



A Message from the School Director

Hello MMLA Family!

We hope everyone had a good first week back from Spring Break. Our Spring Schedule is full of testing, field trips, and preparation for End of Year Final Exams. Over the next few weeks, attendance is going to be extremely important as we are working on testing our students in both M-Step and MAP Testing. Please make every effort to be in attendance at school. Please read through the newsletter as there is more detailed information regarding the upcoming events and schedule of what is happening at MMLA!

Tim Tenneriello
School Director

Student Life Organization®

Spring is here and we are Happy!!!

Greetings to all those who are involved with our amazing MMLA students. Spring is here and we are ready to grow and bloom! The next few weeks are very important to our students. State testing is right around the corner and pushing for the Finish line is in sight. So please make sure your students are on a good schedule of going to bed and getting the rest that they need.



SLO is going to be starting new clubs so please ask your student what their extra-curricular activities are. We are very excited about Yearbook creation, Dance group, and even a Talent Show to be put on in our near future! Looking forward to these new clubs and continuing on with many of the same we have now.

SLO will be continuing working with Lower School kids in our Peer to Peer tutoring classes. Many students are being helped and we are very excited to see the positive impact these students are having. Thank you to all of our Students who are working hard to help our whole school grow.

Enjoy the wonderful Spring weather and get ready for baseball season! Go Tigers!!

Brooks Yates
Student Life® Coordinator

Academics

Upon our return from the four day weekend we will be starting our Spring Testing Season! Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the M-STEP and those in grades 1-8 will be taking MAP. It is critical that students are present and focused during these exams. Please try not to schedule any appointments during these times as it interrupts the testing environment. Your assistance in helping your student understand how important these exams are greatly appreciated.

ABCs
Of Student Success

O is for **OVERCOMING OBSTACLES.**

When kids face obstacles that seem insurmountable, parents must be there to...

- encourage children to have high -- but achievable -- expectations.
- ask children *How do you eat an elephant?* (One bite at a time!) That's how people face obstacles too. Help your children divide and conquer their obstacles.
- Help children recall past experiences. Emphasize their accomplishments. Use those memories to build kids' confidence as they "keep their eyes on the prize."

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M-Step TESTING SCHEDULE

- 3rd Grade — May 2-4**
- 4th Grade — May 9-11, 16**
- 5th Grade — April 19-21, 25-26**
- 6th Grade — May 2-4**
- 7th Grade — May 9-11, 16**
- 8th Grade — April 18-21, 25-26**



MAP TESTING SCHEDULE

- 1st Grade — May 1 and 5**
- 2nd Grade — April 26-28**
- 3rd Grade — May 17-18**
- 4th Grade — April 18 and 24**
- 5th Grade — May 8 and 12**
- 6th Grade — May 17-18**
- 7th Grade — April 18 and 24**
- 8th Grade — May 8 and 12**

Despite all the testing, school also continues as normal, meaning students will still have homework and the need to study for exams. Please remind students daily to be focused in school so they can finish out the year strong, ready to move on to the next grade level.

Barb Rooker
Academic Quality Controller



Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

Community Connection

The Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy is very excited to collaborate with Lansing's Finest, Lansing Police Department to offer a spring G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) This program will be offered as a part of the spring offerings for the MMLA Boys and Girls Club. Gang Resistance and Education Training sessions take place on Wednesdays from 4-5pm. Students must be Boys and Girls Club members to attend. For questions about GREAT training or MMLA BGC memberships please see Mr. Caldwell.



FREE HAIRCUT

We are so thrilled to collaborate with Dorsey School of Cosmetology to offer free haircuts and

styles next week at the MMLA Early Education Expo. **All students must have parent/guardian present to attend.** We are excited to have a full line up of free informational and resource oriented vendors available to parents. The MMLA Early Education Expo is scheduled for 4pm, Thursday, April 20th in the MMLA gymnasium.

Global Youth Service Day will be Friday, April 21; we are so pumped to team up with Peckham Services, AmeriCorps, and the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition for a MMLA – Former Michigan School for the Blind tree and grounds beautification project!

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.

- April 13 Kindergarten Round Up/Registration 4-5pm
- April 14 Good Friday – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- April 17 Professional Development Day – **NO STUDENTS**
- April 18 Classes Resume, M-Step and MAP Testing begins
- April 20 Early Education Expo at MMLA 4:00-6:00pm
- April 28 Super Science Friday Field Trip (select students)
- May 3 & 4 Hearing Screening (KG, 1st, 3rd)
- May 11 Kindergarten Round Up/Registration 4-5pm
- May 16 School Dentist – forms will be sent home soon

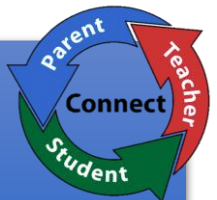
View our Annual School Calendar at mmla.sabis.net

Parent Connection Corner

ALL PARENTS WELCOME!

We're looking for parents and guardians to be involved in the Parent Connection group at MMLA! No obligation to just check out a meeting.

GET CONNECTED! 2nd Thursdays at 3:45pm in the MMLA Computer Lab (April 13, May 11, June 8)



Kindergarten

Registration

2nd Thursdays 4-5 PM

Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy 730 W. Maple St. Lansing, MI 48906

Call 517-827-1276 for enrollment information

MMLA's kindergarten registration is open to children turning 5 years old on or before December 1