



Title I Parent Orientation
WELCOME BACK!!!
2023-2024

Wed, Aug. 2, 2023
9:00 AM and 4:00 PM



Welcome to MSA!

“MSA Is Going

Higher and Higher!”

**Ms. Magee, MSA Principal,
and**

the AMAZING MSA STAFF!



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Mission Statement

The mission of Memphis STEM Academy is to promote academic excellence and future student success through a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and ongoing engagement in problem solving, critical thinking, teamwork and communication.



Season of Success!

My SOS stands for my Seasons of Success

Within my seasons are elements of **truth**.

I have to be **committed** to everything I render.

I must be **persistent** because I can never surrender.

My **character** must go a long way in this race.

And **honesty** will always keep me from any type of disgrace

I must be **dependable** because others will count on me.

I must be **reliable** as the roots of a 1,000 year old tree.

We lack **responsibility** in many of our hearts.

But we will be **tenacious** and reverse those negative charts.

I believe in **service** and for this I am proud.

I will offer **hope** to the masses and the crowds.

When no one has a **vision**, I will step forward with ease.

For I am a **leader**! And **leaders** must lead!

This is my Seasons of Success,
now watch me take care of business and do my very best!



MSA Affirmations!

*Today is a good day!
I was created for greatness!*

I am special!

I am loved!

I am smart!

I am kind!

*I will accomplish great things today in my
classes!*

I will always respect every adult in this building!

I will always do my best!

I will go higher!



MSA Meeting Agenda

Welcome!

Title One

MSA Expectations

Attendance, Arrival and Dismissal, Academics, Behavior

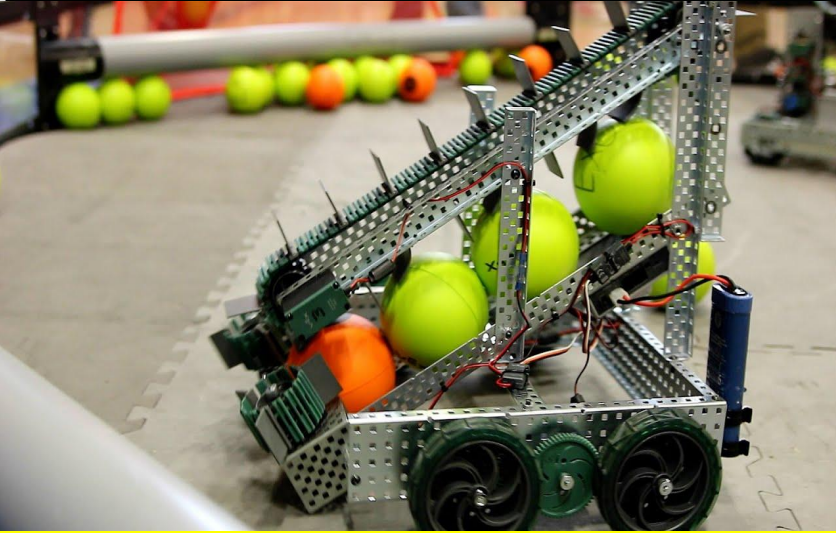
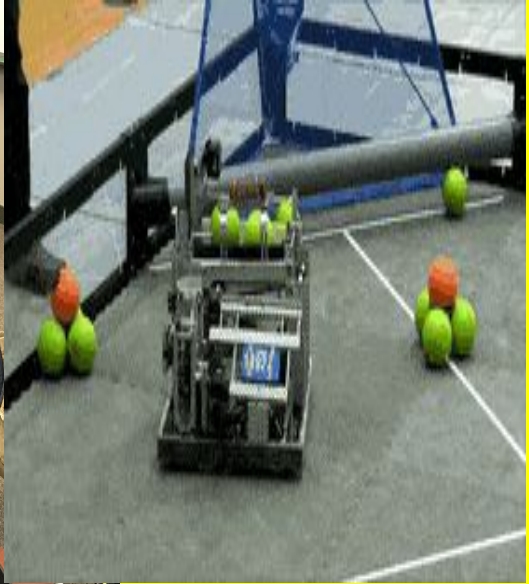
Dress for Success

3rd Grade Commitment

Questions??



WE ARE STEM TASTIC!!!!







