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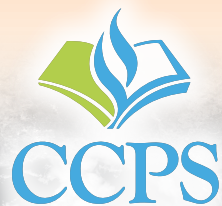
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hurricanes,

I hope you are enjoying your summer and taking full advantage of a well-deserved break. I'd like to begin by congratulating the MMS family for earning a "B" school grade. Our school moved up from a "C" and we were in fact 2-points from an "A". As the great Coach Vince Lombardi Jr. stated, *"The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work. Work is the key to success, and hard work can help you accomplish anything."* Let's get ready for another successful year as we work hard to help our school ROAR again! Tell all your friends and family, the HURRICANES are coming! This is the year that everyone is going to **"Hear Us ROAR!"**

To highlight the outstanding work that led to the "B", let me share some key points with you:

- 100% Algebra 1 students passed the EOC- only CCPS school
- Reading and Math scores improved overall
- 74% of all math students made gains
- 54% of all reading students made gains
- 62% of Civics students passed EOC- up from 56%
- Overall, improved from 53% of points to 60%- needing 62% to earn the "A"

The focus of the 2017-18 school year is improving student achievement by **"Coaching for the A"**. Our excellent Reading, Math and Science Coaches will provide academic coaching support in classrooms. This year we will have 3 resource teachers to support the classroom instruction as well. These staff members are funded through our Title 1 school budget and if you'd like to learn more about our Title 1 allocations, please join us on August 14th for our Annual Title 1 Meeting at 1:30 PM in the Cafeteria.

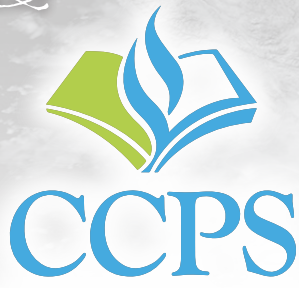
As I enter my fourth year as principal of Manatee Middle, I am committed to focusing on parent involvement and student support. Please attend our school events whenever possible. Students who have involved parents/ families perform three times better than students without involved parents. Please take a look at the upcoming events in each newsletter or follow us on Twitter @ROARMMS or Facebook @CCPSMMS to keep in the know about how you can be involved. We need you!

Sincerely,

Pamela A. Vickaryous
Principal



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From the Office of Curriculum & Instruction

CAMBRIDGE SECONDARY SPOTLIGHT

During the 2017-2018 school year, Manatee Middle School will continue to offer the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) program, also known as the Cambridge Secondary program. As a continuation of our focus on college and career pathways for our students, Collier County Public Schools has chosen to have all traditional schools, including MMS, designated as Cambridge sites. In doing so, MMS is able to provide students identified as gifted or high achieving with purposefully grouped courses designed to focus on inquiry-based learning. Students will continue to engage in tasks and activities aligned to the state standards while also having opportunities to hone their academically advanced capabilities. This allows these students opportunities to earn high school credit in middle school, and potentially college credit in the high schools. At MMS, we are very excited to have two cohorts of Cambridge Secondary students in each grade level, which is over 40 students in each grade!



CAMBRIDGE
International Examinations

Cambridge International School

The Cambridge teachers at MMS are anxiously awaiting the students' summer reading assignments! We know that our Hurricanes ROAR and we are excited to see this program grow in this upcoming year!

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS NOTIFICATION FOR PARENTS

Parents may review their children's instructional materials at the school site. Parents may also schedule an appointment to review currently adopted instructional materials at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Administrative Center. Please contact Julie Lorenzo, Instructional Materials Manager at LorenzJu@collierschools.com or (239) 377-0103.

JOIN OUR MMS SAC COMMITTEE

SAC Meeting Dates: September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th,
January 4th, February 8th, March 8th, May 3rd

SAC MEMBERSHIP INTEREST FORM

As a parent of a 2017-2018 MMS student, I would like to serve on the School Advisory Council.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Child(ren):

_____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

Please tear off and return this form with your student Friday, August 25th, in order for your name to be included on the official SAC election ballot



Go Hurricanes!

