



# Lion NewsBITES

## A Message from the School Principal

Hello MMLA Parents and Guardians,

I must always start my information off letting our MMLA Community know how pleased we are with the support and awareness of our MMLA health and safety policies.

Throughout May, MMLA will be focusing on M-Step and NWEA testing. Families, please continue to support the academic efforts of our students testing by supporting the guidelines of all students must test In-person.

We are proud to witness our In-person attendance percentage rate increase. We truly understand and support the individual concerns of each of our wonderful MMLA families. If you have any questions or concerns with wanting your student/ students to return to In-person learning please contact Mr. James.

Please stay informed through MMLA newsletters, Facebook page, and teacher's Google Classroom about the upcoming events happening in May at MMLA. Families, please use MMLA's Facebook page to put out affirmations about your community educational program. We are here to serve our students, families, and community. Let's hear the stories from you guys.

This school year has strengthened our togetherness! Let's hear our ROAR throughout the community.

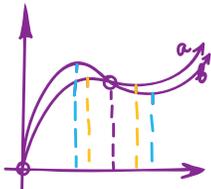
"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." -Phil Jackson

From the lenses of your Principal Mr. James

## Academic Update

Dear MMLA Families,

Thank you for your help in getting your child(ren) to school for testing. We are finishing up M-Step testing and have begun NWEA testing. We really appreciate your support with these very important tests. The grade level schedule for NWEA testing is in this newsletter so you can plan ahead. There are lots of great prizes for students who show growth on these tests.



This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. We have had some special treats and gifts for our teachers to let them know how much they are appreciated here at MMLA. Please join me in thanking them for all of their hard work and dedication to our school!

Our Ice cream Social is on May 20. Please mark your calendar so you can join us for this fun event.

We are in the planning stages for our Kindergarten and 8th grade celebrations. These events will take place on June 10th. More detailed information will be coming soon.

Mrs. Brown, Assistant Principal

## Upcoming Testing Dates

### NWEA/Map Testing Math:

- Wed., May 12 - 2nd Grade
- Thurs., May 13 - 3rd Grade
- Mon., May 17 - 4th Grade
- Tues., May 18 - 5th & 8th
- Wed., May 19 - 6th Grade
- Thurs., May 20 - 7th & 8th

### NWEA/Map Testing Reading:

- Mon., May 10 - 6th Grade
- Tues., May 11 - 7th & 8th

**Kindergarten & 1st Grade** testing is one-on one and will be happening throughout the entire month of May. Virtual students in KG & 1st grade may come in any day between 8am and 1pm to test. Testing runs approximately 90 min.

**All testing will be in-person.**  
Students need to arrive by 8:30 AM on their scheduled testing day.

## April

## Students of the Month

- Kindergarten:** Desmond Fincher-Jones
- Kindergarten:** Arrelle Nason Jr.
- 1st Grade A:** Rickeya Robinson
- 1st Grade B:** Alyze Vallejo
- 2nd Grade A:** Samuel Williams
- 2nd Grade B:** Aiden Vinson
- 3rd Grade A:** Julian Torres-Martinez
- 3rd Grade B:** Malaysia Lee
- 4th Grade A:** Xavion Dunn
- 4th Grade B:** Gerinee Streeter
- 5th Grade A:** Neveah Roberts
- 5th Grade B:** James Bloomingberg
- 6th Grade A:** Makaila Adams
- 6th Grade B:** Hassan Ali
- 7th Grade:** Mikyel Adams-Dabner
- 8th Grade:** Jakwavion Dabner-Depriest

## 8th Grade Trip to Craig's Cruisers

The 8th grade class was able to go to Craig's Cruisers in Grand Rapids because of how well we worked on our P-SAT. There were a lot of things to do there! Robert and I went on a zip line. It was scary and it was really high off the ground. Jose, Robert and I went Go-karting. We were drifting. After that we went to the diner to hang out and eat food and drink.

Later we went to go ride the roller coaster - then we went on the trampoline after laser tag; Robert won that one. Robert did the ninja warrior course best for the whole day. We were vibing. It was a fun day!

-Yonatan Addisu-Tadese, 8th Grade Student

