



# Lion NewsBITES

## A Message from the School Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please be informed that December 17th, 2021 is our last day of school before Winter Break. It's a half day of school that ends at 12 noon. All students should be picked up by 12:15pm.

The MMLA Team wants to continue to express our appreciation to all our Parents and Guardians. The 2021/2022 school year has been a great learning experience for all.

Please read the information for what the MMLA Team needs for our families to support our learning at school

1. Winter gear: All students must come with boots, gloves, hat, and winter coat.

2. Our arrival time is open until 9:30 am, but we need students in class by 7:50 am daily when Period 1 begins.

3. Student behaviors: we need each individual family to work with and support their teacher requests to meet with parents or guardians to improve the situation for all students' learning.

Parents and Guardians: MMLA Team is always available to support in every area for our students. We strive to support the Whole Child.

*"Every Accomplishment Starts With the decision to Try."* - Cannon Smith

**Happy Holidays To All!**

From the lenses of your Principal Mr. James

## Academic Update

Dear MMLA Families,

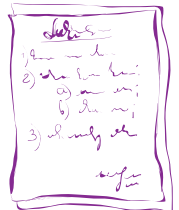
Cold weather has arrived! Just a reminder that students go outside every day. Coats, hats and gloves are necessary.

We have a short time left before our break. We would like students to finish strong. Please encourage them to do their best and to get homework done and turned in.

We have many ways for you to be notified about snow days. One important way is through our Robo call. We need to have phone numbers updated in order for you to get this message. Please contact Ms. Lee to make any necessary changes.

*Wishing you a Happy Holiday and a Blessed New Year!!*

Mrs. Brown, Assistant Principal



**Winter Break**  
**No School December 20- January 3**  
 Classes Resume on **TUESDAY** (not Monday) **JANUARY 4**

**Winter Break Office Hours** Dec. 28, 29, 30 from 8:30am-3pm

## Be an Attendance HERO!

Attendance HEROes are students who are **Here** everyday **Ready** & **On** time. On December 9 we celebrated our over 70 Students from November who were an Attendance HERO!

Our December Students will be celebrated in January. Each month students reset their attendance tracker to earn Attendance HERO status.



## Dress Down Days

**Wed. Dec. 15** - Hat Day, wear your school uniform with a hat!



**Thurs. Dec. 16** - College Dress Down Day, you may be out of uniform on this day if you are wearing college logo gear (no professional sports, colleges only please)

**Friday, Dec. 17** - Dress Down Day for everyone!

## Friday, Dec. 17

**Every school days counts!** Please be sure to send your child to school on Friday, Dec. 17. We have some fun activities planned including art, basketball, and pizza lunch. Dismissal is at noon.

# PTO

The MMLA Parent Teacher Organization would like all parents to join our new Facebook Group to stay connected! To join go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mmlapto> and request to join. PTO Meetings are held on the second



Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. We hope to see you at the next meeting!

# Upcoming Events

- Dec 13: Board Meeting 6 PM
- Dec 15: Hat Day w/ uniform
- Dec 16: College Dress Down Day
- Dec 17: Dress Down Day for all!
- Dec 17: Early Release, Dismissal at Noon
- Dec 20 - Jan 3: Winter Break, **No School**
- Dec 31: Last Day to get \$5 off your Yearbook Pre-Order online
- Jan 3: PD/Records Day, No Students
- Jan. 4: **Classes Resume on TUESDAY, Jan. 4**
- Jan 10: Board Meeting 6 PM
- Jan 11: PTO Meeting 5:30 PM
- Jan 17: **School Closed**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## DECEMBER 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

## Order by Dec. 31 and Save!

MMLA Yearbooks are \$15 each but from **now until Dec. 31** you can pre-order yours online with a \$5 off coupon - so they're **only \$10 each** for a full color 20+ page yearbook full of memories from the 2021-22 School Year! To order go to: <https://store.shopyearbook.com/mmlayearbook> and use **coupon code HOLIDAY**

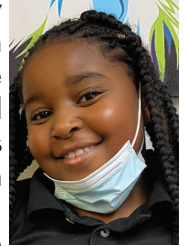
We are only accepting online orders at this time.

# ROAR



## Tajei Jackson

Tajei is our ROAR student of the month! She is amazing at being respectful to her peers and ALL MMLA staff. She is also very good at being safe in school. Tajei works very hard on her classroom assignments. Her favorite thing about MMLA is all of the different activities that she gets to learn how to do, like centers. Her favorite color is blue and she loves to watch the new Annie movie. Her favorite holiday is Christmas and she LOVES to eat Smarties. When she is not at school, you can find Tajei playing on her phone. Thank you Tajei for helping make MMLA a great place to learn and grow!



## Closings & Delays

Notification of changes in the school's schedule will be posted on the school's Facebook page by 6:20am the day of and an automated call or text message will be sent out through a messenger service. Notifications will also be distributed to local television and radio stations. Please keep your contact information current with the school to receive these messages and make sure to like our Facebook Page at [facebook.com/mmlalions](https://facebook.com/mmlalions)



## Need a Winter Coat?

MMLA has been fortunate to receive an abundance of winter coat donations. If your child is in need, please contact the main office or one of our school social workers for assistance.



## November Students of the Month

**Kinder Jr:** Storm Hernandez

**Kinder A:** Aminah McFarland

**Kinder B:** Joseph Betancourt

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade A:** Lily Yang

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade B:** Gabriel Ankhmaat

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade B:** E'moni Williams

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade A:** Madeline Jordan

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade B:** Katelynn Adams

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade A:** Tyreese Turner Jr

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade B:** Christian Bolton

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade A:** Aweys Husein

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade B:** Destiny Bloomingberg

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade A:** Skye Hernandez

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade B:** Gabriel Poole

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade A:** Dakota Kristofferson

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade B:** Martez Jackson

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Kaltouma Abakar