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The MMS guidance department is excited to kick off a new school year with our wonderful students and families. Student's with last name 'A-Li' will see Ms. Gentry and students with last name 'Lo-Z' will see Ms. Millien. As always our guidance secretary, Ms. Maggie Reyes, will be available for translation when needed. Please feel free to contact us via e-mail or phone 239-377-4416 with any questions or concerns.

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Kelly Gentry	Lead Counselor	GentrK@collierschools.com
Mercilia Millien	Counselor	MilliM@collierschools.com
Maggie Reyes	Secretary	ReyesMa@collierschools.com

From the Office of Attendance & Discipline

We are very excited about the upcoming 2017-18 school year! To -help parents and students get off to a successful start, here are a few reminders:



INTRODUCING OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF ATTENDANCE & DISCIPLINE- MS. CAREY GILCHER

I am thrilled to return to Manatee Middle School this year as the Assistant Principal of Attendance and Discipline. I started my career with Collier County Public Schools here in 2003 as an English Language Arts teacher. Since then, I have worked at Corkscrew Middle School and Lorenzo Walker Technical High School, and most recently at the district office in the Office of Continuous Improvement. I am most excited to return to this team and partner with families and the community to work for the success of every student. I am very much looking forward to getting to know all of the amazing students and families in the Manatee Middle Community. My door is always open to parents and students to discuss questions and concerns.

DRESS CODE CHANGES

The dress code for this school year remains the same, with one change. Students will be welcome to wear pants, shorts, or skirts in the colors khaki, navy blue, or black. Also, like in previous years, students may now wear **ANY COLOR** Polo Shirt, as long as it is **ONE**, solid color. Second, students may **ONLY** wear approved MMS sweatshirts. During the first several weeks of school, sweatshirts will be available for purchase through the school store at the following costs:



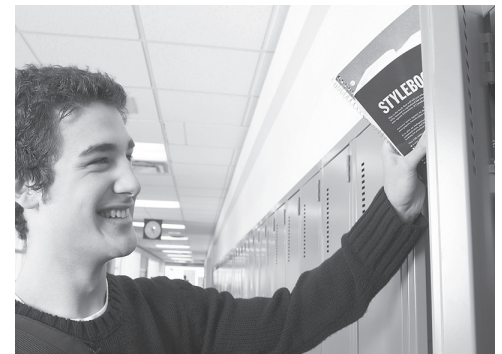
- Crew Neck Sweatshirt: \$15.00
- Pull-Over Hooded Sweatshirt: \$20.00
- Zip-Up Hooded Sweatshirt: \$25.00

The Following is the Dress Code for the 2017-2018 School Year

<p>Shirts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · ANY color Polo, provided it is one solid color and plain (NO LOGOS). · Undershirts must be a solid color · T-shirts are not allowed. · All tops longer than 3 inches below waist band must be tucked in. · No bare skin should be exposed at the waist or abdomen. <p>Sweatshirts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Only approved MMS sweatshirts will be allowed (available for purchase) · MMS Sweatshirts are available in crew, hooded and zip up. · Hoods are not to be worn on any student's head on campus at any time before, during, or after school. 	<p>Pants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Colors must be Khaki, navy blue, or black. · Must be worn at the waist and not exceed one size larger than body size. · Pants cannot slip down <p>Shorts and Skirts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Color must be Khaki, navy blue, or black and worn at the waist · Length must reach knees · Must be secured at the waist without revealing mid drift. · Holes and fraying are not allowed
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PLANNERS

Every student will be issued a **FREE** planner on the first day of school. Planners must be carried with students at all times and students should write assignments and reminders in the planner each day. The planner also includes a copy of the Student Handbook for students and parents to review. If a planner is lost, it will cost \$5.00 for a replacement.



LOCKERS

Lockers may be purchased through each student's CANE time teacher during the first week of school. Students will receive a school issued lock for \$5.00 and be assigned a locker. As a reminder, **EACH STUDENT** must have their **OWN** locker and sharing lockers is **NOT ALLOWED**.

