



## *A Message from the School Director*

Hello MMLA Family!

Thank you for celebrating National School Choice Week with us this week! If you want to see some of the fun that was had this week check out our Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy Facebook Page.

It is hard to believe we are already needing to start planning for next school year! Project Return forms went out with report cards and are starting to come in. This information is extremely important in helping us plan for the upcoming academic school year and for holding a spot for your child(ren) for the 2018-2019 school year.

**The final deadline is Wednesday, February 14.**

It is important these forms are returned by the deadline in order to reserve a space for your child(ren) for the 2018-2019 school year.

Tim Tenneriello  
School Director

## *Student Life Organization®*

Greetings MMLA Families!!! Boy do I love this Weather!

SLO is having a fun spring, clubs are running and we are moving forward! Hope you have a chance to talk to your students about what they are doing and how much fun we all are having! Volleyball, Yoga, Civil Rights, Poetry, and Chess just to name a few!

Looking forward to this spring and how we can become more and more involved with our students here at MMLA. The leadership team is looking at ways we can positively affect our students here at school and make a difference in their lives. Looking to get SLO pushed down into lower grades and make the fun expand and expand as much as possible!

I hope you all are enjoying this Amazing time of year and enjoy the Beauty of living in Michigan!!! Love it!!!

*Amazing is out there! Go find it!!!*

Brooks Yates  
Student Life® Coordinator



## *Popcorn Fridays*

Parent Connection is holding a fundraiser on Fridays to sell popcorn for 50¢, cheddar popcorn is also available for 75¢ an additional charge. Dates are as follows: Jan 26, Feb. 2, and Feb. 9

## *Academics*

Over the last couple weeks, students completed the second round of NWEA MAP testing. The majority of students worked very hard on these exams and demonstrated good growth. Students were given the opportunity to challenge themselves to reach both a 'target' and 'end-of-year target' in order to earn



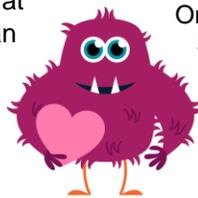
dress down coupons. 242 dress down coupons were earned! Any coupons used must be used by the end of March and may not be used on any scheduled dress down day or as payment for a dress down

day. They must be used on a regular uniform day and turned in to their teacher on the day it is used. These exams will be taken again within the first few weeks after spring break.

Students received their exam schedules for term 2 today. Please keep these somewhere where they can be referenced often. Exams will always take place on the day scheduled or within a couple of days after if adjustments are needed. Grades 3-8 only have January and February on their schedule at this time as things are being worked out still for the last part of the term. An updated schedule will be sent as soon as everything is finalized.

Barb Rooker  
Academic Quality Controller

## *Valentine's Celebration – Feb 15*



On Thursday, Feb. 15 join us from 5-7pm in the MMLA Gym for a Valentine's Celebration! There will be a dance in the gym, a cupcake walk, bingo, and much more! This is open for ALL GRADES, K-8. Admission is \$2/student and parents are free. We hope to see you there!



## *Anti-Bullying Assembly*

Our anti-bullying assembly was a great and successful assembly. Mrs. Tracey Palmer and her team from Trendsetters Productions gave our students great information about bullying and how to prevent and stop bullying. We as a school will continue to encourage our students to help with taking a stand against Bullying.

Also, our champs for basketball against bully's 3 on 3 was Jerome Morgan (6<sup>th</sup>), Xavier Fisher (4<sup>th</sup>), and Fabian Cabrera (3<sup>rd</sup>). Please congratulate these students for receiving 1st place trophies and being able to play hard and win even when there are differences in ages, color and size.



# Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

## CrushGrams for Sale

MMLA's annual February Fundraiser will be supporting the Valentine's Celebration this year! We're hoping to raise enough funds to get a DJ as well as snacks for all of the attendees. Crush Grams will be for sale Tuesdays & Thursdays in February for \$1 each and you can send as many as you like! Dates: Feb 1, Feb 6, Feb. 8. Crush Grams will be delivered to students on Feb. 14 during the last hour of the school day.



**\$1 each**

**All CrushGrams include a valentine card and can of crush soda pop!**

## Community Connection



The MMLA Lions face the Lansing Charter Academy Eagles this Saturday. The game will be at the Westside YMCA located at 3700 Old Lansing Road. Tipoff is at 4pm! Let's go Lions!

The Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy (MMLA), is excited to welcome the community to our MMLA Black History Program. The program is themed "Building Bridges to Promising Opportunities." This event is free and open to the public. Our program is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 in the MMLA gymnasium.

We are so thrilled to welcome Lansing's 4th Ward City Councilman Brian Jackson back to campus to share with our student body on this day. We are also elated to welcome Ingham County Board of Commissioner Sarah Anthony, the youngest African American female county commissioner in the United States.

For more information please contact Mr. Elvin Caldwell Jr. at [ecaldwell@sabis.net](mailto:ecaldwell@sabis.net) or 517-827-1276.

## Call for Volunteers



Parent Volunteers are needed for the Valentine's Celebration on Thurs., Feb. 15. Set-up at 4:15pm, event is 5:00-7:00pm, and then a clean-up crew after 7:00pm. Please contact Parent Connection or Mr. Elvin Caldwell Jr. at [ecaldwell@sabis.net](mailto:ecaldwell@sabis.net) or 517-827-1276 to sign up to volunteer.



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

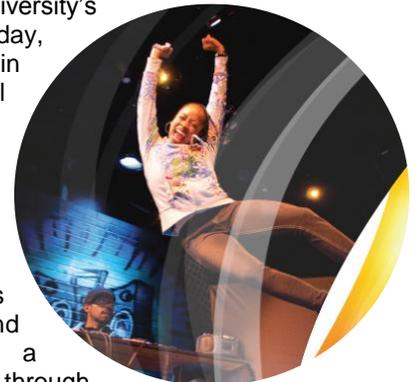
\* **School Closings and Delays** \* will be posted on the MMLA **Facebook** Page [www.facebook.com/mmla.sabis](http://www.facebook.com/mmla.sabis)

- Jan 31 Project Return Forms Due to earn a free dress down day for the entire class!
- Feb 1,6,8 CrushGrams Fundraiser \$1 each
- Feb 2,9 Popcorn Fridays Fundraiser 50-75¢ each
- Feb 14 Count Day & Project Return Final Deadline
- Feb 15 No Aftercare, No Boys & Girls Club
- Feb 15 Valentine's Celebration 5:00-7:00pm, admission is \$2/student – parents are free
- Feb 16-19 Mid-Winter Break **NO SCHOOL**
- Feb 26 Spring Picture Day
- Feb 28 Black History Month Program 2:00pm **PARENTS AND PUBLIC WELCOME**
- March 8-9 Parent-Teacher Conferences

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

## Wharton Center Field Trip

Our MMLA middle schoolers attended a one woman show at Michigan State University's Wharton Center on Tuesday, January 23rd entitled Paige in Full. "Paige in Full is a visual mix-tape that blends poetry, dance, visual arts and live music to tell the tale of a multicultural girl growing up in Baltimore, MD.. The production explores how a young woman's identity is shaped by her ethnicity and popular culture, telling a personal, yet universal, story through the lens of hip-hop" (<http://www.paigeinfull.com/about>). Not only was this one woman show captivating, but relatable in many ways to our student body. Middle schoolers experiencing some of the same things as Paige had were moved by her endurance and perseverance. Paige has a way of showcasing her life in 60 minutes through hip-hop, rap, song and dance. Her comical, yet serious tone keeps her audience interested and engaged throughout the full 60 minutes. You leave wanting to see more!



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