



# Lion NewsBITES

## A Message from the School Principal

Hello MMLA Lions Family,

Thank you for offering so much support to our team! We have seen a consistent 92% or higher attendance rate for the first 5 weeks of school. Our students are coming prepared in their uniform clothing, with shirts tucked in and looking like young scholars. Parents, please keep these important intangibles operating at a high level. Hopefully next month I can report 100% in attendance and all students in proper dress code. Thank you in advance for helping work to reach these goals.

MMLA welcomes parent volunteers. Please go to our website [mmlalions.org](http://mmlalions.org) to complete our background check form. For the safety of our wonderful school staff/students, it's imperative that we have

ALL volunteers complete this information.

Our school looks forward to having a healthy fundraiser in October in partnership with the United Way to raise funds to support those in the Bahamas affected by the recent hurricane. Bring in \$5 to the main office to buy a dress down coupon for use any day in October.

As your principal, I just want to remind our families that I have an open-door policy. It brings great joy to our team to know parents share their voices.

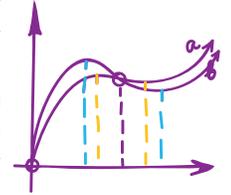
*"The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."*

-Winston Churchill

From the lenses of your Principal Mr. James

## Academic Update

We began taking the Fall MAP test this week. This testing allows us to get a picture of where students are at academically—areas that they soar and areas that they struggle. Teachers use this data to inform their instruction in both their everyday lessons as well as small group instruction. Students will take this test two other times throughout the year, in February and again in May. Taking it multiple times allows us to track student progress and see just how far they came over the course of the year.



Especially in the upper grades, we are seeing that several students are not completing their homework. Please talk with your student about what they are learning and check their planners for homework. In addition, if you have not signed up for Remind alerts with the teacher or the parent portal portion of PowerSchool, please consider doing so.



Teachers send out information through Remind often and checking PowerSchool will allow you to see if your student is turning in their work and how they are doing on those assignments.

Finally, believe it or not, we are just about ready for our first Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held Thursday, October 17 from 4 to 6 and Friday, October 18 from 1 to 3. Watch for more information about signing up for a time slot!

Mrs. Rooker, Assistant Principal

## Reminder



Just a friendly reminder that all medication must be brought in by an adult. There is a form that must be filled out by a parent. If your child has allergies or is allergic to any foods, please bring in a doctor statement.



**It is immunization time!** If you received a letter stating your child/ren are missing shots, please make sure you take him/her to get their shots updated. Once you get them updated please bring in the updated shot records to Ms. Lee in the main office. Immunizations are due October 26, 2019.

## Mobile Food Pantry

On Saturday, October 19 starting at 9:00 AM the Mobile Food Pantry will be located at:



Friendship Baptist Church  
2912 Pleasant Grove Rd.  
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.



## Upcoming Events

- Sept 23 - Oct 11: MAP Testing Window, All Grades
- Oct 2: Count Day & Free Dress Down Day
- Oct 8-11: No Boys & Girls Club
- 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!
- Nov 25-29: Fall Break
- Dec 2: Classes Resume

## Hurricane Relief

We have reached roughly 10% of our goal to assist in hurricane relief efforts through fundraising in partnership with United Way. Therefore, we will be continuing our fundraiser through the month of October. **Dress Down Coupons are for sale in the main office for \$5 each** to dress down any day during the month of October.

## Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club North Extension at MMLA will be closed October 8-11. Students may go to the south side Boys & Girls Club on Pleasant Grove if they show their current Boy & Girls Club pass. However, transportation to the other location will not be provided. Any questions regarding this schedule variation may be directed to the Boys & Girls Club of Lansing.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF LANSING**

## OCTOBER 2019

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## NOVEMBER 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

## Uniform Reminder

We have reached the time of year when the weather tends to fluctuate quite a bit. Much like how the temperature can vary greatly from morning to evening, the classroom temperature is often very different then outside leaving us with students at both extremes—those that are hot and those that are cold. Therefore, students are encouraged to wear a sweater that they can take on and off as they need.

A few uniform reminders specifically pertaining to cooler weather:

- If a student wears a long sleeve shirt under their normal uniform shirt, it must be a uniform color.
- Sweaters must be a uniform color.
- If a student wears tights/leggings under a uniform skirt, it must be a uniform color. Leggings may not be worn as pants.
- Hoodies may only be worn if they are the MMLA hoodie that is available for purchase in the main office for \$25. Stop by and purchase one while they last!
- School colors for tops are white, black and sky blue.



## ROAR



**Brendon  
Halsey**

Our ROAR Student Spotlight is on Brendon Halsey. Brendon is also known as "B-Smooth" when he does the morning announcements. He is an 8th grade student at MMLA and has been a great leader by showing others how to "R.O.A.R." His favorite candy is Reeses and his favorite

drink is a toss up between Dr. Pepper and Mellow Yellow. Speaking of toss up, you can see him watching the tip off of any Golden State Warriors game. His favorite NBA players are Steph Curry & Chris Paul. Brendon has aspirations of being an NBA Player himself or an Engineer. Brendon says what he loves most about MMLA are the fun assemblies - - student vs staff basketball, lip sync battles, and other fun activities! - - he really appreciates how our teachers prepare our students for college.



## Dress Down Winners

In the last school newsletter the PBIS Team asked students to submit the meaning of R.O.A.R. We drew 2 names and gave those students their dress down coupon!



Know what R.O.A.R. stand for:

- R**espect
- O**bserve Safety
- A**ccept Responsibility
- R**ole Model