



# Lion NewsBITES

## A Message from the School Director

Happy Friday MMLA Families,

The first month of school is behind us and what a great start we have had! With that being said the weather is starting to cool down and we have noticed students coming into school with non-uniform hoodies on. Please remember to send students with MMLA hoodies only. MMLA hoodies are available for purchase in the main office for \$25.00.

NWEA MAP testing for the fall is complete. The administration as well as the teachers will be using the data that NWEA MAP provides to help drive instruction. In addition, we will use the data to target students that have issues with a certain concept.

## Student Life Organization\*

Welcome to an amazing fall here at MMLA! What a fun time to be involved with our students here at MMLA!

Students in grade 4-8 are signing up for our second round of clubs and I am so excited about the things that our outstanding teachers have come up with for them to do! Club choices include: Board Games, Yoga, Fitness, Legos, Diversity Around the World, and more. So many activities to choose from! Please ask your student what they are doing!

Student Life is also starting a SWATT team here at MMLA. SWATT (Students With an Aptitude to Teach or Train) are student leaders who will be used all over the school in helping other students with academics and Brain Breaks to get our blood pumping to our brains! These students will build leadership qualities through helping other students. We are very excited about this new part of SLO and how we will be in every classroom helping students.

Students on the SWATT team will be selected for their ability to help in academics and physical exercise with other students. We are looking to develop leaders, and that comes

Parent-Teacher Fall Conferences will be held October 18 and 19. On Thursday, October 18, Parent-Teacher Conferences will go from 4:00-6:00PM and on Friday, October 19 they will go from 12:30-3:30PM. If you are unable to make any of these days please arrange a time with your child's teacher. Please come into the main office and sign up. We look forward to sharing the progress of your child with you.

Remember, *twenty minutes of reading before bed gets a child ahead!* It's my goal to have awesome reader's here at MMLA and with the support of our parent's we can make this happen.

Have a fantastic weekend!

- Mr. Tomlinson, Deputy Director



in many different forms and you do not need to be an straight A student to be a leader.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Costume Party and Dance on November 1. If you would like to help in any way please contact Mr. Caldwell or Parent Connection.

Thanks again for being involved with your student and supporting all that we do here at MMLA.

- Mr. Yates, SLC

## Parent-Teacher Fall Conference Sign Up



Please come to the main office to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held in the classrooms on Thursday, October 18 from 4:00-6:00 and Friday, October 19 from 12:30 to 3:30.

## Academia Update



We are continuing to notice a couple of issues when it comes to exams. It is critical that students take their exams seriously so they and others can demonstrate the knowledge they have gained. It is not okay for students to write things like, "I don't know," "That's what it said in the reading," or "?". If they are unsure what is being asked, they need to be raising their hand and asking the proctor. Although the proctor cannot tell the student how to solve a problem, they may be able to clarify the directions. We are also noticing many student not reading the directions or problems fully and carefully. This leads to them doing poorly on the exam. Please help us stress how important it is to read and follow everything. For example, when asked to cite 2 examples, there should be at least 2 sentences and all work must be shown for each problem on math exams. Finally, students need to be preparing themselves for their exams. Exam schedules were sent home earlier in the year and teachers are also continuously updating students as to when exams will take place. Students should be studying the necessary material at home as part of their homework in order to be successful on these exams.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are next week. Conferences will be held in the classrooms on Thursday, October 18 from 4:00-6:00 and Friday, October 19 from 12:30 to 3:30. There are sign-up sheets in the office. Please stop by to sign up for your spot. If you do not sign up, please feel free to still come, but understand that scheduled appointments will be taken first and teachers will slide you in where they can.

- Mrs. Rooker, AQC

# Upcoming Events

- Oct 18 & 19: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Oct 18 & 19: No Boys & Girls Club, No Aftercare
- Oct 19: Donation Drive Dress Down Day - *must bring a clean and gently used uniform item to donate in order to dress out of uniform on this day*
- Oct 19: Half Day, Dismissal @ Noon
- Oct 24: MMLA Board of Directors Meeting
- Oct 31: Costume Parade @ 1:30pm with Class Party to follow. *Please BRING your costume to change into after lunch.*
- Nov 1: Annual Harvest Costume Party, 4-6pm - Parents. *can you help chaperone? Please contact [ecaldwell@sabis.net](mailto:ecaldwell@sabis.net)*
- Nov 13: Taco Tuesday Parent Connection Night 5pm, *please RSVP to [ecaldwell@sabis.net](mailto:ecaldwell@sabis.net)*
- Nov 14: Picture Retake Day

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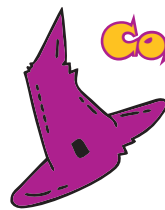
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- **School Closed:** No staff report
- **No school:** Calendar staff report per working days\*
- **Professional Development Day:** No students
- **Half Day:** Dismissal at Noon (12pm)
- \* **MMLA Board of Directors Meetings**

## Costume Parade



On Wednesday, Oct. 31 MMLA will have an afternoon Costume Parade followed by a class party.

After lunch student will **change** from their uniforms into their costumes.

The parade will start at 1:30 PM - Parents may come to watch and take photos, please line up **outside** the school along the track.

After the parade, there will be a class party for students. You may send your child with a store bought treat to share with their class. Look for more information from their teachers regarding the class parties.

**COSTUME RULES:** Students may BRING their costume to school in a tied bag and labeled with their name. Please no make-up or elaborate accessories as they have little time to get ready before the parade. No gore or weapons allowed.



# September Students of the Month

- Kindergarten:** My'Onna Lee
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade A:** Samiya Richardson
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade B:** Tammera Ashe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Suleqa Ali
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** J'Anne Arthur-Tyson
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Makaila Adams
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Bayleigh Ramsey
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Jacob Thompson
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Harmony Larthridge
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Charles Miller

## Reminder

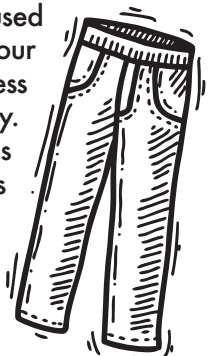


Friday, October 19 is a half day for students due to Parent-Teacher Conferences. Student **DISMISSAL IS AT NOON** following lunch on Half Days.



**D5**  
Oct. 19

Our first "D5" or Donation Drive Dress Down Day of the school year will be on Friday, October 19. Students who bring in a clean and gently used or new item to add to our clothing closet may dress out of uniform on this day. We encourage families to label their donations to avoid any confusion. A minimum of 1 article per student is required to be out of uniform on this day.



Thank you for giving back to your school community!



If you have the need to make changes to your school bus transportation please contact Mr. Caldwell.

For more information about the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy please contact Mr. Elvin Caldwell, Jr. at 517- 827-1276

