

JR TROJAN WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 28, 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Spring Conferences are March 12th and 17th. Sign up link now available.
- MMS St Patrick's Day Activity Night
March 13th 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- March 18th late start day.
- Parent Council Meeting March 24th in the Media Center.
- New 6th grade meeting night, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m.



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SPRING CONFERENCE SIGN-UP IS NOW OPEN

March 12th and 17th will be our spring conferences. Please click on the following link to sign up for your students conferences. The **attached flyer** will give instructions on how to do the actual sign up. There are some great YouTube videos with step by step instruction on how to set up your conferences.

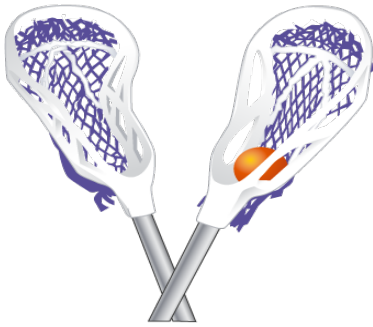
myconference.com/macdonald/login

MMS MATHCOUNTS TEAM!!!! AWESOME WINNERS ☺

Congratulations to our MMS MathCounts team! For the third consecutive year, we took first place in our regional competition, held at MSU on Friday, February 7. The team consisted of: Peter A., David B., Katie P., and Jonny F., Also competing as individuals were: Charlie C., Michael C., Ben M., Elliot M., Carter O., Liam P., and Adelina S., Congratulations to Peter A., who placed first as an individual for the third consecutive year and also first in the Countdown round. Congratulations to Ben Martineau, who tied for fifth place as an individual and advanced to the state competition, along with the team. Congratulations to Charlie Conlin and Katie Palsrok, who tied for tenth place individuals in the region. The team of four and Ben Martineau will represent MMS at the state MathCounts competition in Saginaw on pi day (March 14). Thanks to the MMS Parent Council for funding our registration to participate in this competition, MSU Mathematics major Jason Kenny for coaching the team, and ELHS student Jingting Lin who has assisted as a volunteer for four years.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 6TH GRADERS

If your 6th grade student is enrolled in a P.E. class this semester, a portion of that class includes a health lesson entitled, "Puberty, The Wonder Years." A parent meeting will be held on **March 18th in the Media Center at 6:00 p.m.** for anyone wanting more information. Please see the attached Parent Letter and Course Outline **attached**.



FREE LACROSSE CLINIC! STILL TIME TO JOIN THE FUN

Hey MMS students! Is Lacrosse something that might interest you? Well, you're in luck. MMS will be hosting Lacrosse clinics. **Please see the attached flyer for more information.** Hope to see you there.



NEW AT MMS

An overwhelming **THANK YOU** to all of the people who have donated to our Empathy and Equity Closet. Our new "closet," is becoming stocked with many needed items and we have been able to begin passing many items out to our students.

We are still accepting items. You can use either of the following links to donate. Again, thank you very much!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044baca62faa8-community>

Or, if you prefer, an Amazon wish list has been created indicating these needs as well.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/NIXY2USSLWBY?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_A1Cg6D4Mqpf1

Please deliver all goods to the bins in the front office. Thank you so much for your support!



MSU GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION OFFICE

Informational meeting for the GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) program is coming soon. Come learn more about the weekend and full week programs geared towards gifted students! For grades 2-11.

Please see the informational flyer attached.

2020 GIRLS MATH AND SCIENCE DAY REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The Mid-Michigan chapter of Graduate Women in Science would like to invite your students at MacDonald Middle School to Girls' Math and Science Day at Michigan State University on **Saturday, February 29, 2020**. This is a fantastic opportunity for middle school-aged girls to participate in STEM demonstrations led by some of MSU's enthusiastic and knowledgeable graduate students and researchers. The day for each participant will consist of a keynote speaker talk, four individual STEM-themed activities, an afternoon snack, and an ice cream social with a gift bag giveaway and thank-you note signing. Please see the **attached flyer** for more info.

Girls must register for the event using the following link: <https://midmichigan.wixsite.com/gwis/girlsmathscienceday>
Registration is open and FREE of cost!

