lansing Parks & Rec Event

Come dance the night away at the annual Daddy/Daughter & Mother/Son Dance, Feb. 13, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Lansing Center Ballrooms. All ages welcome. Tickets are \$8.00 per person. For more information or to register call 483-4277



Parent Connection Corner

Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb 9 at 3:45pm in the MMLA Computer Lab



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