



# Lion NewsBITES

## A Message from the School Director

Happy Friday MMLA Families,  
We start NWEA MAP testing next week. Please take the time to encourage your children to do their best! In addition, please try and get your child to school on time. The building opens for breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

Also, with the weather getting nicer

please remind your children that they need to be in their correct uniform.

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\*

What an exciting time of year! We are making the big push for the end of our year and could not be more excited!

Our clubs are zipping by, and by the looks of all of the smiles on kids' faces they are having a great time! It's very exciting to see our students shooting arrows, writing magazine articles, doing science experiments, learning Spanish, and so much more!

Thanks for all you do for our wonderful students and I hope you are having as much fun with this weather as I am!

- Mr. Yates, SLC

## Upcoming Testing Windows

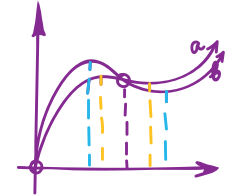
All Grades, **Spring MAP:** May 20 - June 7

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

## Academic Update

After five weeks of hard work, we have completed the M-Step testing for this year. Overall, students worked hard and put in great effort!

Starting Monday, students will be pulled at various times to complete their spring MAP testing. This is the test we do three times a year to measure their growth. It is extremely important that students take their time and put in their best effort on these exams so we have an accurate picture of the growth they made. To help encourage students, we have several incentives in place for them. Students that reach their end-of-year targets will receive dress down slips, anyone that reaches a goal will get to spend the day celebrating at the park on June 10, and for every goal a student hits, they will get to put their name into a drawing for one of 67 prizes! All MAP tests will be completed by June 7.



Finally, finals will begin on June 12. Expect to see revision packets coming home soon. Remember, the revision packets let you know all the material that will be covered on the finals. Students will receive packets on practice work that they complete in class as well as work to practice at home from their teachers. It is absolutely necessary that students are studying for their finals and taking these last few weeks seriously as these exams are worth about 50% of their overall grade.

Thank you for your support to help us finish out the year strong!

- Mrs. Rooker, AQC

## Student Reflection

Visit from NexTech Academy; Grade 8

On Wednesday, May 15 students and teachers from NexTech visited us here at Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy. The students told us about their school and how they only go twice a week for three and a half hours and do the rest of their work online.

They brought their robot and they showed us how it worked and let us control it. They



won first place in a robotics competition two years in a row.

After the robot demonstration we got to show the students from NexTech our SLO Clubs and have lunch together. It was a fun day!

- Le'onna White, 8th Grade.

# Upcoming Events

- May 23: MMLA vs. Lansing Fire Department Basketball Game
- May 24-27: **No School, Memorial Break**
- May 28: Classes Resume
- June 7: Greenfield Village, 5<sup>th</sup>
- June 7: Impression 5, 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>
- June 10: MAP Scores Park Day
- June 11: 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](mailto:ecaldwell@sabis.net) or 517-827-1276.
- June 18: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition
- June 19: Field Day & Free Dress Down Day
- June 19: Last Day of School, Dismissal at Noon
- July 25: Annual Summer Jam



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)



The Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy is thankful to everyone that participated in the 5th Annual **MMLA Stevie Wonder Birthday Celebration & Ice Cream Social**. Special thanks to the Blind Children`s Fund, JJ Jackson, City Councilman Brian Jackson, members of the community and all of the parents that celebrated our rich Michigan School for the Blind past and our promising Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy future.

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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**

Please join us Saturday, June 1 from 10 AM - 4 PM for **Be A Tourist in Your Own Town** for historical walking tours fun and more.



The **MMLA Summer Jam** - Round Ball Classic 6 is scheduled for July 25th. We are thrilled to expand the MMLA Jam and collaborate with Lansing Parks and Recreation`s Concerts in the Parks series again this year. We are still seeking vendors and volunteers. Please contact Mr. Caldwell for more information.

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.

# Mobile Food Pantry

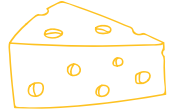
On Saturday, May 18 starting at 9:00 AM the Mobile Food Pantry will be located at:



Cristo Rey Catholic Church  
201 W. Miller Road  
Lansing, MI 48911



Distribution of **FREE** fresh and non-perishable food items will be given to participants while supplies last. Bring your valid state issued identification to participate.



# Lost & Found

With the warmer weather upon us many cold weather items have been left behind at school and need to find a way back to their owner. Please check the lost and found for any missing items as we're piling up again!



Any items left at the end of the school year will be donated to the schools' uniform closet or the local community.

# Referral Rewards

Do you know a friend or co-worker with child(ren) entering Kindergarten - 8th grade? We would love the opportunity to talk with them about what MMLA offers and all of the great programs we have here.

Pick up some referral cards in the main office and when your friend comes in for a tour you could **win a \$25 gas card** (or CATA pass if you prefer).

Thank you for your continued support of MMLA! If you have any questions about this program contact Ms. Lee or Mr. Caldwell at 517 - 485 - 5379.