MSA

**Title One
Information**



Proud to be a
Title I School



Title I Goals

Being a Title I school indicates the receiving of federal funding to supplement the school's existing program.

Title I Goals

- Increase academic achievement
- Provide direct instructional support for students
- Provide professional development for teachers
- Promote parent education and involvement



MSA Parents Right to Know

All parents have the rights to request the following:

- A teacher's professional qualifications licensure, grade(s), certifications
- A teacher's baccalaureate and/or graduate degree, fields of endorsement, previous teaching experience
- A paraprofessional's qualifications
- An annual notice of Student Education Records Privacy and notice for disclosure of School Directory Information
- An assurance that their child's name, address and telephone listing will not be released to military recruiters
- A transfer to another school or district if the students becomes the victim of a violent crime or is assigned to an unsafe school

All parents will receive information on the following:

- Their child's level of achievement on the state academic assessments
- District Family Involvement Policy and School Parental Involvement Policy



MSA Family Engagement Policy

**At Memphis STEM Academy
each scholar will have a successful learning experience!
MSA encourages parental involvement in the educational
process.**

**The school and home have a shared goal of promoting
success in our Scholars.**

**Our Family Engagement Policy was developed jointly
with parents,
and they will act as advisors and resource persons.**



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School Parent Scholar Compact

The MSA Compact was written as an agreement between the school , parents, and scholars.

The plan ensures that all stakeholders

SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

The school compact is a commitment from the school, parent, and the teacher to share in the responsibility for improved academic achievement.

After all signatures have been gathered, the compacts are collected and placed in the Title I or school office.



MSA Scholar Progress

**School Home Communication
is vital to reporting the progress of our Scholars!**

**Report Cards and Progress Reports
Weekly folders and Monthly Newsletter
Assessment reports**

**Parent-Teacher-Scholar Conferences
Curriculum and Parent Training Nights**



MSA School Improvement Plan

The purpose of the school improvement plan is to improve the quality of teaching and learning so that greater number of students achieve proficiency in the core academic subjects of reading and mathematics.

The school improvement plan provides a framework for analyzing problems, identifying underlying causes and addressing instructional issues at Memphis STEM Academy.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up!

