



Lion NewsBITES

A Message from the School Principal

Hello MMLA Parents and Guardians,
We are off on a positively refreshing start at MMLA for 2021. We are going to continue standing together to face any challenging situation that comes our way. Of course, we are expecting great things to come for the MMLA community. Our staff, students, and families will continue working hard together to create great things for our educational program.

Parents and Guardians, please keep the wonderful communication coming to your School Leader about the impact we are having on your child/children's education either face-to-face or virtual. Our staff team enjoys educating our students and we work hard at enhancing our craft.

We are proud to have all our MMLA students witness history with the 2021 Presidential Inauguration. Vice President Kamala Harris made history by becoming the first woman in history - as well as the first woman of African American and South Asian decent to hold the post of Vice President of the United States of America. This has removed multiple barriers and allows more of our children to carry that dream of their own.

Today Term 1 report cards were mailed home with a lot of information additional information. Please look for these letters

and instructions on what needs to be returned to the school. Included in the mailing is:

- **Report Cards** for all grades
- **Return Form** - This is a 2021-22 re-enrollment form. Please get this form completed and returned to the office asap. We are at capacity with most of our grades, and we don't want to give away any student's spot.
- **PowerSchool Login** for all grades
- **Text message** sign-up instructions
- **Contact Update Sheet** for all grades - please return with changes to the main office.

We need your help with word of mouth recruiting for our Kindergarten Jr. class. If you have friends and they have a 5-year-old. Please send them to MMLA academic excellence program.

Families please be informed that MMLA is doing face to face learning with busing and hot lunch served daily. For families that are not ready, virtual learning is still available for your student to get daily educational teaching in all grades.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

Nelson Mandela


From the lenses of your Principal Mr. James

Academic Update

MMLA teachers and staff are excited to be back!

We look forward to working with you and your family in achieving great success this school year!

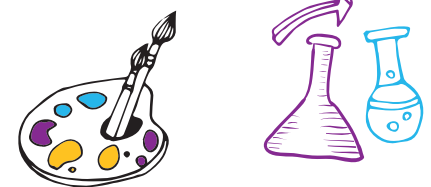
We have already started our NWEA testing. Thank you for having your child present (in person and virtual) and focused during their testing time.

 Please remember if you have any questions about your child's attendance

or work completion to contact their teacher(s). I am available as well if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate hearing from you and are committed to working as a team for the success of your child.

Thank you for your flexibility during these unprecedented times and your commitment to MMLA .

Mrs. Brown, Assistant Principal



Water Bottles

MMLA has install 2 additional water bottle refill stations in the main hallway. Since the mouth spigot is closed off due to COVID restrictions we encourage all in-person students to have a water bottle with them daily that they can refill.

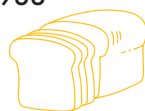


Bread Distribution

On the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM the Northwest Initiative & Panera Bread will be distributing bread and baked goods located at:

First Presbyterian Church
510 W. Ottawa St., lower level,
Lansing, MI 48933

For more information contact 517 - 999 - 2894.



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.

Upcoming Events

- Jan 22: Term 1 Report Cards Mailed - please make sure your address is current with the school
- Jan 25-29: Schools of Choice Week - Spirit Week
- Feb 8: School Board Meeting
- Feb 10: Spring Count Day
- Feb 10: Return Forms due back to the school for all Kindergarten Jr. thru 7th grade students
- Feb 15: School Closed, Presidents' Day
- Feb 15-19: **Mid-Winter Break, No School**
- Feb 22: Classes Resume



School Notices including Closings and Delays will be posted on the MMLA Facebook Page. Visit www.facebook.com/MMLALIONS

JANUARY 2021

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FEBRUARY 2021

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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



Spirit Week: January 25-29, 2021

In celebration of National School Choice Week MMLA is celebrating with 5 Spirit Days! In-Person and Virtual Students are both encouraged to participate. Come to class and later post to your favorite Social Media sites with #MMLASpirit and #SchoolChoiceWeek and tag Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy! Participants will have a chance to earn a prize!

MONDAY

ONESIE / PAJAMA DAY
*no shorts or tank tops

TUESDAY

HAT DAY
*with school uniform

THURSDAY

SPARKLE & SHINE, BLING DAY
wear glitter, sequins, and bling with your uniform pants or jeans

WEDNESDAY

CLASS COLOR DAY
*with jeans or colored bottoms (no leggings)

FRIDAY

MMLA SPIRIT WEAR / PURPLE & GOLD DAY

ROAR



Ashley
Mendoza-Guerrero

Our ROAR student spotlight is on Ashley Mendoza-Guerrero. She accepts responsibility in school by taking ownership of what she does. Her favorite subject is science with Ms. Hendricks because of her interesting lessons! When she is not at school she likes to play soccer or spend time with her siblings. Her favorite holiday is Christmas and her favorite place to travel to is Mexico. Her favorite food is tamales which she makes at home, and her favorite snack is chips! When Ashley grows up she would like to be a doctor. She said her favorite thing about MMLA is all the great teachers because of everything they teach her every day. Thank you, Ashley for helping to create such a positive environment here at MMLA!



December Students of the Month

- Kinder Jr:** Aminah McFarland
- Kindergarten:** Alivia Wilson
- 1st Grade A:** A'Marianna Gilmore
- 1st Grade B:** Ashton Roberts
- 2nd Grade A:** Byron Davis-Lawson
- 2nd Grade B:** Elijah Powers
- 3rd Grade A:** Cataliyah Trevino
- 3rd Grade B:** Nazayah Poole'Johnson
- 4th Grade A:** Jazzlynn Allen-Roberts
- 4th Grade B:** Destiny Bloomingberg
- 5th Grade A:** Donovan McIntosh
- 5th Grade B:** Da'Mari Young
- 6th Grade A:** Donnie Page V
- 6th Grade B:** Ananiah Mosely
- 7th Grade:** Ania Anderson
- 8th Grade:** Israel Howard