

Happy Friday MMS Families!

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

- March 11
 - Science Olympiad – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
 - PEACE – 3:00 p.m. – Room 124
- March 12
 - Jr Trojan wrestling practice – 6:00 p.m. – Upper gym
- March 13
 - Track parent meeting – 5:30 p.m. – Cafeteria
 - 6th grade Orchestra concert – 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium
- March 14
 - Half Day of School – Dismissal at 11:20 a.m.
 - Scheduled Parent Teacher conferences
- March 15
 - Activity Night – March Madness – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The last day to schedule conferences via the online scheduler will be March 12. All conferences are scheduled and there will be **NO** drop-in conferences. To schedule your preferred time for a conference:

1. Go to <https://www.myconferencetime.com/macdonald/>
2. Click on the name of your child's teacher
3. Select the desired date/time for your conference by clicking on "Sign Up"
4. Submit the requested information
5. You may then add additional conferences

If you need help in scheduling, please contact Kelly Hocquard, kelly.hocquard@elps.us.

HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

There will be a half day of school on Thursday, March 14 and Tuesday, March 19 due to parent teacher conferences. Students will attend hours 1, 2, 3 on March 14 and hours 4, 5, 6 on March 19. School will dismiss at 11:20 p.m. Buses will run normal routes. Breakfast will be served, however, there will be no lunches.

MARCH MADNESS ACTIVITY NIGHT

MMSPC will be holding another Activity Night for our students. The theme is March Madness (Go Green, Go White☺) and it will be held Friday, March 15 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 plus a student ID. There will be DJ, dancing, basketball and games. Food and drinks will be available to purchase for \$1.00 each.

Volunteers are still needed. Please click the link below to sign up to help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45ada62ea20-mmsmarch>

MMS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

The MMS Science and Engineering Fair will be April 25th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Open to all students, this event will feature student-led science experiments and engineering projects. Registration is open until April 8th. The first 100 students who register will receive a free MMS Science and Engineering Fair t-shirt. The link to register is <https://goo.gl/forms/yBZhcDyLYDWs8vL82>

New this year: two student prep meetings will take place after school on March 25 and April 17 to assist students with designing their projects and creating their poster presentations. Please see the attachment for more information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Lathom at jlathom@gmail.com.

TAKE APART WEEK

Mr. Voigt's Design and Build class will soon be conducting "Take-Apart-Week". The week is designed to help students explore how to use tools to take apart mechanical toys, small appliances and old electronic gear. In this activity, students will also investigate how machines work through the process of reverse engineering.

To make the Take-Apart-Week a success, however, **Mr. Voigt needs your help with the collection of all types of take-apart machines and "upcyclable" materials.** These items are important since they serve as the "raw material" of study and the springboard for re-creation of new projects. Attached with this newsletter is more information regarding this upcoming week as well as a list of acceptable Take-Apart items. Please note the list specifies acceptable and unacceptable items.

We hope you will consider looking around your home or office for items to contribute. **A collection center will be set up just inside the cafeteria where you may deposit your items any time school is open.**

Thank you so much for your help. Our students are so excited to see what type of stuff is contributed and what they will be taking apart!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 8TH GRADE

As we head into spring, our 8th grade students will be participating in a number of activities of which the counselors would like you to be aware.

- ❖ March 11 and March 13: **Counselors visit math classes to begin the high school registration process.** Students will receive folders with handouts about high school requirements as well as registration forms.
- ❖ March 25: High school 8th grade parent night, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the ELHS Auditorium.
- ❖ March 27: **9th GRADE REGISTRATION FORM DUE! PARENT SIGNATURE REQUIRED!** This form will be turned in to each student's MATH teacher, so we can be sure all students are accounted for before forms are delivered to ELHS.
- ❖ April 17 and April 18: Counselors will visit math classes to continue the Educational Development Plan by discussing student's four year high school plan.
- ❖ May 28: Wilson Talent Center (formerly Mason Career Center) field trip, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- ❖ May 29: Move Up Day field trip to the high school.

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." B.B. King