

## MMS Friday Notes

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Hello families,

This has been a busy week at MMS! We have hosted 5<sup>th</sup> graders for their orientation here at MMS, where they are able to meet some of our students, tour the building, and participate in information gathering and team building. We are looking forward to hosting the rest of the elementary schools next week! There are not many notes this week and there will be no Friday notes next week due to the holiday.

- Next week, MMS and Transportation will be practicing emergency evacuations from the bus. This means when students are dropped off in the morning, they will practice how to exit out the back of the bus through the emergency exit. It will not interfere with class time or their ability to enter the school. The practice will occur in the morning when students arrive at MMS.
- SBA is beginning the week of April 24<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure your students are taking proper care of their Chromebook – we have had many damaged computers and want to enable students to take the SBA in the best possible environment.
- Also next week, MMS is once again partnering with our rivals, Saxe Middle School in New Canaan to sponsor our annual Kindness Week. Each day next week has a theme. Please see the Moments from the Middle for the information. We hope it helps students think of ways to be kind and helps start conversations at home.
- This month's [Moments from the Middle](#) has a lot of information to share! Please view it in presentation mode.
- Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> is Spring Break. There is no school.

Community Notes:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade TOPS Clash Bash Party! Taking place in the Town Hall Gym from 7:30 – 9:00 on Friday, March 31, students are encouraged to wear their craziest, most mixed-up clothing. The cost is \$10 per person and includes D.J. entertainment, contests, prizes for best dressed & refreshments. Students must be registered TOPS members to attend this event (registration information on the DYC website: [www.darienct.gov/yc](http://www.darienct.gov/yc)). And please, sign-up genius to help decorate and/or chaperone is on the website as well.
- **DR. LISA DAMOUR PARENT PROGRAMMING EVENT: SAVE THE DATE AND REGISTER NOW 5/10**
  - On Wednesday May 10th at 7pm in the DHS auditorium, the Middlesex Parent Association (MPA), along with the Darien High School Parent Association (DHSPA), and Thriving Youth Task Force (TYTF) are pleased to host an interactive discussion with New York Times best selling author, CBS News Contributor, and Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Lisa Damour, Ph.D., featuring her recently released book, "The Emotional Lives of Teenagers: Raising Connected, Capable, and Compassionate Adolescents". Lisa will be joined by Reena Ninan, Ask Lisa Podcast Co-host, television journalist, and our own Darien resident and Middlesex Middle School mom, who will moderate the discussion. Reena has children

who attend Middlesex Middle School and Tokeneke Elementary. Registration can be done [HERE](#). Purchase Lisa's new book via Barrett Bookstore [HERE](#). Questions? Email Patty Deery or Lorraine Collins.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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