



LEARNER

Seventh Grade

Journey Day

September 25, 2026

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Aligned to our Portrait of a Comet, this day nurtures:

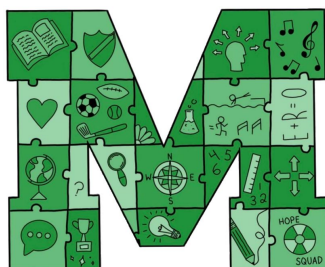
- **Voice & Ownership** – Students choose what they want to learn and how they want to explore it.
- **Adapting for the Future** – By trying new tools and talents, students build the flexible skillsets needed in an evolving world.
- **Engaging in Worthy Challenges** – Students step outside their comfort zones to take on something new and exciting.
- **Building Meaningful Relationships** – Through shared experiences, mentorship, or collaboration, students connect with peers and community members who can fuel their learning journey.

Missions

****Required**

Student Directions:

1. **Launch: MMS 101 - Your counselors will lead you an exploration of who am I and how do I find success in middle school?**
 - Academically
 - Socially
 - Behaviorally
 - Digital Citizenship
2. **Complete Learner Survey**
SchoolLinks
3. **Prepare for yOUR adventure on Friday**



Expeditions

****Optional**

Expeditions Menu

This menu is packed with exciting, optional activities that let you show citizenship by investigating, campaigning and taking action.

How to Use It:

- **Explore the Menu:** Each section has different kinds of activities.
- **Talk with your student:** Students chose an activity and made a plan in Crew this week.
- **Dive In:** Get after it! Give your best effort and enjoy the adventure.
- **Repeat or Try Something New:** Love an activity? Try it again OR explore a new one next time.

Scan THIS QR Code for the MMS Choice Board:

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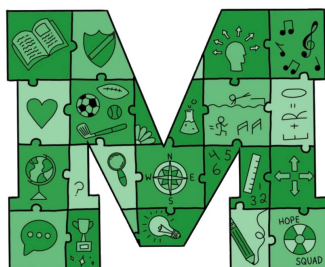
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Missions

****Required**

Student Directions:

1. **Launch: MMS 102 - How have I grown from last year? Who do I want to be this year?**
 - Academically
 - Socially
 - Behaviorally
 - Digital Citizenship
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SchoolLinks
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7-12 MODIFIED JOURNEY DAY CHOICE BOARD

On each Journey Day, choose activities from your choice board that help you practice **Portrait of a Comet** skills.

Mark or fill in each square as you go so that you can share with your classmates!

 Adaptability	 Critical Thinking	 Integrity	 Communication	 Empathy
Practice typing on a keyboard or device.	Practice your interviewing skills with family members.	Choice Activity!	Order your own lunch or dinner at a restaurant.	Complete a job around the house for someone who needs help
Listen to new music or make your own.	Sort and put away household items (socks, dishes, games).	Make a menu for dinner and help prepare the meal.	Practice introducing yourself to family members then try it in the community.	Choice Activity!
Create your own activity. _____	Make a list and purchase items at the grocery store on a budget.	Pick up your room without being asked.	Choice Activity!	Write a kind note or draw a picture to share with someone.
Choice Activity!	Create a picture about YOU that shows your strengths & interests.	Do something kind for a family member.	Draw a picture that shows how you are feeling today and share it with a family member.	Get help with creating a sensory bin for a calming experience.
Try a new activity or food.	Choice Activity!	Sort/Fold/Put away your own laundry.	Take turns when playing a game with someone you know.	Create your own activity. _____