



Lion NewsBITES

A Message from the School Principal

Hello MMLA Families!

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

Dismissal Information:

Please remember to call in to let our office know if your child/ children will be doing something different at the end of the day, preferably before noon. Our staff is very concerned with student safety and we work hard to get students on the correct bus each evening. Please send a note with your child/ children or call before 12 noon that day to make dismissal changes. We want to make sure your child/children get home to you safely each evening on the correct bus.

Parent Involvement:

It is important that we continue to work together with both parents and the community to develop a fantastic educational program for all students. We will have our next PTO meeting on February 13th. Times are varied to support parents' schedules. 9 a.m.-10 a.m., 10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m., 1

p.m.- 2p.m. and 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Please join Mr. James and Mr. Caldwell at MMLA conference room.

Also on February 13 is our Annual Title I Family Literacy Night and Valentine's Semi-Formal Dance. There will be no Cub Club in preparation for the event. We hope to see everyone at the event from 4:30-7pm dressed to impress!

MAP Testing:

MMLA is in the 2nd round (Winter MAP) of testing for math and reading. Our testing window is February 3rd -14th. Parents, please support our students by keeping attendance high. Our teachers and students work hard each year, and those efforts are shown in the student's scores.

February is Black History Month: MMLA has brought great recognition to remind our students. A special program will take place on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 1:40 PM in the MMLA Gym.

From the lenses of your Principal Mr. James

Spring Picture Day



Spring Picture Day is Wed., February 12. Picture Packets went home last week; if you need another see Ms. Lee or Ms. Aikens in the main office. This is a **free non-uniform day for all students**. We're excited to see everyone's smiling faces!



Lions Basketball Schedule

All games are held on Saturdays at the Westside YMCA 3700 Old Lansing Rd. Lansing, MI 48917.

Please come out to a game to cheer on our basketball team with our cheerleaders!

Feb. 8 @ 3 PM Feb. 22 @ 2 PM
Feb. 15 @ 3 PM March 7 @ 2 PM

Playoffs March 14, time TBD



Title I Book Giveaway

February 13 at 4:30 PM

As part of our Title I Family Literacy Night, all families who attend the event will receive a book to read at home!

did not turn one in you can still attend the event we just may not have dinner available for you.

In addition to Literacy Night activities there will also be a photo booth, caricature artist, and dancing with DJ Jereny. Come Dressed to Impress in your Semi-Formal attire!

Be an Attendance HERO!

Attendance HEROes are students who are **H**ere **E**veryday **R**eady & **O**n time. On February 5 we will celebrate our 85 students from January who were an Attendance HERO!

Mobile Food Pantry

On Saturday, Feb. 15 starting at 9:00 AM the Mobile Food Pantry will be located at:



Pennway Church of God
1101 E. Cavanaugh Rd.
Lansing, MI 48910



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

- 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: **No Cub Club** or afterschool activities in order to to prepare for Family Night
- Feb 13: Title I Family Literacy Night, **BOOK GIVEAWAY** and Semi-Formal Dance
- Feb 17-21: **No School**, Mid-Winter Break
- Feb 24: Classes Resume
- Feb 27: Black History Program, 1:40 PM - Public welcome!
- March 1-31: Open Enrollment for 2020-21 All Grades
- March 4: Kindergarten Round Up, 1-7 PM with giveaways!
- March 4: Wharton Center Field Trip for Grades K-1 to see "Rabbit and the Moon"
- March 5: State Capitol Building & MI Historical Museum Field Trip for Grade 3



Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy (MMLA), 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 black history.

We are also asking for gently used children's dress clothing to support the MMLA

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



Valentine's Semi-Formal Dance. You can drop off items here at MMLA any day that we are in school. We will continue to take donations through Wednesday, Feb. 12.

MMLA will host our Kindergarten Round Up on Wednesday, March 4 from 1-7pm in rm 1003. There will be KG activities, enrollment information and giveaways. Please invite a friend with KG eligible students. Students must be 5 by Dec. 1, 2020.

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

January

Students of the Month

- 4th Grade A**
Lawrenzo Franklin
- Kindergarten**
Delvon Clayborn Jr.
- 1st Grade A**
Katelynn Adams
- 1st Grade B**
Na'Layeah Jelks
- 2nd Grade A**
Keymari Clayborn
- 2nd Grade B**
Yusmery Hernandez
- 3rd Grade**
Kemia Jelks
- 4th Grade B**
Selina Aubrey
- 5th Grade A**
Divinity Arnette
- 5th Grade B**
Kimora Nicholson
- 6th Grade**
Aliya Gunn
- 7th Grade**
Elijah Bloomingberg
- 8th Grade**
Lillian Goe

ROAR



Jeziel Spears

Jeziel is our Student Spotlight ROAR model student! Jeziel does a wonderful job being a ROAR model everyday. She is always prepared, she follows the directions of all staff, and she is very helpful to her peers. Jeziel loves that MMLA helps her get ready for college. She feels like she is more prepared for highschool and beyond. Her favorite subject is math, because she loves to divide! Her favorite color is purple and she loves to watch the movie 'Shark Tale'. She loves to eat pasta, hot fries, and drink pepsi. When she is not at school, she loves to hang out with friends and just talk. Thank you Jeziel for helping create an amazing environment at MMLA!



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

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