



Panther Parent Newsletter



Mission: Our mission at MMS is to better prepare your child to function in our technologically advanced society.

A New Season

Dear Parents and Students,
We at Midway Middle School hope the first part of this school year is off to a great start.

Fall is upon us, the leaves have begun to change colors and some have already fallen from trees. The temptation to sleep in just a little longer is very familiar.

This time of transition is also a good time for evaluation and re-evaluation. The perfect time to do a check point. With the first nine-weeks behind us and the next nine-weeks ahead, let us take a moment to consider what went well and what has not.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, re

search continues to prove that parental involvement is an integral part for student achievement and academic success. We still believe in the adage, "it takes a village to raise a child" and applaud you in all of your efforts.

As we receive this new season, consider this a great opportunity to have dialogue with your child(ren) and their teachers. Ask them what's going well? Ask what's not going well? And, as importantly, ask what they need help with and how *we* may assist? Above all, please do not forget to celebrate their accomplishments and efforts during the first nine-weeks of this school year.

We Made AYP!!

ELA/Reading

MMA: 93.7%

State Target: 80.0%

Math

MMS: 84.8%

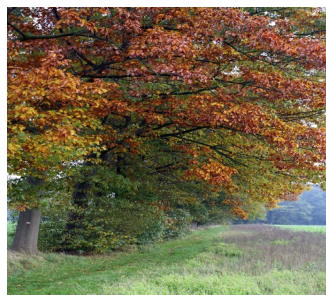
State Target: 75.7%

Science

MMS 71%

Social Science

MMS: 70%



A time for shedding, harvesting and re-evaluation.

Parental Involvement

MMS provides opportunity for parents to take an active part in their child's education. There is a Parent Resource Center available at the school with many resources to help your child achieve success.

Teresa Bacon is the Parent Coordinator on site. She is there to serve as a resource person and advocate

in conferences and other school meetings. She can also provide suggestions, strategies, workshops, materials, and ideas to assist individual students.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Bacon at 884-6677 or email tbacon@liberty.k12.ga.us

We look forward to working with you.



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Communication Tools

- ⇒ Teacher Website
- ⇒ Parent Portal
- ⇒ Flyers/Newsletters
- ⇒ Email/Notes
- ⇒ Visit/Conference
- ⇒ Coastal Courier
- ⇒ Phone/School Messenger/PTO

"I Care forms	3
Game -LFMS	2
Holiday	7&10
Game- SGMS	11
McTeacher's Night	17
Report Cards	17
Honor Roll	21
Red Ribbon week	24-
School Council	31

Saturday School Dates

- September 10th & 24th
- October 1st, 15th & 29th
- November 5th
- December 3rd & 10th
- January 7th and 21st
- February 4th & 25th
- March 10th & 24
- April 14th

"I Care" Positive Parenting Character Curriculum

I care is a Positive Parenting Character Development Curriculum. It was adopted by the district and implemented in the Liberty County Schools this school year to help develop character, increase student achievement, and measure parental involvement. Parents are invited to participate by viewing a video (available at your child's school). Afterward they are asked to read and sign a participation agreement form about positive activities that they will do at home with their children. Each month a green sheet with the monthly positive character trait will be sent home

with five suggested activities to reinforce the monthly character trait. Parents should talk about the message and discuss its meaning while modeling the monthly traits at home. The teachers at school and community members will also work on reinforcing the same character traits. At the end of the month students will bring home a yellow form that the parents are asked to fill out and return to school. There is a space on the yellow feedback form for any additional activities that the parents do with their children. There are also books that go along with the monthly

traits. Remember to:

Call the school and schedule viewing of the video if you missed it.

Look for and asked student for the Green monthly character form.

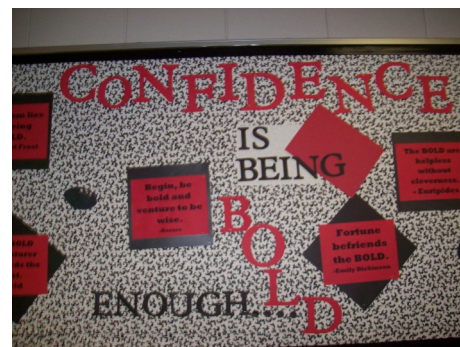
Spend time doing the activities with students, some you are already doing.