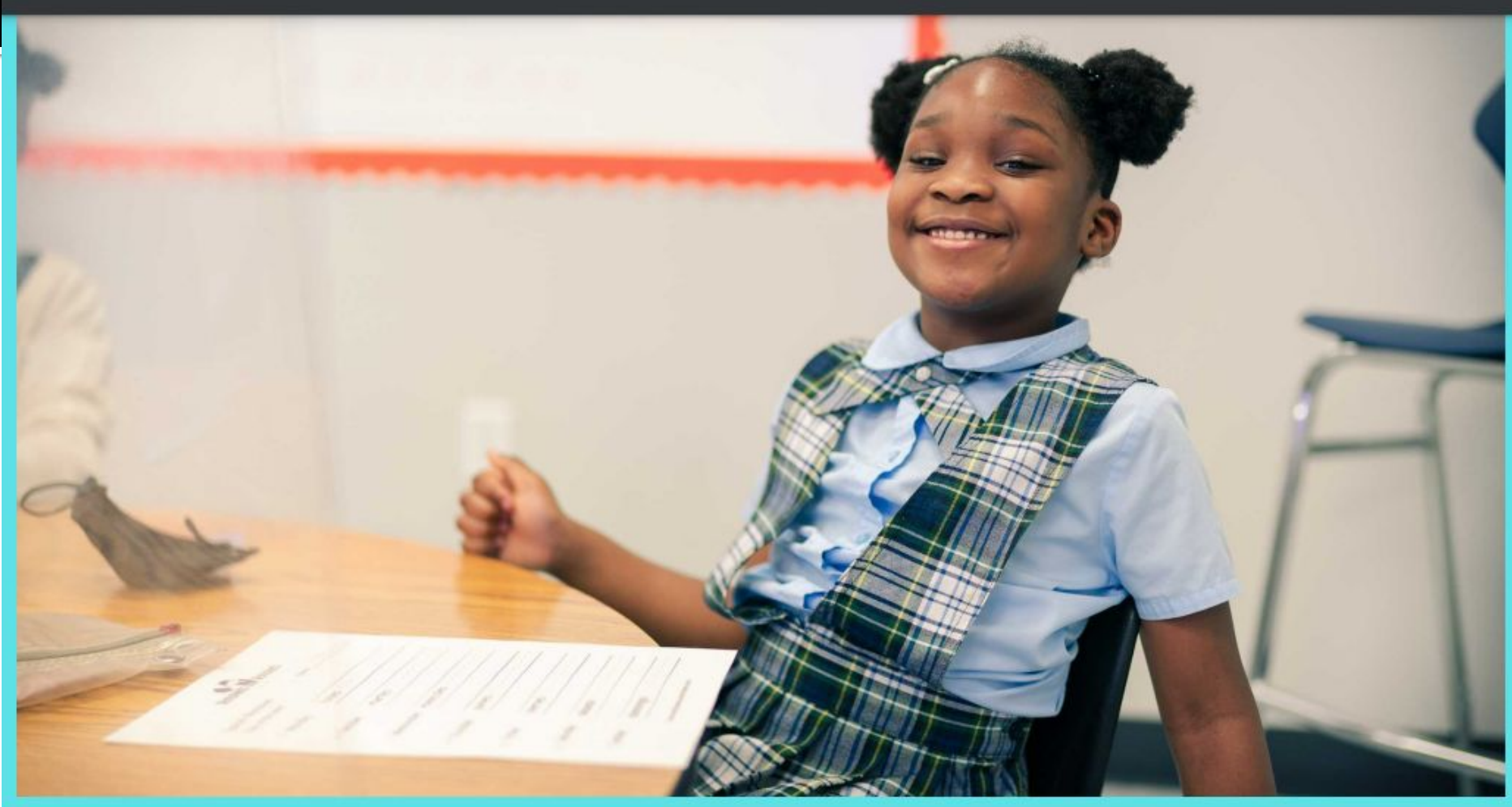
MSA Qualified Teachers

It is our intent to provide each Scholar at MSA with teachers that are highly qualified.

As required by federal law, all teachers at Memphis STEM academy have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and have demonstrated highly qualified competency in the academic subjects they teach.

Paraprofessionals/Educational Assistants hired must also meet the rigorous requirements set forth by the State of TN.









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**Attendance
Expectations**



2023-24 Student Calendar



2023

First Semester-86 days

AUGUST
7 First Day for Students | 1st 9 Weeks Begins

SEPTEMBER
4 Labor Day (Students Out)
7 Parent-Teacher Conferences (4-7 p.m.)

OCTOBER
6 1st 9 Weeks Ends
9-13 Fall Break (Students Out)
16 Students Return | 2nd 9 Weeks Begins

NOVEMBER
10 Veterans Day (Students Out)
20-24 Thanksgiving Break (Students Out)

DECEMBER
18-20 1st Semester Exams
20 1st Semester Ends | 2nd 9 Weeks Ends
21-29 Winter Break (Students Out)

2024

Second Semester-94 days

JANUARY
1-3 Winter Break, cont. (Students Out)
4 Students Return | 3rd 9 Weeks Begins
15 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Students Out)

FEBRUARY
15 Parent-Teacher Conferences (4-7 p.m.)
19 Presidents Day (Students Out)

MARCH
8 End of 3rd 9 Weeks
11-15 Spring Break | (Students Out)
18 Students Return | 4th 9 Weeks Begins
29 Spring Break II | Good Friday (Students Out)

APRIL

MAY
22-24 2nd Semester Exams
24 Last Day of School | 4th 9 Weeks Ends

JUNE

JULY 2023

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LEGEND:

1st Day of School Students

Students Out (Full Day)

Parent Conferences

Start of Quarter

End of Quarter

Semester Exams

Attendance

Per MSCS District Policy:

Students who are not in attendance on the first day of school, **AUGUST 7th**, will be dropped from the roster.



MSA Attendance Policy



- Unexcused absence 1 and 2: Phone call to parent
- 3 Unexcused Absences: Warning Letter
- 5 Unexcused Absences: Parent will be required to attend a SART meeting
- If a student misses 10 consecutive days from MSA without an excused absence, he/she will be **withdrawn** from our school.
- If your child has experienced unresolved attendance problems at MSA, (s)he will be **denied enrollment** to MSA the upcoming school year.
- Additional information on truancy is available in the MSA Parent/Scholar Handbook

Late Arrivals

If a student arrives to school after 7:30 a.m. he/she MUST check in to the office to get an admit to class slip. A parent must sign in student and/or provide a signed note to explain the reason for the late arrival.

