



# Lion NewsBITES

## A Message from the School Principal

Hello MMLA Families,

Thank you for allowing the MMLA Team to educate your children. As the great Marva Collins says, *your children are our students, and we take great pride, honor, and compassion in building positive relationships to educate the whole child.*

We would like to give affirmations to the parents and guardians that participated in Parent-Teacher Conferences last week. If you didn't get the opportunity to speak with your child/ren's teachers there is still time to set an appointment to be provided with feedback on what they are doing in school and how you, as parents, can continue supporting their learning and growth at home.

Please, always remember that we take pride and making sure our school is safe and bully-free. Be sure all late-arriving students check-in at the office. Please continue to support the school by making sure your child/ren does not bring anything to school that's not aligned to enhancing their learning. Always contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

**Make sure you read the entire newsletter to be informed of all the wonderful events we have happening at MMLA.**

*"A great educator is someone who can give correction without causing resentment."* - John Wooden

From the lenses of your Principal Mr. James

## Academic Update

Thank you to all parents that came to conferences! It is always great to see families actively involved as we see students make the biggest gains when student, teacher and parents work together. If you were unable to make it or have additional questions, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.



We are excited to hold our first Title I Family Night this upcoming Wednesday. This will be our math night. Come out and play some math games with your family, enjoy a costume party/dance and dinner.

This upcoming week, we will also hold Halloween celebrations including our traditional costume parade. If you do not wish for your student to participate in these activities, please be sure to let the office know so we can plan alternative things for them.

Mrs. Rooker, Assistant Principal



## Student Reflection: Black Violin

The grades 5-8 went to see the group Black Violin. The Black Violin is a group that plays the violin. They played hip hop, jazz, and pop music. It was so awesome! They also had a drummer and a DJ. If you were there you would have loved it. All the students and the teachers were dancing and singing. Everyone loved it!

Orlandeeya Fields, 8th Grade



## Lions Basketball Grades 5-8

The fall Basketball season is upon us! Mr. White will be coaching

this season. Games will be on Saturdays at the Westside YMCA. See the final schedule below and come support the MMLA Lions! Go Team!

Oct. 26 @ 12 PM      Nov. 2 @ 1 PM  
Nov. 9 @ 12 PM      Nov. 16 @ 12 PM  
Nov. 23 @ 12 PM      Dec. 7 @ 1 PM

Dec 14 - Playoffs, TBD

All Games are held at:  
Westside YMCA of Lansing  
3700 Old Lansing Road  
Lansing, MI 48917



## Costume Parade

On Thurs. Oct. 31 MMLA will have an afternoon Costume Parade followed by a class party.

After lunch student will **change** from their uniforms into their costumes.

The parade will start at 1:00 PM - Parents may come to watch and take photos, please line up **outside** the school along the track.

After the parade, there will be a class party for students. You may send your child with a store bought treat to share with their class. Look for more information from their teachers regarding the class parties.

**COSTUME RULES:** Students may BRING their costume to school in a tied bag and labeled with their name.

Please no make-up or elaborate accessories as they have little time to get ready before the parade. No gore or weapons allowed.



# Upcoming Events

- Oct 26: First Fall Season Basketball Game - Noon @ the Westside YMCA
- Oct 30: Game ON! Assembly, all grades @ 1:45 PM - **Parents Welcome**
- Oct 30: No Aftercare
- Oct 30: Title I Family Math Night: Costume Party, Giveaways, Dancing, Free Dinner, and more!
- Oct 31: Costume Parade 1 PM, **Parents welcome**, please line up outside along the track to watch the parade.
- Oct 31: No Boys & Girls Club
- Nov 11: "D5" Donation Drive Dress Down Day
- Nov 19: Wharton Center Field Trip to see "The Boy Who Would Be Captain Hook" Grades: 2, 3, 4
- Nov 20: Picture Retakes
- Nov 21-22: Mobile Farm Science Lab comes to MMLA
- Dec 2: Classes Resume



Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy is so thankful to our State Representative Sarah Anthony for visiting with us this month! So thankful for her donation of backpacks and her commitment to all Lansing-area students. On Thursday Mr. Caldwell joined education advocates from across Mid-Michigan to present to Governor Gretchen Whitmer our disappointment in her line-item vetoes that negatively affect us here at MMLA. **For more information please visit MAPSA at**

## 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

## Be an Attendance HERO!

Attendance HEROes are students who are **H**ere **E**veryday **R**eady & **O**n time. On October 10 we celebrated our 129 Students from September who were an Attendance HERO!

Our October Students will be celebrated in November. Each month students reset their attendance tracker to earn Attendance HERO status. *Will your child be an Attendance HERO this school year?*

[www.charterschools.org](http://www.charterschools.org) and contact your respective MI State Representative or ask Mr. Caldwell for details.

The MMLA Boy & Girls Club offers activities, homework help, and more to MMLA students 7 years and older. MMLA BGC Memberships are \$10.00 and are good for an entire year at both MMLA and the Pleasant Grove Boys & Girls Club sites.

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.



Our first "D5" or Donation Drive Dress Down Day of the school year will be on Monday, November 11. Students who bring in a clean and gently used or new item to add to our uniform clothing closet may dress out of uniform on this day. We encourage families to label their donations to avoid any confusion. A minimum of 1 article per student is required to be out of uniform on this day.



Thank you for giving back to your school community!

## ROAR



## De'morris Le'andre Adams

Our ROAR student Spotlight is on De'Morris Le'Andre Adams. De'Morris is a 2nd grade student at MMLA. He has shown great leadership skills by being respectful to everyone around him as well as being a role model. De'Morris loves to help in the cafeteria during lunchtime and likes to play basketball and football with his friends during recess. He would like to become a professional athlete some day. His favorite colors are red and blue. He likes watching *Sponge Bob, Chapter 3*. His favorite thing to do outside of school is to eat Pizza and Hot Taki's with his friends. To satisfy his sweet tooth, De'Morris likes to snack on marshmallows. De'Morris' favorite thing about MMLA is that the teachers are very nice and that they sometimes give really good treats.

