



A Message from the School Director

Greetings MMLA Family!

As Spring is approaching, I would like to encourage each of you to join us for the Parent-Teacher Conferences we have scheduled for the beginning of March! (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 would like to invite you all to join us for our Black History Celebration Program on February 28, 2017 at 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.

Tim Tenneriello
School Director

Academics

Today, your child received a progress report showing their academic progress thus far in Term 2. Please take time to look over the report, discuss it with your child and reach out with any questions if necessary. Likewise, Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming soon. Conferences will be held in the classrooms on Thursday, March 8 from 4:00 to 6:00 and Friday, March 9 from 12:30 to 3:30. Please stop by the office to sign up for your spot. If you do not sign up, please still feel free to come but understand that scheduled appointments will be taken first and teachers will slide you in where they can.

March is Reading Month will begin next week—be on the watch for information on things we will do within the school. I also encourage you to start thinking of ways to celebrate at home. Examples include going to the library, sharing your favorite childhood story, reading together and writing a letter to someone.

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

Barb Rooker
Academic Quality Controller

Reading Challenge

Today your child was sent home with a Dr. Seuss Reading Challenge chart. This chart works like a BINGO board. When they have any row of 5 challenges complete have your child bring it to the main office and Ms. Lee (formerly Ms. Stevenson) will give them a sticker! March is Reading Month – so Ms. Lee will be giving out stickers through the end of March. Happy Reading!



Student Life Organization®

Greetings all those who love and help our students grow here at MMLA!

Wheweeeee!!!! What FUN!!!! A big THANK YOU to all who came and supported us at our Family Fun night / Valentines Dance!!! We had an amazing turn out and can't wait to do it again soon! What fun downstairs playing games, getting our portrait drawn, and even winning cupcakes!!! Whoop! And did you see those kids and teachers dancing up a storm out on the dance floor!!! I got to admit I was throwing down my best moves!!! Yup, I GOT TO DANCE!!!! We certainly had a lot of fun and danced our way all around the floor. Thank You to my Decoration Team!!! You guys did a great job getting us ready and a Big HIGH FIVE to Ms. Vickers who made it all come together!!! Things looked great and we had a lot of fun!



We started a new session of SLO and are focusing on Academics for getting ready for State Testing right around the corner. We will be looking ahead and making plans for our next sessions soon.

That's about it for SLO this time, but keep your eyes peeled as we do have some surprises and people coming in to help us get to the next level here at MMLA.

Amazing is out there! Go find it!!!

Brooks Yates
Student Life® Coordinator

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Sign-up for Parent-Teacher conferences is now available in the main office. Conferences will be held in the classrooms on:

- Thursday, March 8 from 4:00-6:00 PM
- Friday, March 9 from 12:30-3:30 PM

Please stop by the office to sign up for your spot.



Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

Community Connection

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 Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy gymnasium.

We are so excited to host community and business leaders to the school next Friday, March 2 as we host the March Old Town Commercial Association Community Breakfast. The breakfast is scheduled for 8:30am at the MMLA Boys and Girls Club.

March is reading month and we are so excited to invite community leaders into the school to read with and to our students. Also in celebration of National Reading month we are thrilled to take our Middle School students to Pine Street Head Start to read and work with local pre-schoolers.

For more information please contact Mr. Elvin Caldwell Jr. at ecaldwell@sabis.net or 517-827-1276.

MMLA Basketball Playoffs

The MMLA Lions are in playoff competition. This Saturday the MMLA Lions will face "Da Hoopers." The game will be at the Westside YMCA located at 3700 Old Lansing Road. Tipoff is at 4pm! Let go Lions!



Spring Picture Day – Feb 26

Spring Picture Day is here! On Monday, February 26 come to school dressed to impress for Spring Pictures! Make sure to bring your order form and payment or purchase your package online ahead of time at mylifetouch.com

MMLA Picture Day ID: 0Y691714ML

All students participating in Spring Pictures may dress out of uniform on Monday, Feb. 26.



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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 26 Spring Picture Day
- Feb 28 Black History Month Program 2:00pm
PARENTS AND PUBLIC WELCOME
- March 8-9 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- March 9 Half Day – Dismissal at Noon
NO AFTERCARE, NO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
- March 22 School Dentist
- March 23 Wharton Field Trip to see Clementine, Grades: K, 1, and 2
- March 29 Last Day of School before Spring Break
NO AFTERCARE, NO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
- March 30 **SCHOOL CLOSED** - Holiday
- April 2-6 **NO STUDENTS** - Spring Break
- April 9 **NO STUDENTS** - Professional Development
- April 10 **Classes Resume**

View our Annual School Calendar at mmla.sabis.net



- ▶ Parents who read usually have children who read.
 - ▶ Reduce TV viewing time and videogame time, and increase reading time.
 - ▶ Set aside a time each day when you and your child will read.
 - ▶ Read aloud to your child. Reading with expression shows a child that you love books and that you enjoy reading to them.
 - ▶ Share what you have read with your child, and ask your child to do the same with you.
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