



MMS MATTERS

December 1, 2017



CHOOSE KIND INITIATIVE

"If every person in this room made it a rule that wherever you are, whenever you can, you will try to act a little kinder than is necessary-the world really would be a better place." –R.J. Palacio, Wonder

As we continue our reading of Wonder, MMS is beginning our own Choose Kind initiative. The idea was sparked by parent, Stephanie Lampi, who has a vision that one small act of kindness can make a big impact on the lives of our school community. Beginning next Monday, December 4, when a student or staff member witnesses or is a recipient of a random act of kindness, they will write on a small heart what happened and the name of the person who went out of their way to be kind. These hearts will be hung in our foyer for all to see kindness grow. Our hope is that as a result of our efforts at MMS the kindness will spread to our families and into our community. Dr. Wayne W. Dyer said it best, "If you have a choice between being right and being kind, choose kind."



VISITORS FROM JAPAN

Sixth grade Social Studies classes have currently been exploring the natural processes of the earth, specifically looking at natural features and natural hazards of the world. This past Wednesday, 6th grade students in Mr. Wismer's 2nd and 3rd hour classes had the opportunity to speak with MSU English Language Center students, Sumire Umakoshi, Kana Nishino, Miho Fujita, who are from Japan, about what life is like in the disaster prone area known as the Ring of Fire. MMS students carried on an open dialogue with our visitors about the hazards we are likely to experience here in Michigan and were able to ask questions about the hazards experienced in Japan, and their overall preparedness for these hazards.





KIWANIS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Zufan Johnson and Elena Foreman for being recognized as the Kiwanis Student of the Month. They were recognized not only for their academic success but also for their character, leadership and citizenship. They demonstrate excellent behavior inside and outside the classroom and are well mannered and respectful to both peers and teachers. We are proud of the way they represent MacDonald Middle School.



WONDER FIELD TRIP

This year in your child's Trojan Time class we have been reading the book Wonder. To go along with the book, we have been reviewing daily "precepts" that center around understanding other's perspectives and choosing kindness. Trojan Time classes will be finishing the book in early December so as a school we can watch the new movie together. Students will be going to NCG Cinemas to watch the movie. The 8th grade will go on December 19, 6th grade on December 20 and 7th grade on December 21. This field trip is in recognition of our student's success for the beginning of the school year.

We are asking families for a donation of \$11.00 to support the transportation costs of the trip. This donation is not mandatory and all students will be able to participate, but it is very much appreciated. The busses will be leaving MacDonald at 8:45 a.m. and returning by 12:00 noon. We encourage students to begin saving their own money to help cover the cost.

Please return the attached permission slip and the \$11.00 to your child's Trojan Time teacher by **December 8**. Checks may be made payable to ELPS.



PENNY WARS UPDATE

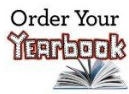
Thank you to all the staff and students for a successful Penny Wars. Together we raised \$512.75 and were able to help 18 families have a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. Our 8th grade class won the Penny War competition and earned a device day during lunch on Friday. Way to show Jr. Trojan pride!



SUCCESSFUL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We want to say a huge Thank You to Theresa Anderson for organizing our Scholastic Book Fair this week. The students previewed the book fair with their language arts class and were able to purchase books, posters and odds and ends. They were also able to go to the book fair during their lunch hour to make purchases.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time working during the day at the book fair. Also a thank you for those who brought in breakfast treats on Monday for the teachers. We couldn't do it without you.



YEARBOOK ORDERS

MMS Yearbooks are available to pre-order on-line at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/>. Please use Yearbook ID Code: **11190918**. The cost of the yearbook is \$20.00 for a soft cover and additional upgrades are available. If you prefer to purchase with a check, yearbook order forms are available on the Blue Board and should be turned into the office. Please make the check payable to Lifetouch. The deadline to order is **February 9, 2018**.



THE BOOK CLUB MMS BOOK CLUB

The next MMS Book Club meeting will be Thursday, **December 7** from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Snacks will be provided. **We had a change in plans for the book this month, we will now be reading Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova.**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- December 4:** Mathcounts – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
Boys' basketball vs. Charlotte
8 Home
7 Away
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- December 5:** Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- December 6:** Boys' basketball vs. Holt
8 Home
7 Away
- December 7:** Book Club – Media Center – 3:00 p.m.
Sign Language Club – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
Yearbook Club – Room 249 – 3:00 p.m.
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- December 8:** Debate Club – Media Center – 3:00 p.m.
- December 11:** Boys' basketball vs. Okemos
8 Home
7 Away
Mathcounts – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- December 12:** Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- December 13:** Boys' basketball vs. Mason
7 Home
8 Away
Choir concert – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- December 14:** Sign Language Club – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
8th grade boys' basketball banquet – Cafeteria – 5:30 p.m.
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- December 15:** Debate Club – Media Center – 3:00 p.m.