



A Message from the School Director

Hello MMLA Family!

Please join us for our Black History Celebration Program on February 28, 2018 beginning at 2:00pm in the Gymnasium. We have partnered with several community agencies to provide an entertaining and well-rounded program for your enjoyment. More details are in the Community Connection section of the newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has already brought back their Project Return Form. If you have not yet turned yours in the final deadline is this upcoming Wednesday, February 14.

Just a reminder that Mid-Winter Break is next weekend. The school will be closed on Friday, February 16 and Monday February 19.



I hope you all enjoy your long weekend! We look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday, February 20!

Tim Tenneriello
School Director

Student Life Organization®

SLO is humming right along! We have another week of clubs and then will re sign-up for new clubs again the week of Feb. 14. On February 15, from 5:00-7:00 MMLA will be hosting a Family fun night / Valentines Dance!!!! (I'm SO Excited! I was told since other schools are not coming to this dance I, "Mr. Supreme Dance Moves Champion", will be allowed to dance and show these kids some moves!!! Hooray!!) Please come join us for all the family fun that we can pack into an evening! Can't wait!

Keep enjoying this amazing Michigan weather and let's keep our fingers crossed we will get another 8-12 weeks with snow!!! Hooray!

Amazing is out there! Go find it!!!

Brooks Yates
Student Life® Coordinator

Middle School Retakes

Students that fail an exam are allowed the opportunity to retake it. Previously, students were assigned to retake any and all exams that they failed. Unfortunately, however, we found students not putting much effort into these exams and actually performing worse than they did the first time. Therefore, we are going to try a different approach this term. After each exam, a sign-up sheet for retakes will be posted in the room with their scores. Students will need to sign up for the exams they wish to retake by the end of the week. They will then take this exam during their SLO period. We hope that this new approach will help all students become more accountable for their own learning.

Academics

The number of exams students have each week has definitely begun to pick up. It is critical that you help your student study for their upcoming exams, get a good night's rest before exams and come to school feeling confident about what they are able to achieve. Everyone should have exam schedules, and although sometimes we need to make small adjustments as things arise, they are a great source of information about what types of exams are coming up. If you have misplaced your child's exam schedule, let their teacher know and they will be happy to replace it.

With the rigor and rate of our curriculum, it is imperative that students are focused in class. Please discuss with your student the importance of listening, following directions and putting forth their best effort at all times, in all subjects. In order for students to be fully successful, students need to stay focused and on track. There is not time to continuously redirect students to do the things that have already been directed.



Barb Rooker
Academic Quality Controller

MMLA's 2018 Valentines Celebration!

Thursday, February 15
5:00 - 7:00 PM

- ♥ **Live Music by DJ Genesis**
- ♥ **Carnival Games including a cupcake walk, ring toss, and more - with prizes!**
- ♥ **Photo Booth**
- ♥ **Live Cartoon Caricature Drawings by Den Preston 5:30-6:15**
- ♥ **Concession Stand Run by Parent Connection additional cost**

Students \$2 each / Parents Free
ONLY MMLA STUDENTS ADMITTED

MMLA Gym 730 W. Maple St. Lansing, MI 48906
ENTRANCE AT THE TOP OF THE HILL



Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

Students of the Month – January

- KA Esmeralda Saenz
- KB Coreyon Bolton
- 1A Andre Holmes
- 1B Ayden Watson
- 2A David Roth
- 2B Donovan McIntosh
- 3A Henry Haynes III
- 3B Hassan Ali
- 4 Devon Ruhf
- 5 Gypsy Searcy

- 6 Nazir McNamara
- 7 Brice Webb
- 8 Cynthia French



CrushGrams for Sale - Extended

We're extending this fundraiser one more day – the last day to buy Crush Grams will be Tuesday, Feb. 13. Crush Grams are \$1 each, include a valentine card and can of crush soda - and you can send as many as you like! Crush Grams will be delivered to students on Feb. 14 during the last hour of the school day.

Community Connection

We are so excited to welcome the community to the MMLA Gymnasium for our celebration of Black Excellence and History. The program will feature MMLA students, Dreamworld Studios for the Arts, community members, Dr. Lee Taylor, MSU Students and more. We are specifically thrilled to welcome Lansing's 4th Ward Councilman Brian T Jackson back to campus. We are also elated to welcome Ingham County Commissioner Sarah Anthony to campus. Sarah Anthony is currently the youngest African American County Commissioner in the United States.

The program is set for 2pm Wednesday, February 28, 2018. This program is free and open to the public.

The MMLA Boys Basketball team is in action on Saturdays at the Westside YMCA located at 3700 Old Lansing Road. The next MMLA Boys Basketball game is this Saturday (2/10) at 6pm vs. the Lansing Thunder.



For more information please contact Mr. Elvin Caldwell Jr. at 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 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 2nd Monday of each month.

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

- Feb 13 **CrushGrams** Fundraiser Extension – Last Day Feb 13!
- 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 23 MI State Capitol Building and Historical Museum Field Trip – 4th Grade
- 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

Youth Soccer Registration (K-6)

Lansing Parks & Rec Spring Soccer Registration has begun! Grades K-1 plays a choice of a Wed/Sat or Thu/Sat game schedule, with all games played at Davis Park. Grades 2-3 plays a choice of a Wed/Sat or Thu/Sat game schedule at the Hope Soccer Complex. Grades 4-5-6 plays a Tue/Sat schedule with all games at the Hope Soccer Complex. Volunteer coaches needed. League play starts the week of April 24th.



Three Ways to Register:

1. Online at www.lansingmi.gov/parks (Save \$5)
2. By phone with a credit card 517-483-4039
3. In person at any Community Center

There is a registration fee. Some scholarships are available for low income families.

Annual Fundraiser – Feb 1-15

Parent Connection's Annual Fundraiser is going strong! We're asking each family to please order Sell Popcorn to your Family & Friends from February 1-15 by taking orders of HUGE 16 cups bags for just \$10 each with their choice of 4 different flavors! **Please return money and forms on Thursday, Feb. 15.** Popcorn will be distributed on Thursday, Feb. 22.



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