



# Lion NewsBITES

## A Message from the School Director

Happy Friday MMLA Families,  
I hope everyone is well rested and ready to go after our Thanksgiving Break. It's already that time of year to start preparing for end of term exams. Revision week begins next week and final exams start on December 14. Revision is a great time for students to brush up on all the concepts that challenged them so far this year.

Just a reminder Winter Break starts

December 21, which is a half day of school - dismissal will be at noon. Classes will resume on Monday, January 7, 2019.

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

## Academic Update

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break. I would like to thank each of our parents for all the support you provide the school and your students on a daily basis!

It is unbelievable that we only have three weeks remaining in the term! Students are wrapping up the last of their Periodic and AMS exams



over the next week and then will begin preparing for finals. The finals cover all material that was studied throughout the term. It is imperative that students take time to study for these exams as they are a big part of their final grade. Various study guide materials will be coming home to help students prepare and to give parents the information necessary to help their children be successful. Likewise, an updated progress report was given to your student right before the break. I hope you looked it over with them and discussed the importance of focus in the classroom and studying for exams. I am happy to send one home whenever you would like, just let me know.

These three weeks are going to go very quickly, so please be sure to have your student at school on time daily. We are in "crunch-time" and every minute counts! Also, please try to avoid your student needing to miss school for anything during finals. If there is something unavoidable, please contact the school so we can try to make arrangements ahead of time.

- Mrs. Rooker, AQC



## School Text Notifications

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages. You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

**Opt-In Now  
Just text "Y"  
to 67587**

\*message and data rates may apply



## Student Life Organization®

Greeting with full stomachs and let me say Welcome Back!

What a wonderful time of year for our Students at MMLA! We are finishing up with a round of clubs and our students will be getting ready for yet another round! Teachers are setting up their next round of clubs and we are so excited!

**Power Study Session!!!** SLO will be hosting a Power Study session after school on Tuesday, December 11 from 2:45 - 3:45 PM! We will have popcorn and lemonade. Teachers will be around to help our students get that last push

before finals are upon us! So, grab your books, sharpen your pencils and come study with us!

Our Drama Club will be presenting the play they have been working so hard on Friday, December 14 at 5:30 PM. So come watch our students perform "Mother Hicks". I can't wait!

This is our last big push before finals so make sure your student is studying and doing their best every day!

Enjoy this amazing weather.

- Mr. Yates, SLC

## Upcoming Events

- Dec 5: \$1 Dress Down Day
- Dec 10: MMLA Board of Directors Meeting
- Dec 10-13: Revision Week
- Dec 13: Talent Showcase, 1:40pm  
*Parents & Families Welcome!*
- Dec 14: Finals Begin
- Dec 14: SLO Drama Club Performance, after school
- Dec 21: No Boys & Girls Club and No Aftercare
- Dec 21: Half Day for students, Dismissal @ Noon
- Dec 24 - Jan 4: Winter Break, No Students
- Jan 7: Classes Resume
- No December Taco Tuesday Parent Connection Meeting, next Meeting will be Jan. 15

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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



School Notices including Closings and Delays will be posted on the MMLA Facebook Page. Visit [www.facebook.com/MMLA.SABIS](http://www.facebook.com/MMLA.SABIS)

## November Students of the Month

**Kindergarten:** Sofiya Ali

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade A:** Malaysia Lee

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade B:** Amiya Nisse

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Kemia Jelks

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Bilen Chala

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Ny'Laiya Thorpe

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Ania Anderson

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Antavia Ross

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Keif Chatman

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Le'Onna White

## Preventing the Flu:

Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs, by CDC

The tips and resources below will help you learn about steps you can take to protect yourself and others from flu and help stop the spread of germs.

1. Avoid close contact.
2. Stay home when you are sick.
3. Cover your mouth and nose.
4. Clean your hands.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
6. Practice other good health habits. Such as: clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

Read the full article at: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits/index.htm>



## Semi Formal Youth Clothing Drive



The Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy is excited to host a semi formal youth clothing drive. We're looking for dresses, shoes, dress shirts, ties, belts, and slacks - sizes youth x-small to adult large. Items can be donated to Mr. Caldwell and will be distributed to students interested in attending the MMLA February Formal event. Please stay on the look out as more details are to come.

The MMLA Boy and Girls Club offers activities, dance, homework help, and more to MMLA students 7 years and older. MMLA BGC Memberships are \$10.00 and are good for an entire year at both MMLA and the Pleasant Grove Boys and Girls Club sites.

For more information about the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy please contact Mr. Elvin Caldwell, Jr. at [ecaldwell@sabis.net](mailto:ecaldwell@sabis.net) or 517 - 827 - 1276.