



A Message from the School Director

Greetings MMLA Family!

I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having over the last few weeks! As Spring is approaching, I would like to encourage each of you to join us for the Parent-Teacher Conferences we have scheduled for later this month! (Details are near the end of the Newsletter) These conferences provide a great opportunity for us to continue our partnership in the education of your child/children. The great thing about having these conferences in March is that we still have time to work together to find creative ways to challenge a high-achieving student and to motivate a low-achieving student. These conferences allow us to take a proactive approach toward ensuring your child's success moving forward!

I am looking forward to this month, as I will be spending one day partnered with each of our Teachers as their assistant in the classroom for an entire day. This week, I partnered with Mrs. Dyar (MS Science and Lower School PE), Mrs. Lomax (KDG), and Mr. Martin (4th Grade Math and Science) and had a great time in each of their respective classrooms. I am excited to join the rest of our staff over the next few weeks and to be a direct participant in the education of the students we are so fortunate to serve!

Tim Tenneriello
School Director

Academics

Today, your child received a progress report showing their progress thus far in Term 2. Please take time to look over the report, discuss it with your child and contact the teacher or myself with any questions if necessary. Likewise, remember that Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming soon. If you haven't done so yet, please return the conference time request form as soon as possible.

We have entered March is Reading Month. I encourage you to do some things at home to celebrate. Examples include going to the library, sharing your favorite childhood story, reading together and writing a letter to someone. We will also be doing various things at school, so be sure to ask your student what is happening.

Finally, although it seems impossible, we are already in the countdown to M-Step. The biggest things you can do to help your child is to make sure they are present and on time daily, understanding their job while at school, and are completing their homework and studying for exams.

Barb Rooker
Academic Quality Controller

Kindergarten Round Up

It's already time to start thinking about the Fall 2017 School Year! Kindergarten Round Up starts this month! MMLA will be open the second Thursday of each month from 4:00–5:00pm for tours and information. Mr. Caldwell is also available Monday - Friday from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, by appointment. Call 517-827-1276 to schedule.

Open Enrollment for all grades runs Feb. 22-March 10.

Student Life Organization®

Greetings wonderful and gracious parents, students, staff and all who care about MMLA!

I hope you are enjoying our wonderful Michigan weather and are ready for the push through the spring! This is often a hard time for students and teachers during a school year. The long push to Spring Break and state testing is right around the corner! So keep your head up and know that all the hard work is worth it!

SLO has begun new clubs so please check in with your student to find out what things they are doing at school. We will soon be starting some murals in the gym and in front of the school along with other fun and exciting activities done all over the school. Clubs will continue till Spring Break and then we will have another chance to try something new!

Also, we have had some wonderful stories coming back to me about the work being done in the school by our Student Teacher Aids. These wonderful students are giving back and have been going into classrooms and being peer to peer tutors. The 6-8 graders have been working in all of our K-5th grade rooms with a variety of subjects. Reading, doing Flash cards, helping with centers the list goes on and on. We are very excited to get students raising each other up and moving forward!

Much thanks to all the students and staff who helped us have a very fun and successful Valentine's Dance!! It was quite fun to see students trying to keep up with the dance moves of our amazing teachers who came to help show off their dancing skills. Way to go everyone!!!

I hope everyone is as excited as I am about this next few weeks! Love it!!!

Enjoy and go create an Amazing Day!

Brooks Yates
Student Life® Coordinator

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L is for LISTENING.

"God gave us two ears and one mouth for a reason: we should spend twice as much time listening as talking!"
As parents, we can spend quality time in our children's world by...

- listening -- focusing on what a child is saying *and* on his or her body language.
- maintaining eye contact with the child.
- smiling and nodding, which will encourage the child to continue.
- paraphrasing what a child has said, and asking questions to be sure we understand.

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Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

Students of the Month – February

- KA. Jazzlynn Roberts-Allen
- KB. Ceiana Morris
- 1A. Savanna Yang
- 1B. Aniyah Montgomery
- 2A. Ananiah Moseley
- 2B. Keeshawn Loveless-Beal
- 3A. Xavier Fisher
- 3B. Claudia Peralez
- 4A. Isabelle Bilkovic
- 4B. Catalina Sanchez-Quesada
- 5A. Nikoya Alleyne
- 6A. Camila Gonzalez-Abelard
- 7A. Damorian Draper
- 8A. Terry Bailey II



Community Connection

We are so excited to welcome community leaders into the school to read to our students. In celebration of National Reading month we are thrilled to have State Representative Andy Schor on campus this Friday March 3rd to read to both 3rd grade classrooms. On March 10th at 1:15pm we welcome State Senator from the 23rd district of Michigan Curtis Hertel Jr. he will tour the campus and interact with parents and students in both our 1st grade classrooms. Ingham County Register of Deeds Derrick Quinney will read to 5th grade students on March 14th at 2:30pm. On March 24th at 10am we welcome congressman Mike Bishop who will tour our campus and read with 7th and 8th grade students. MMLA Board Treasurer Dr. Bob Geake will be reading with both 2nd grade classrooms. We are so thankful to have representation from the local to the national level of government. If you would like to volunteer to read to a class please contact Mr. Caldwell Jr.



To kick off reading month we have an assembly with Sierra Rose Farms with real ponies. The assembly will take place in the MMLA Gym and is scheduled for next week Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

MMLA is excited to welcome back the students of Olivet College for their Student Day of Service scheduled for March 29, 2017. We give a special thanks to the Black Student Organization and Dean Morris for all their support of MMLA. Also, during the month of March we have a community beautification project on the MMLA grounds. We are pumped to collaborate with the Greater Lansing Housing Commission, Amercorps and Peckham. Please stay informed as more details are forthcoming.

On behalf of the community we would like to thank everyone that participated in our annual MMLA Black History Celebration.

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.

- Mar 7 Sierra Rose Farms Assembly
- Mar 8 4th Grade Field Trip to the Michigan State Historical Museum & State Capitol
- Mar 8 Spring Conference Sign Up Forms Due
- Mar 16 Family Literacy Night 4-6pm in the MMLA Gym
- Mar 17 \$1 Dress Down Day – Parent Connection
- Mar 23-24 Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mar 24 Spring Picture Day – Student & Family Portraits
- Mar 24 Half Day – **STUDENT DISMISSAL AT NOON**
- Apr 3-7 Spring Break – **NO STUDENTS**
- Apr 10 Classes Resume

View our Annual School Calendar at mmla.sabis.net

Spring Conferences

Forms to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences have been sent home. Please return these by Wed, March 8.

- Thursday, March 23 4:00-6:30pm
- Friday, March 24 12:30-4:30pm

Please plan to attend; students welcome!

STUDENT PORTRAITS WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE SCHOOL DAY ON FRIDAY, MARCH 24.

Students may dress out of uniform for picture day.

Reminder! This is a HALF DAY for students.

Dismissal is at noon after lunch is served.

Parent Teacher Conferences begin at 12:30pm. Sign Up forms will be sent home soon, please return ASAP.



FAMILY PORTRAITS

12:30-2PM!



PLEASE BRING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY FOR A FREE PORTRAIT SESSION. ALL PARTICIPATING FAMILIES WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A FREE PROOF OF THEIR FAMILY PORTRAIT.



Spring Pictures are Coming



Parent Connection Corner

GET CONNECTED! Thursday, March 9 at 3:45pm in the MMLA Computer Lab

