



A Message from the School Director

Hello MMLA Family!

I have some great news to share with all of you about the journey and a little bit of history surrounding MMLA. 4 Years ago MMLA ranked a 0 on the Michigan Department of Education Top-to-Bottom School Ranking System. This ranking placed MMLA into "Priority School" status. At that time, our School Board brought in SABIS Educational Systems, as our management company, because of their strong academic program. Over the last 4 years our staff has worked diligently to climb out of the situation our school was in. A few weeks ago the state released a new Top-to-Bottom List and we were at the 20th percentile. This 20% increase over the last four years got us off the Priority School List, and it placed us ahead of 15 of the 21 Lansing Public Schools!

While this was great news, we certainly have much work to accomplish ahead of us. It is my goal for our school to become the premier provider of education in the Lansing area. I truly hope that in 2-3 years from now I can report out to you that we outperform all 21 Lansing Public Schools! I believe we can accomplish this as we continue to partner with you in the education of your children! Thank you for trusting us with your children! It is not a responsibility that we take lightly!

Tim Tenneriello
School Director

Academics

Earlier this week, your students should have brought home their exam schedule for Term 2. I apologize for this coming after a few exams already occurred, however I just received the final bits of information on when exams would occur myself. Please keep this somewhere you can reference it often in order to help your child be prepared. Also, please keep in mind that this is a guideline that we try to stick to closely, but sometimes exams shift due to things that pop up or if students are not ready. If you are ever in need of another copy, please do not hesitate to let your child's teacher know.

Report cards for Term 1 should also have made it to you in the mail recently. As you are looking it over, if you have any general questions or just wonder what you could do to help your student at home, please let us know. Remember, it is only by working together that we truly help students achieve at their highest potential!

Barb Rooker
Academic Quality Controller



Project Return

Thank you everyone for bringing back your Project Return Forms. We are happy to announce that we have a 97% return rate! Thank you for entrusting your child's education to us. We're excited to see you back at MMLA in Fall 2017!

Student Life Organization®

Greetings from the SLO Office!

As you might have heard, there is a new Student Life Coordinator (SLC) here, at MMLA. Mr. Caldwell has moved to the position of School Community Liaison and is doing a fabulous job there! As the new SLC, I wanted to introduce myself to you, our fantastic MMLA families and friends:

My name is Brooks Yates and I am thrilled to head up the Student Life Organization, working with students and fostering future leaders. You may know me as a summer school math teacher, math tutor or as the Facilities Manager, but my main focus now will be as SLC. The bottom line for me is that I care greatly about MMLA and would do any job to help it to succeed!

I come from a whole family tree of educators and my passion for teaching is no surprise. My career has been teaching 2nd-8th grade students in mathematics and other subjects. I have had the opportunity to work in three different SABIS schools and have seen great successes in each. I always had fun supporting the Student Life Organization, chaperoning lock-ins and helping with clubs like Ultimate Frisbee and Yearbook, as well as mentoring students.

The SLO gives students fun club choices, while building leaders and encouraging them to be wonderful members of their community. I will be in classrooms as an advisor, creating opportunities for students to have some fun, and helping to challenge them to work hard and sharpen their academic focus. As a parent of three children myself, I understand this innate wish of a parent.

Please feel free to grab me while at school to shake my hand and introduce yourself. I am very excited about this year and the amazing potential I see for all of our MMLA students!

Brooks Yates
Student Life® Coordinator



A B Cs
Of Student Success

K is for KITCHEN.

Cooking with kids is a great way to spend quality time and teach lifelong skills.

- Toddlers make simple recipes as they count items and follow a sequence of steps.
- Young kids read recipes, follow directions, measure ingredients, and practice safety.
- Older children double or divide recipes and help plan for a party.

Cooking enables parents and children to work cooperatively and share accomplishments. For kid-friendly recipes, see <http://kid.allrecipes.com>.

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Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

Students of the Month – January

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| KA. Dominick Lockhart | 5A. Shyann Ejoh |
| KB. Kennedy Lockhart | 6A. Ricky Sutton |
| 1A. Aes Medina | 7A. Quanterra Tatum |
| 1B. Maia Moseley | 8A. Tavana Shakoor |
| 2A. Jazlynn Jones | |
| 2B. Edward Haynes II | |
| 3A. Samuel Harris | |
| 3B. Frankie DeLeon | |
| 4A. Jordan Taylor | |
| 4B. Saddiel Gonzalez | |



Community Connection

We are so excited to have the Black Student Union of Olivet College back on campus for their day of service. More than 10 Olivet College students will join us for learning and a cool service project. We also must thank the hardworking members of the Olivet College BSU for their help cleaning out our exercise room!

Mark your calendars for March 29th for the MMLA Spring Day of Service with Olivet College's Black Student Union.

Elvin Caldwell Jr.
School Community Liaison

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Monthly Board of Trustees Meetings - Meetings are held at 6:00 PM in room 2006 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.

- Feb 8 Count Day – Pizza & Free Dress Down Day
- Feb 13 *Hidden Figures* Field Trip for grades 5-8
- Feb 16 "D⁵" Dress Down Day Donation Drive
- Feb 16 Valentine's Dance for grades 5-8, 5:30-8:00pm
- Feb 17-20 Mid-Winter Break **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Feb 23 Family Night 4:00-6:00pm in the MMLA Gym Celebrating Black History Month
- Mar 23-24 Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mar 24 Spring Picture Day – Student & Family Portraits

View our Annual School Calendar at mmla.sabis.net

D⁵ Dress Down Day – Feb 16

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!

Valentine's Dance – Feb 16



5th-8th graders are invited to a Valentine's Dance on Thursday, February 16 from 5:30-8:00pm in the MMLA Gym. Admission is \$1 at the door. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Brooks Yates at 517-853-3284.

**COME SEE A
MMLA BASKETBALL GAME
THIS SATURDAY!**

FEB 4 @ 5:00PM
FEB 11 @ 6:00PM
FEB 18 @ 5:00PM

FREE ADMISSION!




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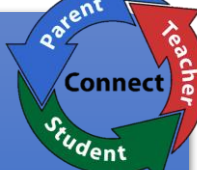
**ALL GAMES ARE
HELD AT THE
WESTSIDE YMCA
3700 OLD LANSING RD.
LANSING, MI 48917**

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

NEW – COFFEE CORNER! Self-serve coffee, tea, and more available from the Keurig machine in the front office. **Suggested donation \$1.** Funds support the students of the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy



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