Excessive unexcused lateness to school will be considered truancy and will result in disciplinary action and can be reported to Shelby County Schools Pupil Services.

**YOU MUST COME IN TO CHECK IN
YOUR CHILD!**

NEW TECHNOLOGY ALERT!

EARLY Checking Out!

Checking out of School/ Checking In

No checkouts after 2:30 pm.

If a student must leave school during the day, the parent or guardian must come to check the student out.

VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTO ID MUST BE PRESENTED AND SCANNED IN OUR RAPTOR SYSTEM!!!

Check outs for doctor appointments will be unexcused until the student brings a "Return to School" note from the doctor's office.

Excessive Absences/Check-Ins/Check-Outs

Students who accumulate a total of 10 or more absences, check-ins and check-outs will be required to present a doctor's note in order for any future attendance event to be considered excused.

Reasons for Excused Absence

- ILLNESS OF STUDENT
- COVID CONTACT
- DEATH OR SERIOUS ILLNESS WITHIN THE STUDENT'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY
- REPRESENTING SCHOOL
- RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY
- LEGAL COURT SUMMONS
- CIRCUMSTANCES APPROVED BY THE PRINCIPAL
- PARENT/GUARDIAN DEPLOYMENT

Information on NOTES:

- Turn in when student returns
- Student's full name
- Date of absence
- Reason for absence(s)
- Signature of parent
- Current phone number



Covid Health and Safety Guidelines

MSA's primary concern is the health, welfare, and safety of our staff and students. For the 2023-24 school year we will follow the TN Department of Health and Shelby County Health Department current guidelines and recommendations in order to ensure that we all remain safe and healthy.

Individuals who test positive will still need to isolate, masks will be optional, and release from isolation and quarantine after a five day length will be possible based on symptom improvement.

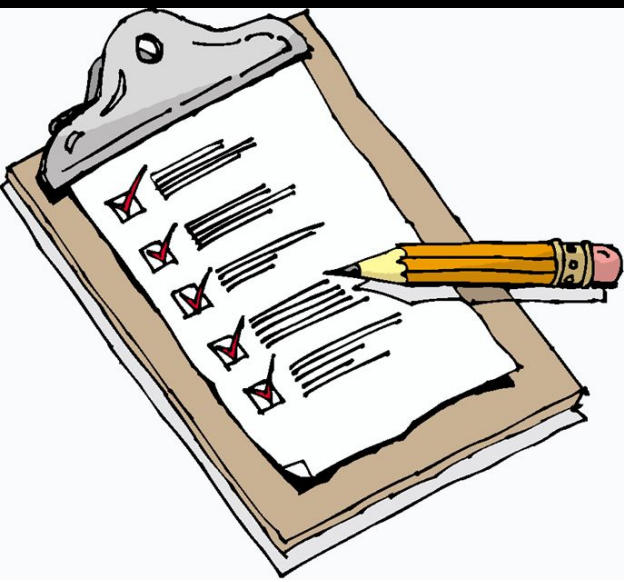
We highly recommend getting tested regularly, monitoring your health closely, and continuing your practice of frequent handwashing and sanitizing.

Please note that the current guidelines and recommendations are subject to change at any time throughout the school year.









MSA

Arrival and Dismissal Expectations

LET'S WORK TOGETHER!!!

Every Procedure and System we have in place for dismissal and is to keep your child safe and maintain order.

PLEASE WORK WITH US TO
PREVENT CHAOS!

Arrival and Dismissal

ARRIVAL

MBA Campus opens at 7:00 so students can enjoy a yummy breakfast, Scholar Socialization and prepare for a great day!

Classes begin promptly at 7:30!

Students are late after 7:30!

DISMISSAL

Scholars are dismissed at 3:15!.

YOU CAN BEGIN LINING UP AS EARLY AS 1:30.



Car Rider Drop Off/ Pick Up



Arrival and Dismissal

Non-Negotiables!

1. Your child is either a bus rider or car rider.
2. Parents can not walk up to car line requesting students to be dismissed. You must stay in the car line. You can come early.
3. Car Riders can not become walkers in order to be picked up at the red door.
4. Your child can not ride the bus with another student if they are not a bus rider.
5. You can only pick up your child if we do have written consent in the office.
6. Bus or car changes must be made in advance.

