



Lion NewsBITES

A Message from the School Director

Hello MMLA Families,

I hope everyone was able to get some rest over the snow/cold days. We have several things happening in February. First, we started our Winter MAP Testing this week. Students have been working really hard on this assessment. I'm excited to see how much growth our students have made from Fall to Winter. Next, we have our Title I Literacy Night / Valentine's Semi-Formal on February 14 from 4:30 - 7:00. Lastly, we are approaching our mid-winter break that

will go from February 25 - March 1. Classes resume on March 4.

Make sure to read everyday with your child. Research shows reading with your child and asking them questions like: "I wonder..." "What does this remind you of?" "Let's retell the story." "How do you know?" "What do you predict might happen next?" is the most effective way for a parent to support reading at home.

Have a fantastic weekend!!

Academic Update

We have begun the Math portion of the MAP testing for the winter. We will continue the Math and take the Reading portion of MAP next week. Students have goals they are working toward and will receive a dress down slip for each goal attained. Encourage your student to work hard and show us just how much they have grown the first half of the year. We are excited to see how many goals we can achieve as a school.

With the number of days we have missed due to the weather, all exams are being pushed back. Once all adjustments have been made, updated exam schedules will be sent home. Remember, however, that the schedule is an estimation as to when the exams are being taken. We try hard to stay on schedule, but sometimes we must make adjustments. Students, however, are always made well aware of what exams are happening on which days. Please help your student have a great second term by encouraging them to study and read daily.

Being sure to be on top of homework and exams is critical as several important assessments take place during the Spring. Keep the learning exciting at home—play learning games, take turns reading to each other, practice writing stories and incorporate math into every trip to the store. Most importantly though, make sure to let your child know how proud you are of their work and how you believe in their ability to be highly successful. It is amazing just how far a positive attitude goes!

- Mrs. Rooker, AQC



Title I Book Giveaway

February 14 at 4:30 PM

As part of our Title I Family Literacy Night, all families who attend the event will receive a book to read at home!

In addition to the book giveaway we will have literacy activities including Sight-Word BINGO,

Build-A-Storybook, Buddy Reading, and a Story Teller from the Capital Area District Library. Participation in literacy activities will give families the chance to earn additional books and other great prizes.

Dinner RSVPs are now closed, however, if you did not turn one in you can still attend the event we just may not have dinner available for you.

Student Life Organization*

As we are dealing with missed school days we are still moving forward with SLO at full speed. We are getting ready for the next round of clubs and will have sign ups right after Presidents' Day. Students are looking forward to our last two round of clubs with some very exciting things that will be offered; including Movies, Archery, and Cooking just to name a few!

We are gearing up for next week's Title I Family Literacy Night and Valentine's Semi-Formal! The leadership team will be helping out with this event, it should be a lot of fun! We are looking for donations for decorations for the event so if you have anything you can send in it will be much

appreciated! Thank you in advance! I can't wait to show off my new moves! Come and show off yours!

The SLO Leadership Team is starting a Positive Vibes program where we will be giving out personal sticky notes to every student in the school wishing them a happy day and words of encouragement. Ask your student what their Warm Fuzzy says. These will help to get us thru this cold weather!

Looking forward to next weeks semi-formal dance and hope everyone enjoys the weather as much as I have!

- Mr. Yates, SLC



Upcoming Events

- Feb 11: Board Meeting 5 PM
- Feb 13: Spring Count Day, Free Dress Down Day for All!
- Feb 13: Spring Picture Day
- Feb 14: No Boys & Girls Club, No Aftercare
- Feb 14: Title I Family Literacy Night, **BOOK GIVEAWAY** & Semi-Formal Valentine's Dance - All Grades! 4:30-7 PM
- Feb 18: School Closed, President's Day
- Feb 18: Board Meeting 6 PM
- Feb 22: \$1 Dress Down Day
- Feb 22: Black History Program in the MMLA Gym 1:30 PM
- Feb 25 - Mar 1: **No School, Mid-Winter Break**
- Mar 4: Classes Resume

No February Taco Tuesday Parent Night - Next Parent Meeting March 12



School Notices including Closings and Delays will be posted on the MMLA Facebook Page. Visit www.facebook.com/MMLA.SABIS



The Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy (MMLA), is excited to welcome the community to our MMLA Black History Program. This event is free and open to the public. Our program is scheduled for 1:40pm on Friday, February 23, 2018 in the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy gymnasium. We are so thrilled to welcome you to campus to celebrate our students.

Basketball for grades 4-8 begins this month please stay on the look out for

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Mid-Winter Break
February 25 - March 1



Smile!

Wednesday, February 13 is Spring Picture Day. This is a **FREE DRESS DOWN DAY** for all students. Picture Packets were sent home last week. If you did not get one there are more available in the main office. You may also order your pictures online before Picture Day by going to mylifetouch.com and using MMLA's Picture Day ID LM418179Y0. Picture will begin in the morning and should be complete by lunch time.

more information on how you can support the MMLA Lions! Right now practices are Friday 2:45 - 4:00pm at the MMLA Boys and Girls Club. Students must be club members to participate.

We are hoping to see everyone dressed to impressed at our Valentine's Day Semi-Formal and Literacy Night. To volunteer please come in to the main office to sign up.

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

Crush Grams

MMLA's annual February Fundraiser will be supporting the Valentine's Day Semi-Formal this year! Crush Grams will be for sale for **\$1 each** and you can send as many as you like! All Crush Grams include a Valentine Card and a choice of Crush Soda Pop or Bag of Chips.

Parents can send them too - just stop in the main office in the morning on a sale day.

EXTENDED THRU MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11



Crush Grams will be delivered to students on Thursday, February 14 during the last hour of the school day.

January Students of the Month

Kindergarten: La'Donte Jones

1st Grade A: Natalia Beal

1st Grade B: Ny'Sire Hester

2nd Grade: Ayriana Scott

3rd Grade: Maia Moseley

4th Grade: Oshea Mitchell

5th Grade: Jezriel Spears

6th Grade: Ar'Traiea Sheppard

7th Grade: Brendon Halsey

8th Grade: Kalkidan Adissu-Tadese

Yearbook

Applications are due February 22 for 4th-8th graders interested in being part of the MMLA Yearbook Staff.

Yearbooks will go on sale in April and will be **\$12 each**. Once the ordering window has closed the books will go to print and they will be distributed to students on the last day of school. Please look for flyers coming home next month.