



MMS MATTERS

September 8, 2017

WELCOME BACK!

We had an amazing start to the 2017-18 school year! The goals for our first week were to focus on building relationships, having fun and staying positive. Each grade-level Trojan Time team planned different activities for students to get to know one another and have fun while doing it. Instead of focusing on “rules” we focused on expectations. The students have risen to the occasion during our lunch time procedures. Our cafeteria has never been left cleaner by our students! We are celebrating our first week with a Popsicle treat during Trojan Time! MMS is truly a special place and this week was certainly a reflection of that.

Here’s to a great year of learning, belonging and having fun!

Mrs. Martin





ELEF TAILGATE

Please join us for the sixth annual ELEF Tailgate before the ELHS home football game on Friday, September 15, 2017. The tailgate will be held on the west side of Lynn C. Adams Stadium from 5:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. or until the food is gone. The ELHS March Band Drum Line will provide entertainment. The menu includes a chicken wrap by Grand Grillin', chips, apple, cookie and a drink for \$5.00 a person. New kindergarten students receive a free hot dog meal.

Come and support our schools and learn more about the East Lansing Educational Foundation.



THANK YOU TO OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We want to say a big Thank You to all of the parents who volunteered their time during our Activities Day in August and on Picture Day. We couldn't do it without you. There will be other opportunities to help throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete a volunteer background check and return it to the office. A copy of the form is included with this newsletter.



SCHOOL PICTURES

Our school picture day was Thursday, September 7. All students had their picture taken for the yearbook. If you didn't order pictures, you may still do so online at mylifetouch.com and use Picture Day ID: **LM417031Y0**. Picture packets should arrive within the next couple weeks. Our picture retake day will be held on Wednesday, October 18. Please have your child return their original packet at that time.



ELPS FRENCH STUDENTS VISIT FRANCE

Summer started off with a bang this past June for ELPS French teacher Madame Kimberly Floyd and a group of ELHS French students and parents when they traveled to Paris, France from June 19-26th. The East Lansing group enjoyed getting to know French students from Grand Ledge High School, who combined with ELHS to form the France trip. The trip went off without a hitch, with students from both schools traveling safely to and from France. Trip participants stayed at a hotel in Paris' 5th district, the "Latin Quarter", and explored the city of Paris for most of the 8-day journey. The group enjoyed staying in heart of Paris and learning to use its Metro system to get from place to place. Sights seen included the

Louvre Museum, the Opéra Garnier, the neighborhood of Montmartre and its Sacré Coeur Basilica, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower, not to mention eating at delicious Parisian cafés and restaurants along the way! The group also took two day trips outside of Paris, one to the infamous Versailles Palace and another to Chenonceau Castle in the Loire River Valley. All students felt a sense of accomplishment in using the language and experiencing the culture they'd been studying for the past few years. Madame Floyd and her students are thankful to the East Lansing Board of Education for approving this trip and are excited to travel again in the future, thereby contributing to East Lansing Public Schools' mission of "building world citizens".



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Did you know that MacDonald Middle School collects Box Tops for Education? Please consider sending in your Box Tops to help MMS earn money to help fund teacher request and support activities. Box Tops may be brought to the main office in a zip lock bag. A big thank you to Shawn Heiler for helping coordinate the Box Tops.



STUDENT CATA ID CARDS

All students in Grade 6 and above are eligible for a CATA Student ID. CATA Student ID cards are free and may be picked up in the office. The ID card is used for discounted fares on all CATA fixed-route, Redi-Ride, Connector and CATA Rural Service buses. If you are interested in obtaining a CATA Student ID card for your child, please see Mr. Garza in the office.



MMS PARENT COUNCIL

Each year the MMS Parent Council depends on your generosity for the one and only fundraiser. This single event hopes to raise approximately \$10,000 to fund some truly amazing opportunities such as; using math software to practice math skills, watching attention-grabbing videos in Social Studies, go on interesting and exciting field trips or possibly participating in Fit Gym, Yearbook or Math Club. Every penny that is donated goes directly to your children and their teachers. Donating is EASY! Visit <http://mmsparentcouncil.wixsite.com/mmspc> and click "Donate Now." You may also send a check payable to MMSPC to the office. Your donation is tax deductible. Thank you for supporting MMS!

Also, MMS Parent Council meetings will be held the 4th Tuesday of each month. The meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and are held in the MMS Media Center. We would love to have you join us.