After Dismissal



- ***The MSA STAFF LOVVVVVVVES your child, however, we do need to go home to the families we love! Please be on time.***
- If any scholars are left on campus after 4:00, MSA staff has the right to notify law enforcement.
- Excessive late pick ups-will affect your Scholar's enrollment status.

Bus Transportation

Our charter network offers FREE transportation through MSCS, not MSA/MBA!

SAFETY FIRST! Please talk to your child about appropriate bus behavior. If they are written up by the bus driver they can be suspended/expelled from the bus.

Your child is either a bus rider or a car rider. Any changes must be made in the office in advance!





MSA

**Academic
Expectations**



Grading Policy

- A = 90 -100
- B = 89-80
- C = 79 – 70
- D = 60 – 69
- F = 0-59

**HOMWORK AND CLASSWORK ARE A
PART OF THE OVERALL GRADE!
PLEASE HELP US HOLD YOUR BABIES
ACCOUNTABLE! PLEASE!**



MSA

**Behavioral
Expectations**

K-5th Merit System

Conduct Grades



E-EXCELLENT Behavior



G Good

S-Satisfactory



N-Needs Improving



U-Unsatisfactory



Positive Reinforcement

School-Wide Formal Recognitions
Free Dress Days
Scholar Dollar Store
Monthly School Celebrations
Quarterly Awards Assembly
Individual Student/Teacher Recognition
Shout Outs



National Random Acts
of Kindness Day
www.NationalDayCalendar.com

February 17

Results of Unwanted Behavior

- Minutes off recess
- Boot Camps
- Class Time Isolation
- Loss of Privileges
- Loss of Field trips
- Loss of any Fun activities deemed by teacher
- Behavior Contract
- No recess
- Removal from class
(Time out)
- Student/Principal Conference
- In-School Suspension
- Out of school suspension



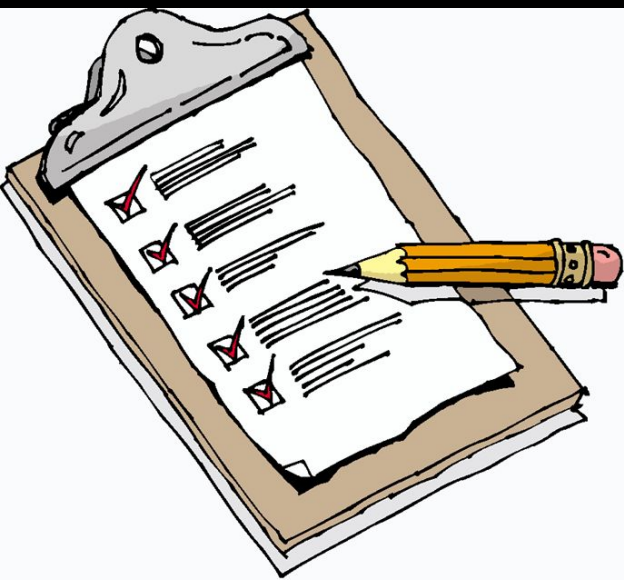
MSA Behavior Expectations

- Conduct Folders go home daily!
- Please check your child's backpack, review their conduct folder, and praise or redirect accordingly!
- We need your support!

MBA Behavior Expectations

1. Raise your hand for permission speak or to get on the floor (No blurting out)
2. Do what your teacher ask you to do the first time they give you directions.
3. Keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times.
4. Say kind words and treat people with kindness and respect.
5. Zero level in the hallways and use your inside voice in your classroom.





MSA

Scholars

Dress for Success



2023-2024 NEW MSA Daily Uniform Requirements

Tamira Magee, Principal

All scholars are expected to be in compliance with the required dress code EVERYDAY!