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS

A planning committee is forming for planning some special events for our soon to be 9th graders. Please see the **attached flyer** for the date and time of the informational meeting coming soon!

SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

CHECK OUT THIS COOL OPPORTUNITY!

"At SHPE, we know early exposure to STEM positively influences the likelihood of a student choosing it for their career path. The Noche de Ciencias™ program is designed to introduce the profound possibilities of STEM to middle schoolers and their families.

Reasons why you and your children should attend:

- 1) Gain awareness of STEM fields and careers
- 2) Increase your children's beliefs about their ability to succeed in STEM identity.
- 3) Increase yours and your children's sense of STEM identity.

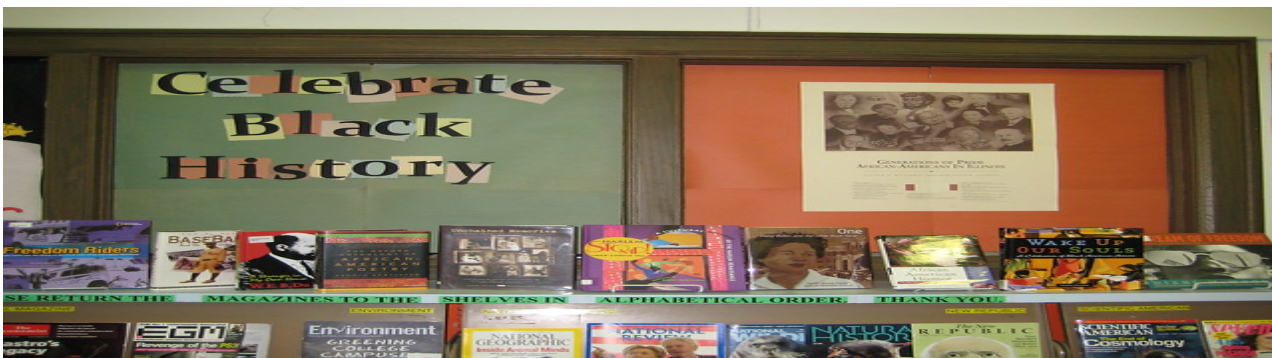
You will experience this through interactive STEM activities, networking opportunities, and knowing more about SHPE, as well as, by attending the Bilingual Parent Workshop helping to understand STEM opportunities. "

Please see the **attached flyer** for information regarding this **free event**.



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. It is also known as African American History Month. This month was chosen because it coincided with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and of Frederick Douglass on February 14, both of which dates black communities had celebrated together since the late 19th century. Black History Month was first proposed by black educators and the Black United Students at Kent State University in February 1969. The first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State one year later, from January 2, 1970 – February 28, 1970. President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

Each day this month we will celebrate a person who has made a significant contribution to African Americans both historically and currently. This week, some of those we have honored include: **Michelle Robinson Obama**. Michelle Robinson Obama is an American lawyer, university administrator, writer, and the first African American First Lady of the United States. **Ida B. Wells**. Wells was an African-American investigative journalist, educator, and an early leader in the Civil Rights Movement. Ida was born into slavery in Mississippi, though she was freed at a young age with the end of the Civil War. **Jackie Robinson**. Robinson was an American professional baseball player who became the first African American to play in Major League Baseball. Robinson broke the baseball color line when he started at first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. When the Dodgers signed Robinson, it heralded the end of racial segregation in professional baseball that had relegated Black players to the Negro leagues since the 1880s. Robinson played 10 years in the MLB. He won the Rookie of the Year Award, was an All-Star for 6 seasons, won the MVP for the National League, and played in 6 World Series. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.



SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

The MMS Cafeteria was packed with poster presentation displays on over 30 Science Experiments and 18 Engineering Projects. There were so many AMAZING ideas and thoughtful displays! Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's Science and Engineering Fair.

Science Experiment Winners:

1st Place Angelo Diaz "The Effect of Acid Rain"

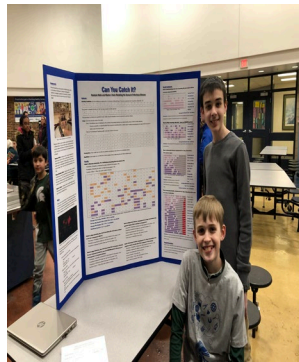
Honorable Mention Michael Barger and David Barger "Can You Catch It?"

