



Lion NewsBITES

A Message from the School Director

Happy Friday MMLA Families,

We are finishing up week three of M-Step testing and students have been working very hard on their assessments. Please continue to encourage your child to take their time and to do their best on these assessments.

Tutoring has started and if you feel your child needs additional help and would like to have them attend please reach

out to your child's teacher. However, please remember tutoring sessions are offered to students by invite only.

Lastly, 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!



Student Life Organization

Greetings from the SLO office!

As we march into the end of the year we are filled with excitement and desire to finish strong! We are in our last round of Clubs and the students are having a great time and are very excited! Clubs are going well and the response to our opportunities has been amazing. Our students are learning archery, creating a magazine, discovering History, playing badminton, and even learning Spanish. Our kids are excited!

We are looking at our state testing and working to get our students to head into the tests with a Positive attitude and ready to do their best on the Test! We will be sending out cards to students as a reminder to always try their best and to give them encouragement as we go to this all so important part of our year.

We hope you are enjoying the coming of Spring and all the beauty that comes with it!

- Mr. Yates, SLC

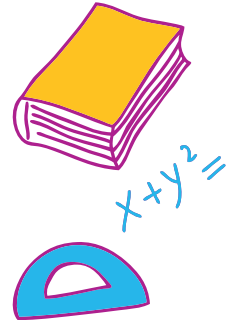
Academic Update

5th and 8th grade have completed their state testing! The effort they put in was phenomenal. We are all very proud of the focus and dedication they displayed during these long exams.

Grades 4, 6 and 7 began testing this week. Grade 3 will begin next week. We know that they will put in the same type of effort modeled by the 5th and 8th graders.

If your student has failed any exams during the term, their teacher may have reached out about tutoring.

Be sure to ask your child if they received a tutoring slip as we are trying to fit in all we can before the end of the year to ensure every student finishes the year strong.



Without a doubt, these last several weeks are going to go by very quickly. It is imperative that you help us keep your child focused. Remind them daily that school is not over yet, there is still work to do! Be sure to check their bags for homework and study guides, encourage them to study for exams and remind them to be focused during class as every minute counts.

- Mrs. Rooker, AQC

Student Reflection

MiCareer Quest Career Symposium at the Lansing Center; Grades 7-8

Our class went online to Career Cruising and found careers that would fit our interests. Then we went to this field trip to do more research. It was inspiring because we were exposed to new careers we didn't know about before. My favorite booth was assembling the fire hydrant. I assembled it in under 2 minutes.

- Malachi Shakoar, 8th Grade.



Upcoming Testing Windows

3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th **M-Step** *: Apr. 29 - May 24

All Grades, **Spring MAP** *: May 20 - June 6

All Grades, **End of Year Finals**: June 12-18

*Look for information going home on specific dates as they become available.

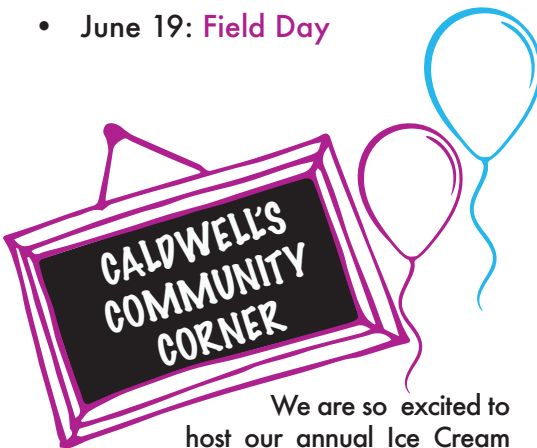
Upcoming Events

- May 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 13: Potter Park Zoo, K-2nd
- May 13: School Board Meeting
- May 14: Taco Tuesday Parent Night - we need your help planning for Field Day. Please RSVP so we can order enough tacos for everyone. To RSVP contact Mr. Elvin Caldwell, Jr. at ecaldwell@sabis.net or 517-827-1276.
- May 16: Annual Ice Cream Social & Stevie Wonder Birthday Celebration 4:30-6:30 PM - **Public Welcome!**
- May 23: MMLA vs. Lansing Fire Department Basketball Game
- May 24-27: **No School, Memorial Break**
- May 28: Classes Resume
- June 7: Greenfield Village, 5th
- June 10: MAP Scores Park Day
- June 18: 8th Grade Recognition
- June 19: Field Day

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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**



We are so excited to host our annual Ice Cream Social and Birthday Celebration for Stevie Wonder. The event is scheduled for 4:30-6:30 PM on Thursday, May 16 in the MMLA Gym. There will be free ice cream and toppings for everyone (while supplies last!)

Stevie Wonder is an alumnus of the Michigan School for the Blind which was on MMLA's current campus from 1879-1996. Councilman Brian Jackson will be

our special guest along with 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. There will also be an exhibit of past Michigan School for the Blind memorabilia and pictures.

Our Ice Cream Social is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** - so, please consider inviting a friend or neighbor to bring their children and attend this event too! We'd love to share all the great things MMLA does with more of our local community.

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

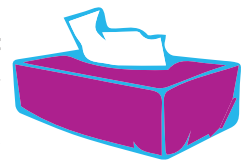
April Students of the Month

- Kindergarten:** Na'Layeah Jelks
- 1st Grade A:** Brooklyn Sprunger
- 1st Grade B:** Yusmery Hernandez
- 2nd Grade:** Zariah Roper
- 3rd Grade:** Selina Aubrey
- 4th Grade:** Jordan Porter
- 5th Grade:** Lundyn Jean-Louis
- 6th Grade:** Jahnesia Haynes
- 7th Grade:** Anterria Tatum
- 8th Grade:** Richard Sutton

Call for Kleenex

Spring is upon us! With the warmer weather also comes lots of pollen and allergies and we're running low on facial tissue in the classroom.

If you're able to bring in a box of facial tissue for the classroom that would be greatly appreciated!



Thank you for supporting MMLA!

Shoe Design Contest



Our fabulous Ms. Lee worked with T.J. Maxx in Frandor to hold a shoe design contest! Two of our students won gift cards! Congratulations Steve Depriest, 7th grade and Kalkidan Adissu-Tadese, 8th grade on your great designs!

