



# Lion NewsBITES

## A Message from the School Director

Hello MMLA Parents and Guardians,  
As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times. Our MMLA Team would like to graciously express our pride and joy we have with knowing how our parents, students, community, and stakeholders have supported our school. Our goal that links directly to our mission and vision statement is to build positive school culture. Which offers academic excellence, and a priority to serve our parents along with partnering with the community.

Please take the time to view these very important dates and events happening with your child/children's school.

### Count-day: Wednesday, Oct. 7

Last year MMLA accounted for ALL students By 9:00 AM that was fantastic!!

This year we would like to improve on that record by having all students accounted for by 8:30 AM. We Can Do It!!

Parents, Please have all your our MMLA students link into classes by 8:30 AM. Face to face students needs to be at school by 8:30 AM.

The incentive Prize for student check-in by 8:30 AM will be a fashionable MMLA

T-shirt, candy surprise, and \$5 in "Swag Bucks" our students will be able to use at the MMLA store.

The prize package will be ready for pick-up, delivery, or mailed out by noon on Count Day.

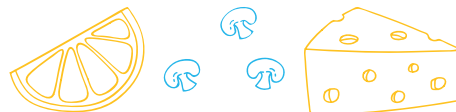


Starting **Monday, Oct. 5** the entire school will be running a new schedule. Please look for information from your teacher through Class Tag on details of your child's schedule. Middle School's first-class check-in will be at 8:00 AM - go *middle school!*

Please contact your Principal, Mr. James at 517-267-3573 with any questions or concerns.

*"Unity is strength....when there are teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."*  
Mattie Stepanek

From the lenses of your Principal Mr. James



## Academic Update

Welcome to the 2020/2021 school year! We are excited to have you with us.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we journey through this virtual world of teaching and learning. We are proud of the students for all of the accomplishments they have made so far. We began MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing last week and will continue testing for the next several weeks. Students are working hard, staying focused and on task. We appreciate your support with all of this.



We are using Class Tag to communicate with families. To join please provide your email address to your child's teacher. This is the best way for you to know everything that you need to know about what is happening in your child's class.

As the new year begins we welcome our new staff members: Ms. Kucera- 3rd grade, Ms. Ousley- 3rd grade, Ms. Klein-Overmeer- 5th grade, Mr. Stockwell -MS History and Mr. Horton- Spanish. We are happy to have them as members of our MMLA family.

I am excited to have taken on the position of Assistant Principal and look forward to working with Mr. James and the entire staff to make 2020/2021 our best year yet! Please know that I am available if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Brown, Assistant Principal



## Free Meals: Distribution Schedule

### Virtual MMLA Students and Community Children:

- Mondays: 1pm to 2:30pm or until meals run out (3 breakfasts & 3 lunches per child up to 18\*)
- Thursdays: 1pm to 2:30pm or until meals run out (4 breakfasts & 4 lunches per child up to 18\*)

\*Free meals are also available to the community up to age 26 that are disabled and enrolled in a public school program receiving learning services

### Face-to-Face MMLA Students:

- All School Days: 1 breakfast and 1 lunch will be distributed to your child for immediate consumption at school
- Fridays: 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches will be sent home with your child for weekend consumption

*It's important to know that students receiving meals at school during face to face learning can not also receive curbside meals.*

# Upcoming Events

- Sept 14 - Oct 16: MAP Testing Window, All Grades
- Oct 7: Count Day & Free Dress Down Day
- Oct 15: Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-6 PM
- Oct 16: Early Release, **Dismissal @ Noon** (after lunch)
- Oct 16: Parent-Teacher Conferences 1-3 PM
- Oct 21: Bus Transportation route information distributed
- Oct 26: **All Students return to face-to-face learning, all students need to be in a school uniform**
- Oct 29: **POSTPONED** Title I Family Math Night

# COVID Screening

## Daily Screening:

All students are screened at the West Entrance Doors. The 5-8 students and the K-4 students line up in separate lines clearly marked with Xs on the ground to keep a 6' distance. Students are then asked about the COVID screening questions and their temperature is taken. After that students receive a wristband, breakfast, and head to class through classroom doors to limit the amount of students in the hallways.

## Cleaning Process:

Sanitation of all surfaces, lab computers, door knobs and restrooms are being done multiple times a day. All students are using hand sanitizer upon entrance to the classrooms and throughout the day as needed. The school also has a professional cleaning team come in in addition to our regular custodial cleaning staff.

## We have a plan for that!

Our school team has a very detailed (50+ pages) on all of our plans related to the "what ifs" COVID brings. To read the plan go to [mmlalions.org](http://mmlalions.org)

## Concerns?

Mr. James is available to answer all of your questions and concerns. Please call him directly at 517-267-3573.

# SEPTEMBER 2020

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# OCTOBER 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](http://www.facebook.com/MMLALIONS)

# September Students of the Month

**Kindergarten:** Desmond Fincher-Jones

**Kindergarten:** Xavierra Poole

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade A:** Matthew Fox

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade A:** Skye Jones

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade B:** Durwin Sorrells Maxon Jr.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade A:** Amarion Sadler

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade B:** Makiya Ayers

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade A:** Jaden Emanuel

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade B:** Ce'Anna Bonner

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade A:** Amber Washington

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade B:** Jaheem McNamara

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade A:** Howard Davis

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade B:** Jazlynn Jones

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** DeShawn Thomas

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Yonatan Addisu-Tadese



# Schedule

- 7:30 AM School Building  
*Opens. Please drop students off at the West Entrance of the Main Building from the Gym Parking Lot area.*
- 7:30 - 8 AM Breakfast Available
- 7:45 AM Classes Begin
- 8:01 AM Students are marked tardy
- 9:30 AM West Entrance doors will closed for student entry, *no in-person students after 9:30 AM*
- 11:05 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch *(exact time varies by grade)*
- 2:45 PM Student Dismissal

## Starting Monday, Oct. 5

Student Dismissal  
Parent-Pick Up will be at the  
FRONT/Main Entrance

# Get Connected!

## Class Tag:

Classtag is our new communication system between parents and teachers this school year! Classtag has replaced Remind, which we have used in years past. To sign up for Classtag, you will need a code from your child's teacher. Teachers can also add parents by their phone numbers or email addresses - so if you get a request to join, please do! Feel free to call the office if you have any questions and they can connect you with your child's teacher.

## School Wide Text Messages:

To receive school wide reminders via text you need to opt-in by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 67587. Make sure this phone number is current with the front office as the main parent/guardian contact daytime number associated with your child.

## Facebook:

Like our page at [facebook.com/mmlalions](http://facebook.com/mmlalions)