



Lion NewsBITES

A Message from the School Principal

Hello MMLA Parents and Guardians,
As we welcome students back from Mid-Winter Break and temperatures outside are getting warmer we would like to remind everyone of **MMLA's uniform requirements**. A copy of the full uniform policy was sent home today and there is also a copy on our website. Please review in detail.

A few uniform reminders:

- School uniform colors for **tops** are white, black and sky blue; **bottoms** are black or khaki.
- If a student wears tights/leggings under a uniform skirt, it must be a uniform color. Leggings may not be worn as pants.
- Hoodies may only be worn if they are the MMLA hoodie.

MMLA had a successful Spring Count Day

and we have wrapped up NWEA Winter Testing. **We would like to thank our parents for their strong partnership with MMLA** and helping your child and our school achieve great success! We couldn't do it without you.

In continuing your partnership we highly encourage all families to participate in **Parent-Teacher Conferences** on March 11 & 12. You can sign-up now by going to

signupgenius.com/go/9040848a4ac29aaf94-mmla

"The Greatness Of A Community Is Most Accurately Measured By The Compassionate Actions Of Its Members."

-Coretta Scott King

From the lenses of your Principal Mr. James



March is Reading Month!

March is reading month and we are very excited to announce some great things happening at

MMLA! There will be a book fair happening March 16 & 17 and the school will be purchasing a book for every student! If you would like to send money with your student those days to purchase additional books, you may do so.

The book fair will be available until 5:30pm on Wednesday, March 17 so that families of in person or virtual students can purchase books. Virtual families: please reach out to your student's teacher to find out the time that their class will be shopping if your student wants to shop at the same time as their class.

Every week of reading month will have a different focus.

- Week one: students are encouraged to read in class to other students.
- Week two: parents/guardians are invited to pre-record themselves reading a book that can be emailed to the teacher, or they may read virtually to the class. Please reach out to your student's teacher to schedule this.
- Week three: older students will be visiting younger students' classrooms to read to them.
- Week four: we will have staff and special guests as readers to the students in our school!

We ask that you please communicate with your students the events that will be happening. *Thank you for your support!*

Academic Update

Students ended the month of February by sharing their *Black History Month* book with their classmates and staff. We look forward to *March is Reading Month*. We will decorate our classroom doors and draw murals representing our books so that everyone can share in the joy of reading.

Parent teacher conferences are Thursday, March 11 (4:00 - 6:00 PM) and Friday, March 12 (1:00 - 3:00 PM). Teachers are sending a link on through Class-Tag where you can schedule a time to meet. Please join us to talk about the accomplishments being made by your child/children.

Be sure to check out the classroom door decorations and murals during your visit to the school. We look forward to seeing you at conferences!

Mrs. Brown, Assistant Principal



Our next "D5" or Donation Drive Dress Down Day of the school year will be on 3 full days! Wed. March 31, April 1 & 2. Students who bring in a clean and gently used or new item to add to our clothing closet may dress out of uniform on that 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 that day.



Thank you for giving back to your school community!



Upcoming Events

- March 8: Board Meeting 6PM
- March 10: Kindergarten Round-Up 4:00-6:00 PM
- March 11: Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-6:00 PM
- March 12: Early Release, Dismissal at Noon
- March 12: Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:00-3:00 PM
- March 16 & 17: Book Fair (\$15 worth of free books for every student!)
- Mar 31, Apr 1 & 2: D⁵ (see article for details)
- April 2: Early Release, Dismissal at Noon
- April 5-9: Spring Break, No School
- April 12: Classes Resume
- April 12: Board Meeting 6PM
- April 13: 8th Grade PSAT

Parent-Teacher Conferences

SIGN-UP IS NOW AVAILABLE! This year MMLA is utilizing 'Sign-up Genius' for Parent-Teacher Conferences. A link was emailed out to the main parent/guardian contact on file for each student as well as a text message sent. *If you did not receive these messages please call the main office to update your contact information.* Teachers will also be communicating through Class-Tag; so look for a message from your child's teacher with a link to sign up for a time to meet with information from your child's teacher(s) for Parent-Teacher Conferences. **We're offering face-to-face and virtual meeting options.**

Thursday, March 11

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Friday, March 12

1:00 - 3:00 PM

MARCH 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



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



STEAM Lab

Students at MMLA love exploring their creative side with Mr. Holmes in the STEAM Lab! Teria Davis is pictured here with her recent creation.

I made the pillow in art class in the steam lab. I chose it because I wanted to learn something new. I picked blue because it matched with my bedroom walls. I really enjoyed making it. I would like to make more pillows and other projects like a shirt. - Teria Davis



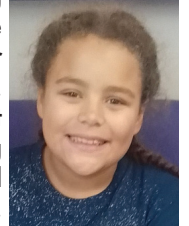
Ask your child what their favorite station in the STEAM Lab is and start a great conversation.

ROAR



Jazzlynn Roberts-Allen

Our ROAR student spotlight is on Jazzlynn Roberts-Allen who is in Mrs. Mitchell's 4th grade class. She is a role model in school by helping other students when they struggle with math, and helping Mrs. Mitchell. Her favorite subject is math and her favorite class is art with Mr. Holmes. When she's not at school she enjoys playing the game, "Among Us" and also playing with her cats. Her favorite movie is Home Alone, and her favorite show is Blackish. She says that when she grows up she would like to be a teacher! Her favorite holidays are Christmas and Valentines Day. Some other favorite things are cats and monkeys, the game Monopoly, and macaroni and cheese with hamburger which she calls "Ham Mac". Her favorite thing about MMLA is all of the teachers and how nice everyone is. Thank you, Jazzlynn, for being such a great role model for others!



February Students of the Month

Kinder Jr: K-Riyah Herron

Kindergarten: Brellyn Brown

1st Grade A: Lilliann Campbell

1st Grade B: Dareon Lockridge

2nd Grade A: TaJei' Jackson

2nd Grade B: Teyara Bloomingberg

3rd Grade A: Esmeralda Saenz

3rd Grade B: Mario Cannon

4th Grade A: Jy'Air Street

4th Grade B: Kristal Saenz

5th Grade A: Yordan Hernandez

5th Grade B: Desaree Barber

6th Grade A: Taven Buck

6th Grade B: Brent Vega

7th Grade: Alon Harden

8th Grade: Christianna Malone