Engineering Project Winners:

1st Place William Severin and Mohammed Majeed "Bike Phone Charging Generator"

Honorable Mention Julia Valla and Kanishaka Madan "Education for All"

Great Job to All Contestants!!!



MMS ST PATRICKS DAY ACTIVITY NIGHT

Another night of dancing and fun is coming to MMS. Please check out the attached flyer for all of the information about our next Activity Night hosted by MMS Parent Council.



#TRENDING

Michigan State University and MacDonald Middle School Present..... **#Trending.**

Is there something you want to change in the world? Is there something happening in your school or the world that you want more people to know about? Is there a hot new meme format you want to try? Yes? Then #Trending club is the place for you! Check out the attached flyer. Club meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

DODGEBALL ANYONE? IT'S A FREE EVENT

East Lansing Police Athletic Leagues (PAL) presents a night of fun for all 6th, 7th and 8th grade MMS students. Come join us on Thursday, March 5th from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM right here at the MMS gymnasium. Please see the **attached flyer** for more information.

GIRLS BASKETBALL NEWS 😊

The 8th grade girls split a pair of games with Mason on Monday night. Vanessa S. scored 12 points to lead her team to an overtime win in the early game. Winnie J. and Zoe T. added 4 points each and terrorized the Mason guards into numerous turnovers. Getila K. scored and sealed the game with a steal. Ayla B. recorded 14 rebounds, 5 steals, and 7 points in the late game. Carmel E. chipped in 8 points, Anika M. 6 points and 5 assists, and Khloe S. set a new gym record by dragging an opponent 7 feet while securing a jump ball. The girls wrap up their season Monday night at Dewitt.

SEVENTH GRADE JAZZ BAND INFO

1. Future concerts: April 22nd and May 13th

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

The yearbook club is busy working on the 2019-2020 MMS Yearbook. ***We need your help! We need your photos.***

Anyone with photos that could be used in the MMS yearbook (especially fall activities that have already passed) please send them to: mms2020yearbook@gmail.com. Our club will now begin meeting weekly on Wednesdays.

Want to pre-order your yearbook? Cost is \$20

Go to: ybpay.lifetouch.com, use code: 11190920

TRACK AND FIELD

Attention 6th, 7th and 8th grade Boys and Girls!

Please check out the attached flyer for information about MacDonald Middle School/East Lansing Track and Field. Open to all of our students. **Parent meeting on Wednesday, March 18 @ 5:30 p.m.**

GIRLS ON THE RUN ☺ BE A FORCE OF NATURE

Get ready to become part of a unique team of girls! Join Heart & Sole, an after school program for 6th to 8th grade girls. Club starts next week on February 25th. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 until 5 pm. The coaches are Erin Pierce and George McFetters. Please use the attached link to register: <https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/program-spring-2020?sid=2e610a86e81e479fb65781234f55f915>

Check out the **attached flyer** for more information.

MORE BASKETBALL OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Athletic Association will host a basketball league for boys and girls K-6. Check out the **attached flyer** for registration and more information

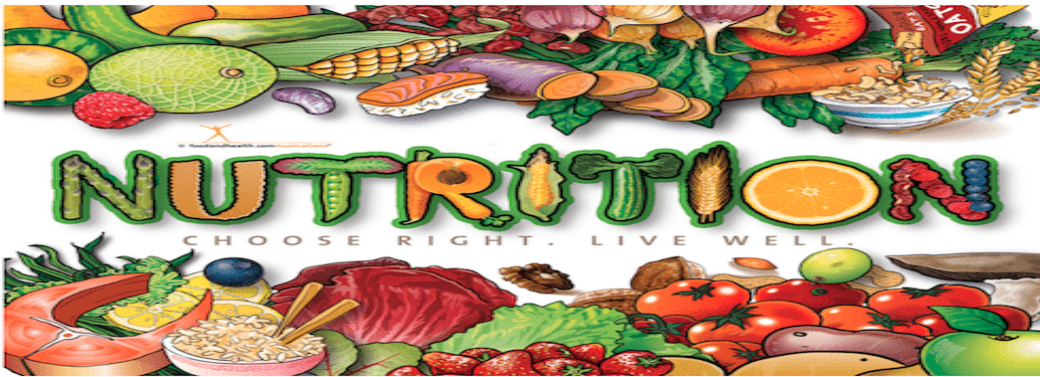
MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Some really great things have been happening at MacDonald Middle Schools Media Center. Mrs. Cosner and Mrs. Crowe have been working hard creating fun and exciting activities for all of our students. Check out the **attached flyer** to see some of the fun that is happening here at our own Media Center ☺