PARENTS, all scholars are expected to follow the MSA Uniform Policy! Thank you for CHOOSING MSA!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Romper dress or Skirt (<u>PLAID ONLY</u>)o Dress Shirt-button down (white, light blue or yellow) <u>with MSA Logo Only</u>o Plaid, Black, or Blue Cross Tie (<u>MANDATORY</u>)o Plain white or blue socks/tightso Dress Shoes (blue, black or brown)o <u>No tennis shoes, colored shoelaces, or decorated shoes</u>o <u>Blue MSA Logo Jacket or Sweater (This is the only jacket/sweater to be worn during the school day. Non uniform jackets and coats will be kept in cubbies or lockers during the school day)</u>o No big/distracting jewelry (rings, watches, earrings, bracelets)o No nails, make up, or anything that will distract the learning environmento <u>NO DENIM & NO PULLOVERS/HOODIES</u>o <u>CLEAR /MESH BACKPACKS ONLY</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Dress Shirt-button down (white, light blue or yellow) <u>with MSA Logo Only</u>o Plaid, Black, or Blue Tie or Bow Tie (<u>MANDATORY</u>)o Dress socks (blue, white, brown or black)o Dress Slacks (blue, black, khaki)o Black or Brown Belto Dress Shoes (blue, black or brown)o <u>No tennis shoes, colored shoelaces, or decorated shoes</u>o <u>Blue MSA Logo Jacket or Sweater (This is the only jacket/sweater to be worn during the school day. Non uniform jackets and coats will be kept in cubbies or lockers during the school day)</u>o <u>NO DENIM & NO PULLOVERS/HOODIES</u>o <u>CLEAR/MESH BACKPACKS ONLY</u> |
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Friday Uniform (optional)

- o MSA Polo Shirts (Must have MSA logo)
Scholars may choose from the following colors:
Purple, Red, and Orange
****If your child does not have a logo shirt, they need to be in uniform on Fridays****
- o Tennis Shoes (Friday's Only)
- o Pants (khaki, black or blue)

"Promoting academic excellence and the success of future students through a focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics."

Village Mart

2911 Covington Pike



MSA Scholars Dress for Success!



**ALL SCHOLARS
MUST BE IN PROPER UNIFORMS
BY August 7th**

MSA Uniform Requirements

Thank you Parents for Helping Us Enforce Our Policy!!



PIC•COLLAGE



FRIDAYS ONLY!!!

- o MSA Polo Shirts ONLY
- o Tennis Shoes
- o Pants (khaki, black or blue)
- o Dress Shoes (blue, black or brown)
- o Dress Socks (blue, white, black or brown)



MSA Scholar Shoes



KaLuPao



DONATE! DONATE! DONATE!

Please Help Us
Fill Our Clothes
Closet!!!

3RD GRADE



DISTRICT SCHOOL SUPPORT + FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT = IMPROVED LITERACY OUTCOMES & 3RD GRADE READINESS

COMMITMENT

Starts in the
KINDERGARTEN!

Throughout the School Year we will have additional MANDATORY meetings to:

- Review the 3rd Grade Commitment
- School Data and Student Reports
- MSCS Policy Updates
- Support for Reclaiming 2nd Grade Success Criteria
- Summer Support Opportunities
- Individual Student Progress Updates
- One-on-One Parent Student Data Discussions



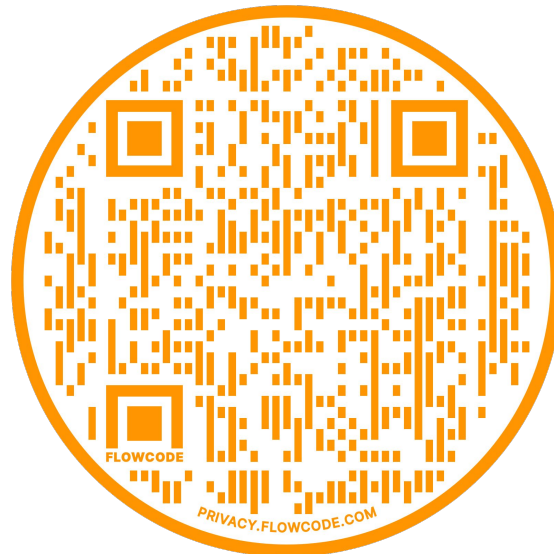


Class Dojo



ClassDojo

Please scan the QR code with your phone to join the school's Class Dojo page, if you are not already a member.



Thank You Parents!!!

SCAN QR CODE for
PARENT/SCHOLAR HANDBOOK!

PLEASE make sure you signed in!

Visit Tables in the back!

Sign Up for Transportation!

See you August 7th!

Thank you for coming!!!!

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PARENT AND SCHOLAR HANDBOOK

