

# APRIL'S THEME: INTEGRITY

## *The Trail Blazer*

### **Mackinaw Trail Middle School**

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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 18, 2008

### **Principals' *VOICE***

Dear Parents,

Next Monday marks the beginning of the sixth marking period, which means that we are in the final phase of the school year. Report cards will be sent home next Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully you will be able to see growth in areas that you and your child have been working on. Growth can take many forms including reducing the number of missing assignments, raising test scores or even improving the overall quality of school work. In the areas that growth is not evident, reevaluate the goal and revise a plan to better achieve it during our last marking period.

I will be meeting with students who are failing two or more core subject areas this semester. Students who have a failing semester grade in two or more core subjects are either required to attend and successfully pass summer school or repeat the grade they are in this year. I cannot stress enough the importance and necessity of monitoring the progress of your child's school work through progress reports and/or Parent Connect so that you are not surprised if your child is faced with this dilemma at the end of the year.

The 2008/09 Team Request forms are available for parents to fill out in the Principal's office beginning on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The forms will be available for one week only. Requests after Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> will not be honored.

I hope you have a great weekend with family and friends.

Mr. Brown  
Principal

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Mon Apr 21 – Fri Apr 25**

Team Request forms available

**Thurs, Apr 24 - 4:00pm**

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Track TC East JHS Inv. @ TC Central HS

**Thurs, May 1 – 4:00pm**

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Track Traverse City West JHS @ Cadillac

**Mon, May 5 – 4:00pm**

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Track Traverse City East JHS @ Cadillac

**Wed, May 7 – 4:15pm**

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Track Benzie Central Quad @ Benzie

**Sat, May 10 – 8:00am**

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Track Greenville Invitational @ Greenville

**Mon, May 12 – 3:30pm**

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Track East Jordan Invitational @ East Jordan

**Tues, May 20 – 1:00pm**

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Track Big North Conf. Meet @ Gaylord HS

**Thurs, May 22 – 7:00pm**

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Band/Strings/Orchestra Spring Concert/Art Show  
@ HS Gymnasium

**Mon, May 26 – No School**

Memorial Day Holiday

**Fri, June 6 – Last day of school**

#### **VOCABULARY WORD OF THE WEEK**

**Hypocrite – fake, fraud, and deceiver.**

Bob told everyone he wanted to win his heat in the track meet, but then refused to workout or attend practice, which made him a hypocrite.

#### **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Don't forget to check out the website for the Cadillac Area Public Schools! Log on to  
[www.vikingnet.org](http://www.vikingnet.org).

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We wish to congratulate Mr. Jason Main on being this years O.P.I.E. award recipient. (Outstand Person in Education)  
We are proud to have him on staff here at MTMS.  
CONGRATUATIONS!

**... To Report Absences or Leave  
a message for a student...**

The direct line to the Student Office at Mackinaw Trail is **876-5602**. Please dial that number when you wish to report an absence or leave a message for a student.

**YEARBOOK**

Yearbooks will be here soon. The price will be \$13.00. They will be sold in the principal's office the week that they arrive. Please make checks payable to MTMS.

**GIRLS ON TRACK**

(The middle school version of Girls on the Run)

Girls on Track practices every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45pm-4:15pm in the MTMS gym. Please contact Mrs. Falan on the Starquest team with any questions.

**AFTER SCHOOL INTRAMURALS**

After-school intramurals are now being held on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** from 2:45 – 3:30pm.

**YMCA TEEN SCHEDULE**

The YMCA Teen Center's April schedule is available in the Student Office. This month the YMCA is celebrating animal cruelty prevention. They will be holding a pet supply (dog and cat treats, food, toys, collars, leashes) drive all month to benefit the Wonderland Humane Society. They are also promoting the teen center as a dog walk stop for anyone walking their dog in the park near the teen center. They will provide dog treats, bowls of water, and informational handouts

**TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS**

Any change in transportation for your child needs to occur before 2:00PM. We have nearly 500 students in the school and the end of the day gets extremely busy. Our secretaries are doing the very best they can to accommodate, but an earlier time for such arrangements will be necessary. We will not guarantee that a message to a student will be delivered if we are notified after 2:00PM.

**PARENT CONNECT**

Please take time to consider our new progress reporting system called Parent Connect. This online program will enable you to stay "Connected" with assignments and grades of your child any time you log into the site. You may register on line but need to see Mrs. Boerma at the Student Office to receive your password. Please bring a photo ID as well.

**HELMET YOUR HEAD**

Cadillac Helmet Coalition sponsors a program that makes Snell Certified helmets available for adults, youth, children and toddlers. Available to order are bike helmets, ski/snowboard helmets, jump helmets (skateboard/roller blade) and protective gear. The helmets come in a variety of colors and sizes. Please stop in and pick up an order form. Checks or money orders payable to "Think First" and return the forms to MTMS by Monday, April 21, 2008. Helmets will be distributed in May.

**Cadillac Footliters Junior Players**

The Cadillac Footliters Junior Players are offering a six-week workshop to students ages 8-18. The workshop will introduce youth to theatre by focusing on character development, costumes and props, set design, lights and sound effects, make-up, musical theatre and then putting it all together in a short skit for family and friends. If you're interested in participating, please pick up a brochure in the Student Office.

**ART FOR LIFE**

On Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> band, orchestra, choir and art classes will have a spring concert/art show at 7:00pm in the High School gymnasium. A photo story presentation for all visual art students will be shown at the concert. Come and enjoy!

**SPARTAN LABELS**

The Information Center is collecting Spartan Labels. Just cut the UPC code off of any Spartan product and have your student bring them into school.

**GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS**

The Protostars Teams is collecting General Mills "Box Tops for Education." Please save and return the coupons to Mrs. Austin's room #360. Thank you!

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