PROJECT HEALTHY SCHOOLS

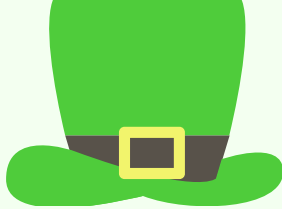
Check out the new information from Project Health Schools. It is filled with fantastic tips and ideas all geared toward better health and fitness for you and your family. Please see the **attached flyer** for all of the information.



MMS AT MMS

Every Monday MMS recognizes Mighty MacDonald Students otherwise known as MMS@MMS. These are students who do the right thing when nobody is looking. They are students who go above and beyond, put others before themselves and simply make MMS a better place. Students are announced on the morning announcements and receive a small token of appreciation. This week's MMS@MMS are: 6th graders Sammy C., Clara C., Hailey C., Alexies P., Sasha P., Omalola F., Taylor N., Lola H., Ryan R., Ellie R. 7th graders Jade E., Lydia K., Layniee N., Amelia J., Ellie H., Maureen R., Angel T., Paloma O., Mariam Z., Cadillac M., Phoebe M. and 8th graders Eron P., Bryce A., Carmela W., Troy P., Alec W., Mona B., Fletcher W., Matthew T.

Congratulations to all the students!!!



MacDonald Middle School

St. Patrick's Day Activity Night

March 13, 2020

6:30-8:00PM

HOSTED BY THE MMS PARENT COUNCIL

DJ, Dancing, Basketball,

Fun & Games!

Admission \$3

Food and Drinks \$1

Student ID Required for
Admission

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AGENDA

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MARCH

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS FROM LAST MONTHS GARAGEBAND CHALLENGE! MAIA, EMMA, AND BRONWYN, WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR PRIZE. OUR SCRABBLE WINNERS WERE ALIA, ADELINA AND TAYLOR AND OUR BLACK HISTORY MONTH CHALLENGE WINNERS WERE MAGGIE C, MAGGIE W AND MOLLY!

FEATURED DISPLAYS

MARCH IS NOT JUST ABOUT READING, IT ALSO MARKS A MONTH TO CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY AND MUSIC. OUR LARGE SHELF COMMEMORATES THE CENTENNIAL OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT AND FAMOUS AMERICAN WOMEN. OUR SMALL SHELF DISPLAY WILL FEATURE BOOKS AND STORIES ABOUT THE POWER OF MUSIC IN OUR LIVES.

6TH GRADE LIBRARY PROGRAM

6TH GRADERS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE USING DIGITAL TOOLS. THESE SKILLS WILL MAKE FUTURE SCHOOL PROJECTS EASIER AND MORE FUN.

BOOK MARK CONTEST

THE ELPS MEDIA CENTERS ARE SPONSORING A DISTRICT WIDE BOOKMARK CONTEST TO CELEBRATE MARCH IS READING MONTH. ENTRY FORMS CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE LIBRARY AND FINAL DESIGNS ARE DUE MARCH 10TH. 6 WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED FROM MMS!

MUSIC IN THE MAKER SPACE

STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO USE ABLETON TO BUILD ON THEIR GARAGE BAND SKILLS AND EXPAND THEIR MUSIC PRODUCTION KNOWLEDGE. THANKS TO ELEF FOR THEIR GENEROUS GIFT OF THIS FUN NEW SOFTWARE!

MARCH MADNESS

PICK UP A BRACKET AND TRY TO GUESS THE WINNING BOOK



WHAT IS GOING ON THIS MONTH IN THE
MMS MEDIA CENTER