



# MMS MATTERS

October 27, 2017



## END OF MARKING PERIOD

The end of the first marking period is Friday, November 3. Report cards will be sent out via email on Friday, November 10. For those families who don't have an email, your child's report card will be mailed out on November 10. Honor Roll, Citizenship and Perfect Attendance lists will be posted on the Blue Board after November 10. Students can receive an Honor Roll bumper sticker if they are on Honor Roll for both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period. The bumper stickers will be available at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.



## HALLOWEEN

MMS students will be allowed to wear Halloween costumes to school on Tuesday, October 31. However, masks, face paint and costumes that promote extreme violence will not be permitted. Students are welcomed to wear hats or headbands as long as they don't obscure their face.

Please be mindful that all students will be participating in a HITT (High Intensity Interval Training) exercise during Trojan Time.



## TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

This year again, **MacDonald will be supporting the Trick or Treat for UNICEF effort.** This program introduces students to the needs of other children around the world suffering from the disastrous effects of hurricanes and floods, civil conflicts, raging forest fires, malnutrition and uncontrolled disease.

UNICEF stands for United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and was begun by the United Nations to take care of children affected by World War II. Today UNICEF is still helping children in more than 100 countries in every part of the world. **By supporting UNICEF, we are able to provide an opportunity for our students to understand more of the world around them and gain some empathy for others through participation in a good cause.**

Your child will have **the option to use the traditional orange Trick or Treat box** to collect funds while trick or treating this year. Students will **also be sponsoring a UNICEF Bake Sale** during lunch on Halloween day, October 31. All proceeds to be given to UNICEF.

**You can help by talking about what your child is learning** through this experience... and sharing your own thoughts. If he/she is going to Trick or Treat for UNICEF, discuss their rationale: How will they present themselves? How do they describe the UNICEF effort? And, if you are able, consider donating baked goods or packaged store snacks (chips, pretzels) for our UNICEF Bake Sale on next Tuesday.



## **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ASSEMBLY**

Ginger Ogilvie, Safe Routes to School Committee member, and Detective Whalen presented to MMS students during Trojan Time this week on pedestrian and crosswalk safety. They emphasized the importance of making eye contact with drivers when crossing the road or before entering the crosswalk, wearing reflective material on their clothing when it's dark and to not walk while texting. Mrs. Martin also reinforced the importance of walking in the parking lot after noon rec time and making sure they use the crosswalk. Safety is number one and it is everyone's responsibility to do their part to be aware of their surroundings while walking to or from MMS.



## **SUCCESSFUL PINK OUT WEEK**

This past week our staff and students participated in **Pink-Out** Week. Students bought pink ribbons, tattoos and pencils during lunch. On Wednesday, students (and parents) from our ELF groups brought in **pink** baked goods, which were sold during all three lunch periods for 50 cents each. Finally on Friday, staff and students were encouraged to wear Pink in support of Cancer Research.



## **HARVEST FUN RUN CANCELLED**

Due to the unpredictable weather, the Harvest Fun Run scheduled for October 31 has been cancelled. Thank you so much to the parents who have signed up to volunteer. We are looking forward to holding a Fun Run in the spring.



## MICHIGAN STATE HOCKEY

MMS is excited to announce that some of the Michigan State Spartan Hockey players will be coming to our school to play floor hockey on Tuesday, November 7 during the lunch hours. Students do not need to sign up and for those who don't want to play but would like to watch – we will have seating available in the upper bleachers.



## HOMEWORK HELP

Teachers make themselves available on particular days to work with students needing help outside of class time. Attached with the newsletter is a list of our teachers with the days/times they are available to meet with students. Please be advised that most of the teachers ask for prior arrangements to be made. Students must obtain a pass or have it written in their planner from the teacher. If your child is staying after school and needs to ride the late bus they must let the teacher know so a pass may be given to your child.



## CONGRATULATIONS MMS ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra members under the direction of Mr. Rosin and assisted by Mr. Valentine, for putting on quite a show during their Fall Concert. All of the student's hard work certainly paid off. Great job MacDonald Middle School and East Lansing Performing Arts Department.



## EAST LANSING GOSPEL CHOIR

The East Lansing Gospel Choir meets every Thursday at the high school in Room 101 from 4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. They welcome any middle school student interested in participating. Students may show up on Thursday or contact Nicholas Stephens at 517-315-6654 or [nickysteee@gmail.com](mailto:nickysteee@gmail.com).



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 27:** Activity Night – Cafeteria – 6:30 p.m. – Halloween themed – costumes encouraged
- October 30:** Math Counts – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
- October 31:** **Happy Halloween!** Students may wear costumes  
HITT workout during Trojan Time
- November 1:** Fall Band Concert – ELHS Performing Arts Center – 7:00 p.m.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade warm up – 6:25 p.m. SHARP – HS band room
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade warm up – 6:45 p.m. SHARP – on stage
- November 2:** Sign Language Club – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
- November 3:** End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period
- November 6:** Math Counts – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
- November 7:** Floor hockey during lunch with MSU Hockey players
- November 8:** Boys basketball vs Fowlerville  
8 Home  
7 Away
- November 9:** Sign Language Club – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.  
Community Forum – Red Cedar Renovations – Media Center – 6:30 p.m.
- November 10:** Report cards email home