



# Lion NewsBITES

## A Message from the School Director

Hello MMLA Lions Family,

Thank you all for your hard work each and every day. Our students are so happy and YOU are the reason they are. Thank you for making every day a great day to be a Lion!

### Affirmations:

- MMLA parents: Thank you for being so supportive in making the start of the school year awesome for our students. It's lovely seeing parents walking their students to class.
- Our team has been grinding hard to make our program effective for the students.

### Education:

- The staff is working hard in our PLC groups twice a week to enhance classroom learning.
- Computer carts are being used in the classrooms.
- Parents, please be aware that your students are receiving homework.

### Transportation & Dismissal:

- Parents, Thank you for being supportive

and patient in our dismissal. Safety is our number one concern.

### United Way Fundraiser:

MMLA is hosting a fundraiser in partnership with United Way to raise funds to support those in the Bahamas affected by the recent hurricane. Dress Down Coupons will be for sale in the main office next week for \$5 each. These coupons will be good during the month of October (not the day of purchase). Parents, please feel free to drop a donation off in the main office to Ms. Lee to help support this cause.

*"There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly."*

-Buckminster Fuller

From the lenses of your Principal Mr. James

## Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Lansing is excited to start another great year of after school programming at Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy. Membership forms are available in the document tower outside the main office. Only \$10 for the entire year!

## Academic Update

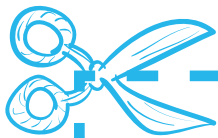
Although we have been at it for a few weeks, let me begin by saying "Welcome Back!" It is always so exciting to have teachers and students in the building actively working to bring learning alive. After all, it is not the books, computers, papers, pencils, etc that make a school a school, but the sights and sounds of engaged learners that make the building come alive.



Academically, we have many changes this year. Our curriculum is now through Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. This change of curriculum will allow our teachers to expand the methods they use to reach every child and better align lessons throughout subject areas so things are not taught in isolation. We are also beginning a big technology push. Students will be utilizing chrome books more often to enhance their learning. They will also have access to all the curriculum materials through Houghton Mifflin's Ed site. In addition, we continue the same expectations that we have always held. Students are expected to pay attention and participate fully during class. Likewise, they need to be completing all homework so they are fully prepared for assessments.

Finally, I just want to remind everyone that a child receives the best education when a team effort is utilized. When parents, teachers, and students all work together, a child is able to grow more and see great success. TOGETHER, we will make this an amazing school year!

Mrs. Rooker, Assistant Principal



## What does ROAR stand for?

Fill out each letter on the back of this paper ticket and turn it into the box in the main office by Picture Day (Monday, Oct. 14) for a chance to win a FREE DRESS DOWN COUPON from the PBIS Team! Don't forget to write your name and grade!

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Upcoming Events

- Sept 16 - 20: **United Way Fundraiser** (\$5/coupon - buy in main office)
- Sept 20: **\$1 Dress Down Day**
- Sept 23 - Oct 11: **MAP Testing Window, All Grades**
- Oct 2: **Count Day & Free Dress Down Day**
- Oct 14: **Picture Day & Free Dress Down Day**
- Oct 16: **Wharton Center Field Trip to see Black Violin. Grades: 5, 6, 7, 8**
- Oct 17: **Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-6 PM**
- Oct 18: **Early Release, Dismissal @ Noon** (after lunch)
- Oct 18: **Parent-Teacher Conferences 1-3 PM**
- Oct 30: **Title I Family Math Night: Costume Party, Giveaways, Dancing, Free Dinner, and more!**



Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy is excited to announce that

there are still seats available for the 2019-2020 school year. We have openings in grades K-2. For enrollment information, schedule a tour or refer a friend or relative please contact Mr. Elvin Caldwell 517-827-1276.

We would like to thank all of the professionals that participated in the 4th Annual MMLA 100 Men in Suits Student Welcome Celebration. Special thanks to Lansing Police Department, Lansing City Councilman Brian T. Jackson, Eric King of Meemic Insurance, Rich Lewis of State of Michigan, Boys and Girls Club, Olivet College, Ingham County Commissioners Office, Ingham Co. Commissioner Derrell Slaughter, Yanice Jackson of the Ingham Co. Treasurers Department, Kappa Alpha Psi, Zeta Phi Beta

## SEPTEMBER 2019

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## OCTOBER 2019

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**Key:**

- Special Days/Events
- Key Testing Windows
- \* Board Meetings

**Non-Student Days:**

- School Closed (No Staff)
  - No School\*
  - Professional Development\*
- \*Staff Report per Working Days Calendar



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

Inc., King Insurance Agents, Ingham County Health Department and Wiseman Tree Experts for their continued support participation.

We are thrilled to be participating in the second Lansing Harmony Event this Saturday. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 14th, from 12pm to 9pm at Benjamin Davis Park. The Lansing Harmony Festival will be fun for the entire family.

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

# Birthday Treats

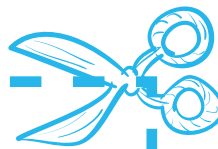


Here at MMLA we are excited to celebrate your child's birthday! In order to allow for celebrations without interrupting learning time, please bring a store bought treat (such as cupcakes) to the office by 11:00 AM the day of the celebration! These treats will be taken to the cafeteria to be consumed during lunch time.



# Schedule

- 7:30 AM School Building Opens. Please drop students off at the West Entrance of the Main Building from the Gym Parking Lot area.
- 7:30 - 8 AM Breakfast Available
- 7:45 AM Classes Begin
- 8:01 AM Students are marked tardy, Main Entrance doors will open for student entry
- 11:23 AM - 12:12 PM Lunch (exact time varies by grade)
- 2:45 PM Student Dismissal
- 5:15 PM Aftercare Pick-up
- 6:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Pick-up



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