



Lion NewsBITES

A Message from the School Principal

Hello MMLA Families,

I always want to take every opportunity to say thank you for the fantastic support our families display for the MMLA educational team.

According to the Greek philosopher Heraclitus, "Change is the only constant in life." This is especially true in education, and particularly this year at MMLA. As a program, we have embraced change very well - - ample new students, new curriculum, added subjects, up-dates to our building, and more. With all the positive changes, we ask for our families to keep the support of our educational

program for our children by doing these things:

1. Keeping our attendance at 98-100%
2. Keeping track of the weather and having our children dress appropriately and in uniform.
3. Parents staying involved - - visiting the school and making sure your child(ren) is completing homework.
4. Attending school events.
5. Showing pride in our program in the community.

As a last reminder, please sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences on Oct 17 or 18 - - Let's reach for an 80% higher turn-out.

"Educational programs are successful when all stakeholders show our children we believe in them." -Unknown

From the lenses of your Principal Mr. James

Academic Update

The fall NWEA MAP testing window has come to a close. We are pleased to report that all students put their best effort into their exams! Teachers will now be utilizing that data to help inform their instruction so we can help students grow as much as possible throughout the year. These exams will be taken again in February as a touch point of how we are progressing and then again in May so we can analyze each student's growth. Teachers will have their results available to you during conferences next week.

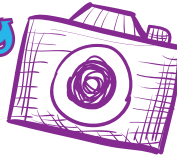


Speaking of, our first set of **Parent-Teacher Conferences will be occurring on Thursday, October 17 from 4 to 6 and Friday, October 18 from 1 to 3.** There are binders in the front office to sign up for a slot. Remember that teachers will do their best to stay on schedule, but things can run behind, so be please be flexible. If you do not get signed up, please do still free to come up during the conference times with the understanding that you will have to wait for an opening in the teacher's schedule.

Conferences also mark the half-way mark of the semester. Please discuss that with your child and work on a plan to help them finish the semester strong. You should expect your student to have homework daily, including simply reading for at least 15-20 minutes. Be sure to be checking their planners, the Remind messages from teachers and PowerSchool for additional information on how your student is doing in their classes.

Mrs. Rooker, Assistant Principal

Picture Day Monday



Picture Day is Monday, October 14. Picture packets were sent home last week. If you need one there are extras in the main office. This is a free non-uniform day for all students. We're excited to see everyone dressed to impress.



ROAR



PBIS Assembly

The PBIS Team (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) held an assembly Thursday as the kick off for the 2019-20 School Year. Students gave examples of "ROAR," played basketball musical chairs, and a ping-pong spoon relay! All students had a great time - we're looking forward to a wonderful year full of positive behaviors.

Hurricane Relief

Don't forget to purchase a dress down coupon before the month is out! We're working to assist in hurricane relief efforts through fundraising in partnership with United Way. **Dress Down Coupons are for sale in the main office for \$5 each** to dress down any day during the month of October. You may use these coupons on the same day.



Upcoming Events

- 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: No Aftercare, No Boys & Girls Club
- Oct 18: Parent-Teacher Conferences 1-3 PM
- Oct 30: Game ON! Assembly, all grades @ 1:45 PM - **Parents Welcome**
- Oct 30: Title I Family Math Night: Costume Party, Giveaways, Dancing, Free Dinner, and more!
- Nov 25-29: Fall Break
- Dec 2: Classes Resume



Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy would like to recognize and thank the more than 20 students of Olivet College for serving at MMLA on their college service day. Thank you to Olivet College and student leader Ashley (President of Olivet College's Black Student Union) for heading this year's effort up. We look forward to having Olivet College back on campus again during their spring day of service. This year marks our 5th year collaborating with the students of Olivet College. We look forward to more OC and MMLA collaborations as the year progresses.

This month we introduced the MMLA Honor Code. MMLA's Honor Code recognizes

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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

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 17
4:00-6:00 PM

Friday, October 18
1:00-3:00 PM

Sign Up in the Main Office

students that exemplify respect and effort daily. Students in grades K-3 were ranked by teachers and support staff. Students in grades 4-8 were voted on by their peers. We're so excited to celebrate MMLA students for all their hard work and effort.

Today we welcomed our State Representative whom gifted us with a donation of school supply filled backpacks. Special thanks to the MMLA 8th grade class for asking such insightful questions. State Rep Sarah Anthony informed us that she is going to fight for MMLA students to have access to the much needed state funding.

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

September Students of the Month

Kindergarten: Jerry Currin Jr.

1st Grade A: My'Onna Lee

1st Grade B: Alena Turner

2nd Grade A: De'morris Adams

2nd Grade B: Makiya Ayers

3rd Grade B: De'Quarion Mitchell-Scroggins

4th Grade A: Nevaeh Roberts

4th Grade B: Skye Hernandez

5th Grade A: Tamariana Beasley

5th Grade B: Akio Yang

6th Grade: Simone Willis

7th Grade: Analia Turner

8th Grade: Julissa Villanueva



Basketball Grades 5-8

The fall Basketball season is upon us! Mr. White & Mr. Gary will be coaching this season. Games will be on Saturdays at the Westside YMCA. Once a final schedule is set we will share with everyone so you can support the MMLA Lions! Go Team!

Reminder



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.