Expect, ask for, complete and return the yellow feedback form by 10/28/11.

IKE says "I care."



Confident: Positive thinking, Makes right choices, Bold



Parent Tip: Teaching Organizational Skills

It is reasonable to expect parents to first teach kids organizational skills at home and then to have those skills reinforced in school. Being asked to clean one's room or organize one's notebook is a daunting task for some young people and mastery may not come easily. One fun way for youngsters to learn how to do various jobs can be found at the Web site wikiHow <http://www.wikihow.com/> Category:Organizing-School-Materials

where kids can search for ways to accomplish specific tasks. This might relieve parents from telling a son or daughter exactly how to do everything. For instance, there are articles on how to set goals, clean your room, organize your notebook, organize a bookshelf, organize your life, and be on time for school. There are lots of suggestions in adult books and the Parent Resource Center here at MMS on organization that may be helpful for

young people. The parents' sense of organization, will go a long way in influencing children. Although students may appear to not care about organization, if they see the benefits for their parents or guardians of being organized day after day, year after year, eventually it tends to rub off.

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RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 24-28, 2011

THEME: IT'S UP TO ME TO BE DRUG FREE

- Monday** Put a Cap On Drugs (Wear your favorite hat)
8th Grade Assembly (8:45)
Begin Canned Food Drive (Builders Club)
- Tuesday** We have the "Blues for Drugs"
(Wear blue uniform shirts)
- Wednesday** Drugs and I Don't Mix (Wear mismatched socks) (Black, Blue, Khaki or White only)
- Thursday** Let's Work Together To Stop Drugs
Twin Day (You and a friend dress alike in school Uniforms)
- Friday** Let's Black Out Drugs Wear Black Day (Wear black uniform shirts)
Connections Assembly
(Games & Activities)

Military Family Life Consultants (MFLC) are now dedicated to all Middle and high schools in Liberty County in addition to all elementary schools on Ft. Stewart. The MFLCs are available to meet with students individually or in groups however, parental consent is required. Parental consent forms are available at participating schools: Brittin, Diamond, and Kessler Elementary, Bradwell, and Liberty High, and Snelson-Golden, Lewis Frasier, and Midway Middle School.

For more information or to speak with a MFCL, please contact your child's participating school or contact the Ft. Stewart school Liaison Office at 912-767-6533

Laugh Out Loud

An older brother was trying to scare his little brother so he asked him to imagine that they were trapped alone in a haunted house full of ghosts. When he asked him what would he do, what did the little brother reply?

Answer: I'll just stop all this imagining and they will go



Laughter is good for the soul.

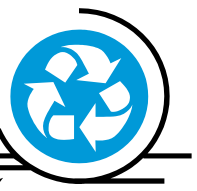
Capri Sun, Honest Kids, & Kool Aid Drink Pouches



Save your drink pouches and TerraCycle will donate .02 per pouch to our school. A collection container is located in the cafeteria. Check out their website to view how they are "upcycling" these products, www.terracycle.net.

MMS Recycles the following items:

- Aluminum pop tabs
 - Aveeno Active Naturals containers
 - Balance & Cliff bar wrappers
 - candy wrappers (Mars & Wrigley: Skittles, Twix, Snickers)
 - chip bags (Frito Lay products: Lays, Doritos, Cheetos)
 - Cookie wrappers (Nabisco: Oreo, Chips Ahoy)
 - drink pouches (Capri-Sun, Kool-Aid, Honest Kids, etc.)
 - glue sticks and containers
 - Huggies plastic diaper packaging (not cardboard)
 - Malto-O-Meal cereal bags
 - Paper Mate pens, Expo Markers & Sharpie Markers
 - PETE 1 plastic (water & soda bottles)**
 - plastic bottle tops
 - Scott brand plastic packaging
 - tape dispensers (Scotch, etc...)
 - toasted chips bags (Ritz, Wheat Thins)
 - yogurt containers (6 oz & 32 oz w/ wide mouths)
- For more information check out www.terracycle.net
Please send these items to the school as you collect them. Contact person: Joy Kennedy, room 315.



Students with perfect attendance will have a chance to earn rewards. So come to school every day!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASS?

Check out the school website: <http://www.liberty.k12.ga.us/mms/> to access all of our teachers' web pages and find out about upcoming class events, tutoring schedules and homework! The school's newsletter can also be accessed at this link.