



A Message from the School Director

Greetings MMLA Family!

The end of the school year is fast approaching. I would like to take this opportunity to genuinely thank the parents, staff, students, and community members who helped make this a very successful school year. As we begin finishing state testing and begin working toward End of Year Finals, attendance at school is going to be so important. End of Year Finals can be up to 50% of the overall grade of our students.

As always, we encourage you to take an active role in building relationships with your child, our staff, and community. We thank you for your continued support of our efforts as we work together to provide the best school experience for your child. As we move towards the end of the school year it's important we stress to our students the importance of a strong finish. In addition, please feel free to discuss your student's goals for next school year and connect how the finish to this year can lead to a great start for next fall. The choices we make today have a large impact on the options that we have available to us tomorrow.

Tim Tenneriello
School Director

Student Life Organization®

Greetings and Welcome to Spring!!!!

Student Life is humming right along! We are into clubs and having fun Painting Nails, playing Disc Golf, discussing Current Events, and mastering out Chess Skills just to name a few.

As we look forward to the end of the year, we are looking at improving Student Life, and how we can better reach our students. We are beginning to discuss leadership positions for next year, and how we may tweak our program to include even more students.

SLO is also looking at end of the year study sessions for Finals, end of the year celebrations for our school, and our students who will be leaving us for the great adventure that is High School.

I am excited about what we have for the last few weeks here at MMLA, and how we can still get our students to push for the next level.

Brooks Yates
Student Life® Coordinator

Academics

There are only a few M-STEP and MAP exams left to be taken. We are so proud of the effort and focus students have shown during these very important tests. Thank you, parents, for ensuring your students were at school, well-rested and ready to put their best into every exam!

It is now time to gear up for the last few weeks. These weeks are no less important than the first weeks of school. It is imperative that students are present, focused and putting their best effort into everything. There are several exams still to take as well as finals. Please remind your students often that although it is coming fast, the year is not over and they need to do all they can to ensure they pass all their classes. I would also ask you to discuss the importance of every exam all the way through the end. Not taking exams seriously will lead to very low scores and could easily result in summer school and/or retention. It is critical that students show us what they are able to do on each exam!



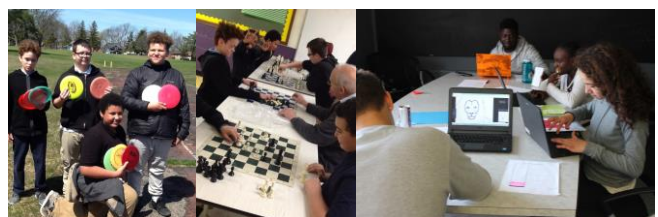
Barb Rooker
Academic Quality Controller

Students of the Month – April

- KA Domineke Blackman Jr.
- KB Rolando Vidal
- 1A Terrell Bynum
- 1B Ayriana Scott
- 2A Aniyah Montgomery
- 2B Jayme Johnson
- 3A Obsidian Searcy
- 3B Kymora Bradford
- 4 Cicely Goe
- 5 Israel Howard



- 6 Taniyah Alexander
- 7 Malachi Shakoor
- 8 Tyrell Green



SLO: Disc Golf Club, Chess Club, and Yearbook Club.



Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

Community Connection

We are so excited to host our annual Ice Cream Social and Birthday Celebration for Stevie Wonder. Stevie Wonder is an alumnus of the Michigan School for the Blind. The event is scheduled for 4:00pm Thursday, May 24.

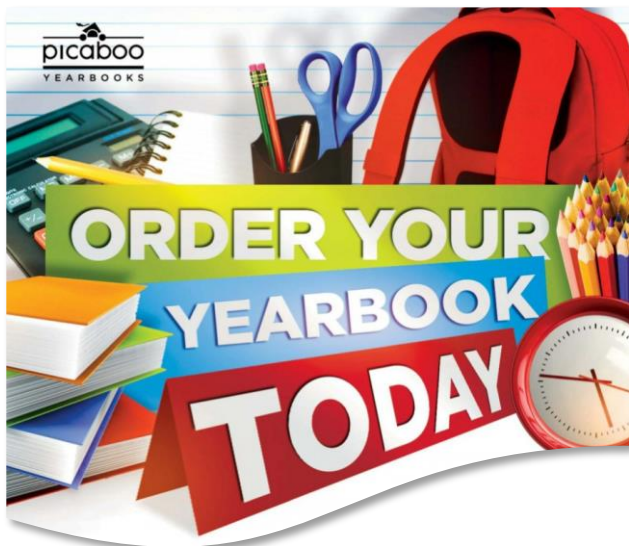


Special guests include members of the Blind Children Fund and Stevie Wonder's best friend and Michigan School for the Blind Valedictorian JJ Jackson. Jackson will be returning from celebrating Stevie Wonder's Birthday with him in Las Vegas. Jackson will have a special video presentation for MMLA students. There will also be an exhibit of past Michigan School for the Blind memorabilia and pictures. We are also thrilled to have former NBC's *The Voice* contestant Lucas Holiday sing several Stevie Wonder Classics and meet and greet with Lansing residents.

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

May 15 – Last Day to Order your Yearbook

Yearbooks are \$12 each and you must pre order. Unfortunately, **we will not have extras for you to purchase after they come in.** Order forms have been sent home and are available in the main office.



How to Order:

- **Online** at mmla.picaboo.com
- **In person** at the MMLA Main Office
- **Send \$12 to the office with your student**

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** Page www.facebook.com/mmla.sabis

- May 15 Yearbook Orders Due, \$12 each
- May 17 Enrollment Open House and Kindergarten Round-Up 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- May 24 Stevie Wonder Birthday Celebration and Annual Ice Cream Social 4:00 – 6:00 PM **PUBLIC WELCOME – invite a friend!**
- May 25 Last Day of School before Memorial Break **NO AFTERCARE, NO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**
- May 29 Classes Resume
- June 2 Be a Tourist in Your Own Town, \$1 more information at www.lansing.org

View our Annual School Calendar at mmla.sabis.net

Kindergarten Round Up – May 17

Do you know a family with students entering kindergarten next year, or in any grade looking for a change in their child's educational institution? **Family recommendations are the best way to grow our community – please consider sharing our school with a friend, neighbor, or family member with young children.**

On Thursday, May 17 from 4:00-6:00pm MMLA will be hosting an Enrollment Open House and Kindergarten Round Up. There will be giveaways and opportunities to tour the school, kindergarten classrooms, meet the kindergarten teaching staff and more!

Not available to attend the event?

There are three steps they can take to apply:

- Visit us online at mmla.sabis.net
- Come into the office to complete an application
- Contact Mr. Caldwell for more information at ecaldwell@sabis.net or 517-827-1276.



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