

Happy Friday MMS Families!

Below are upcoming events at MacDonald Middle School. Please mark these on your calendar.

- November 12 –
 - PEACE – 3:00 p.m. – Room 124
 - Boys' basketball vs Okemos – 4:30 p.m. – 7 home/8 away - West gym
- November 13 –
 - MMS Wrestling Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Cafeteria
- November 14 –
 - Math Counts – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
 - Boys' basketball vs Jackson Parkside – 4:30 p.m. – 8 home/7 away – West gym
- November 15 –
 - Sign Language Club – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134

First Marking Period Report Cards

The first marking period report cards will be emailed home to families on Friday, November 9. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's report card, please feel free to contact his/her teacher.

As a reminder, please consider setting up a PowerSchool Parent Portal to check your child's attendance, homework assignments, missing homework, and real-time grades as they exist in the teacher's gradebook. You may also register to receive alert notifications, review comments from teachers and much more.

If you would like to set up a Parent Portal account, please contact Kelly Hocquard, kelly.hocquard@elps.us or visit the ELPS website – www.elps.us – Parents – Parent Portal Setup.

Penny Wars

In an effort to help MMS families in need, MMS will be holding our annual Penny Wars next week. Students may bring in change or bills to help raise money to purchase items for Thanksgiving baskets. We will be holding a competition between 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes November 12 – November 16.

Each day during lunch there will be three buckets available to donate change or even dollar bills. Points will be earned for each **PENNY** donated and silver and dollar bills will reduce points. For example, 8th grade students will want to place dollar bills and silver coins in the 6th and 7th grade buckets.

Good luck. Let's show our MMS Spirit during this time of Thanksgiving.

East Lansing Jr Trojan Wrestling Club

The East Lansing Jr Trojan Wrestling club will be holding a parent meeting on November 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the MMS cafeteria. Practices will begin on November 26 in the MMS Upper Gym. They will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$40.00 and includes a t-shirt. If you are unable to attend the parent meeting, please contact Chris Compton at compton@frib.msu.edu.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that provides the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Reading for pleasure inside and outside of the classroom has real and life-long benefits.

Please make plans to visit the book fair from November 26 – November 30 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Remember all purchases benefit MacDonald Middle School.

We always need parent volunteers to help make the Book Fair a success. If you would like to volunteer please [click here](#). In addition, we ask that you complete a Volunteer Background Check. The form is included with the newsletter.