



Lion NewsBITES

A Message from the School Principal

Hello MMLA Families!

Thank you for your continuous support in building MMLA into an educational gem.

Next week we celebrate National School Choice Week! Each day students may show their MMLA pride by participating in a special spirit day dress code. Monday is College Day, Tuesday is Hat Day, Wednesday is Class Color Day, Thursday is Twin Day, and Friday is MMLA Purple & Gold Day. Details are on the back of this newsletter.

Parents and guardians, please be informed of our school arrival and dismissal time for ALL MMLA students.

- **Arrival time:** Students will not be allowed to enter the school until 7:20 AM. This time was moved from 7:30 AM to 7:20 AM because our bus arrival times have changed.
- **Dismissal** is still 2:45 pm, but we have a two Tier busing system now to support more families riding the bus.

Please continue to dress our students in appropriate winter apparel. The winter temperatures have been very cold!

Winter NWEA: The 2nd round of MAP testing is February 3-14. Please make sure your child/ children take advantage of our after-school tutoring Monday-Wednesday from 3 pm-4 pm. Daily attendance is important also.

The MMLA Team continues to find innovative ways for our program to grow, and support the focus of educating the whole child.

February is Black History Month: Please stay informed with the array of events the school will offer. Our Annual Black History Program is open to the public and will be held at 1:40 PM in the MMLA Gym on Thursday, Feb. 27.

"The most important thing in the world is family and love."

-John Wooden

From the lenses of your Principal Mr. James

Crush Grams

MMLA's annual Winter Fundraiser will be supporting the Valentine's Day Semi-Formal this year! Crush Grams will be for sale for **\$1 each** and you can send as many as you like! All Crush Grams include a Valentine Card and a choice of Crush Soda Pop or Bag of Chips.

Parents can send them too - just stop in the main office in the morning on a sale day.

Sale Dates are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from now until Feb. 7.



Crush Grams will be delivered to students on Friday, February 14 during the last hour of the school day.

Upcoming Testing Windows

All Grades, **Winter MAP Testing:** February 3-14



Attendance Reminder

If your child will be absent from school please be sure to notify us. For your convenience we have a 24 hr Attendance Line. Please call **517-485-5806** and leave a message with student's name, grade, and reason.

Please note that written documentation must be provided to excuse the absence.

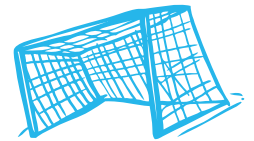
Semi Formal Clothing Drive



Do you have an old formal dress in the back of your closet? How about a neck tie you haven't put on in while? We're looking for donations of semi-formal clothing for students in grades K-8. Our hope is to have items available to any student wanting to attend our first annual Semi-Formal Valentines Dance that doesn't have access to these items at home. Please bring donations into MMLA from now through February 8.



Youth Soccer



The City of Lansing Spring Youth Soccer registration is open! Sign up by March 9 to save \$10 on registration fees.

Grades K-1 plays a choice of a Wed/Sat or Thu/Sat game schedule, with all games played at Davis Park.

Grades 2-3 plays a choice of a Wed/Sat or Thu/Sat game schedule at the Hope Soccer Complex.

Grades 4-5-6 plays a Tue/Sat schedule with all games at the Hope Soccer Complex. Volunteer coaches needed. League play starts the week of April 13th.



Three Ways to Register:

1. Online at www.lansingmi.gov/parks
2. By phone with a credit card (483-4039)
3. In person at any Community Center



Upcoming Events

- Dec 1-Feb 8: Semi-Formal Clothing Drive
- Jan 27-31: School Spirit Week
- Feb 10: Board Meeting, 6pm
- Feb 12: 2021 Return Forms Due
- Feb 12: Spring Picture Day
- Feb 12: Spring Count Day, Free Dress Down Day
- Feb 13: Title I Family Literacy Night and Semi-Formal Dance
- Feb 17-21: **No School**, Mid-Winter Break
- Feb 27: Black History Program

School notices including closings and delays will be posted on the MMLA Facebook Page. Visit www.facebook.com/MMLALIONS



JANUARY 2020

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FEBRUARY 2020

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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 SPIRIT WEEK: JANUARY 27-31, 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>COLLEGE DAY Wear clothing and jersey's from your favorite college with uniform pants.</p>	<p>HAT DAY Wear a fun, cool, or crazy hat with your school uniform.</p>	<p>CLASS COLOR DAY Wear clothing that matches your class color: 1G - red, 1st - orange, 2nd - yellow, 3rd - green, 4th - blue, 5th - purple, 6th - pink, 7th - white, 8th - black</p>	<p>TWIN DAY Pick a friend an dress as a twin (or triplet) for the day!</p>	<p>PURPLE & GOLD DAY Wear MMLA School Colors and logo gear to celebrate your school spirit!</p>



Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy, is excited to welcome the community to our MMLA Black History Program. This event is free and open to the public. Our program is scheduled for 1:40pm on Thursday, February 27, 2020 in the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy gymnasium. We are so thrilled to welcome you to campus to celebrate our students.

We're still looking for donations of semi-formal clothing for our youth. Donations will be given

to students in need of clothing for our special Valentine's Semi-Formal Dance in conjunction with our annual Literacy Night. Dresses, jackets, ties, shirts, shoes, and belts are all needed in sizes for 5-13 year olds.

We're also hosting a Title I Family Literacy Night and Semi-Formal Dance on Thursday, February 13. Invitations and RSVP forms will be sent home in the next week or so. Please return those promptly. We're excited for another great event with literacy games, giveaways, dance with DJ Jereny, dinner and much more!

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

ROAR



Terrell Bynum

Our ROAR Student Spotlight is on Terrell Bynum who is a third grade student at MMLA. He strives to be respectful to teachers and listen to their instructions. At school, Terrell enjoys taking tests because it helps him figure out what he still needs to learn. He also enjoys multiplication and division. His favorite classes are PE, and Computers, where he practices typing skills. Zap Zone is his favorite place to go and have fun, his favorite color is green, and his favorite movie is Transformers. When he is not at school he enjoys spending time with his family watching movies, and going out to eat at Red Lobster. He says that when he is older he wants to be a police officer because he would like to help the community and make sure it is safe. His favorite thing about MMLA is that the teachers are always there to help him.



Schedule

- 7:20 AM School Building Opens. Please drop students off at the West Entrance of the Main Building from the Gym Parking Lot area. Please do NOT drop off students early as they may be unsupervised.
- 7:20 - 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
- 5:30 PM Cub Club Pick-up