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Department News...

SCIENCE

Our science department has veteran teachers with over ten years of experience with innovative lab activities, technology, projects, and gardening classes just to name a few. We teach our students to be passionate scientists to make a difference in the world! We are excited for the upcoming year of learning Science with your student!

SOCIAL STUDIES

The Social Studies Department is excited for the 2017-2018 school year! This year we are going to 'think like historians' by analyzing primary and secondary sources through Document Based Questions. Students will engage in discussions, debates, and projects to showcase their knowledge to enhance their learning experience. We are ready to R.O.A.R this school year!

MATH

Here at MMS, math continues to build on the foundations that were taught in elementary school. Throughout, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, teachers will assist students by continuously using the "I do, We do, You do" strategy, which enables the teacher the opportunity to "model" a certain type of problem, students then have the chance to try a similar type of problem with assistance from the teacher, and finally students have the knowledge to be able to solve the problem on their own. During this process students will apply the skills they learn to real life situations. The goal for all the students as they leave for high school is to understand how Math is integrated into many different applications in their lives. Plus maybe even get some high school credit by taking Algebra. Go Canes!

STUDENT MEAL APPLICATIONS 2017-18- APPLY NOW!

Student Meal Benefits Apply Now for 2017-18! Parents are encouraged to apply for online meal benefits. Applying online allows the school district to process eligible students for meal benefits within 48 hours. Breakfast will be served to all students at no charge. Students who qualify for reduced meal benefits will also be served lunch at no charge. Go to <http://www.collierschools.com/foodservice/freereduced.htm> to get more information and/or to apply online.

ELA

The Language Arts Department has many fantastic educators to prepare and assist students in reaching their full potential and educational success. Throughout the year students can expect to interact with a variety of texts and work with their peers to analyze and interpret fiction and nonfiction texts. Each grade level focuses on social skills necessary to work in a collaborative environment, themes to engage students in learning, and skills to analyze and comprehend a variety of texts.

MEDIA CENTER

Welcome back to MMS Hurricane Central (your Media Center!)

My name is Mrs. Poteet and I will be your "**Media**"**rologist** (Media Specialist.) This year you will find exciting changes at Hurricane Central. All students will **R.O.A.R.** at the **Maker Lounge** as everyone finds ideas to Create, Experiment, Investigate, Practice, or Share. There is also an area of the Marker Lounge where you can work with friends or play games. The Eye (your quiet zone) will be a great place to browse through a magazines, read a book, and study. Of course, you will find tons of technology to use in the **Hurricane Research Division**. The best part of Hurricane Central is that this space is your space. Everyone is welcome! If you have an idea, you can share it by pinning a picture or hanging a note on the **Great Idea Board!** Hurricane Central will be open daily from **8:35-4:10**.

*See you soon Hurricanes!
Mrs. Poteet*

CLUB NEWS

Are you interested in writing? Do you like to take pictures? Do you enjoy showing your school spirit? Are you skilled at arguing your point of view? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then JOIN a club TODAY! MMS offers many Clubs from Scholar Bowl to Hurricanettes. For more information about any clubs please see the teacher sponsor.

Erika Torres	NJHS
TBD	Scholar Bowl
Sarah Bugay	Debate
Michael Demonbreun	Intramural Director News Magazine
TBD	Newspaper
Sarah Bugay	Yearbook
Kelly Gentry	Student Ambassadors
Madison Squeglia	Spirit/ Hurricanettes

ATHLETIC NEWS

My name is Matthew Huneke and I am the new Athletic Director here at Manatee Middle School. I have been teaching and coaching here at MMS for the past 3 years and I cannot wait to take on this new role. I am currently a graduate student at the University of Miami studying Sports Administration and I look forward to implementing all the great strategies and knowledge that I am gaining to make this year one of the best for our student athletes.

This fall we have a great opportunity for our kids to participate in two sports, volleyball and cross country. We have an excellent coaching staff that is looking forward to a new season. We are very competitive throughout our athletic program and we look forward to showing everyone our hurricane pride this fall. **GO HURRICANES!!!**



ATTENTION 7TH GRADE STUDENTS

Before your child can begin the 7th grade, he/she must have documentation of having received the following immunization:

- Tdap booster (Tetanus, diptheria, pertussis), after the age of 7

Incoming 7th grade Students who do not provide documentation of all required immunizations or a valid exemption will not receive a schedule and will be excluded from school.

“NO SHOTS, NO SCHOOL”

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 16th - Back to School

SEPTEMBER

4th - NO SCHOOL

7th - Curriculum Night @ 6PM

13th - Interim Period Ends

21st - NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER

13th - End of Q1

16 & 17th - NO SCHOOL

20th - Distribution of Report Cards

NOVEMBER

10th - Hurricane Makeup Day

17th - Interim Period Ends

22nd thru 24th - Fall Break

NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

1st - Distribution of Interim Reports

21st - End of Quarter 2

22nd thru 29th - NO SCHOOL

Winter Break

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

The School District of Collier County’s 2017-18 school calendar is now available online, and in checking it out, you will notice that it contains seven early release days.

The scheduled early release days at 12:50 PM for middle school for the 2017-18 school year are:

To view the entire 2017-2018 school calendar, go to the home page of the district web site.

September 20	May 25
December 20	May 30
December 21	May 31
February 14	

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2017-2018 MMS DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

“A” LUNCH		
Cane Time/ HR	9:05- 9:25	20 min
Period 1	9:28-10:15	47 min
Period 2	10:18-11:05	47 min
Period 3	11:08 - 11:55	47 min
“A” Lunch	11:55-12:30	35 min
Period 4	12:33-1:20	47 min
Period 5	1:23-2:10	47 min
Period 6	2:13-3:00	47 min
Period 7	3:03-3:50	47 min
“B” LUNCH		
Cane Time/ HR	9:05- 9:25	20 min
Period 1	9:28-10:15	47 min
Period 2	10:18-11:05	47 min
Period 3	11:08 - 11:55	47 min
Period 4	11:58-12:45	47 min
“B” Lunch	12:45-1:20	35 min
Period 5	1:23-2:10	47 min
Period 6	2:13-3:00	47 min
Period 7	3:03-3:50	47 min

Saturdays are all about kids!

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Session One
October 9 – November 4

Session Two
November 13 – December 16

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HURRICANE PARENT CENTRAL

Learn what is happening at MMS by following us on social media for the latest updates. We will be sharing information on a regular basis through both Facebook and Twitter. Facebook will be used to share a weekly message for parents while our Twitter account is used to share up to the minute news on our school and students. All you need to do is simply follow or like us on the following:



Facebook: @CCPSMMS



Twitter: @ROARMMS

Go the CCPS Parent Portal (portal.collierschools.com) and update your contact information and communication preferences. Opt in for non-emergency text messages today!

GET INVOLVED!

Our parent involvement assistant, Mrs. Cindy Canada is always looking for more families to join our PTO or volunteer! PTO meetings are held the same day as SAC meetings at 5:30 PM in the Media Center. The members of our PTO are involved in organizing some major MMS events, such as, our annual Walk-A-Thon and Turkey Dinner for our Hurricane Harvest! Contact Mrs. Canada via e-mail or phone for more information on how to get involved!

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We are very grateful for the generous community members and organizations that support the academic, athletic, and social aspirations of students at Manatee Middle School! Thank you to the following community partners for helping make our school ROAR each and every day!

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- Foxboro
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- Take Stock in Education
- BurgerFi
- Collier Sheriff's Office
- Habitat for Humanity
- Panera
- Texas Roadhouse
- Carrabba's
- Dewsweepers
- OK Koral Marketing
- Publix
- WalMart
- Champions For Learning
- Eagle Creek
- Outback
- RaceTrac
- WINGS