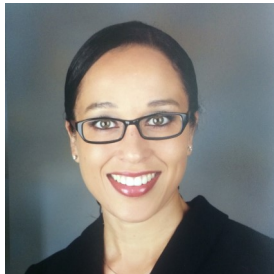


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Dolphin News Splash



From the Principal

Welcome to a new and exciting school year! This year I want to focus on an important concept– the difference between the “fixed” and the “growth” mindsets. A **fixed** mindset accepts that we either *are* or *aren't* good at something because we are who we are, period. A **growth** mindset believes anyone can be good at anything through effort because anyone can change and grow.

I challenge our teachers, staff, and students to focus on a growth mindset and take on new roles- roles that may present some challenges, but will help them grow. I will do the same and may not be great at it (or even good)... **YET**. But I will be.

We all have a shared responsibility to boost our children. So the next time your child is faced with a challenge, instead of thinking..."I can't", "I'm not good enough" or "This is hard", encourage them to think about how it can be approached from a growth mindset with thoughts of: "This will be a challenge, but I'll use my strategies and do my best" "I'll learn from my mistakes and do better next time." "I see my friends are successful with this task, I'll ask them for help." I ask that you take a minute and think how you, too can apply this in your life everyday.

This school year will present new challenges and celebrations. We want to create new experiences and learn something new everyday! We must also remember that we are on our own journeys moving at our own pace- but we will get there!

Welcome to the Family

MMMS is pleased to announce new additions to our learning community. Mr. Dale Livesay (1st Grade), Mrs. Lillibeth Jaque (3rd Grade), Ms. Tiffani Unsiog (GATE) and Mrs. Margaret Asuncion (Librarian) are our newest faculty members. We welcome them to our Dolphin family.

Open House 2016

Please join us in celebrating the opening of School Year 2016-2017 during our annual Open House on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6pm. We will begin with introductions and announcements in the cafeteria. Families will then be able to visit their children's classrooms and teachers. We hope to see you there!

After School Program for Instructional Remediation and Enrichment (A.S.P.I.R.E.)

A.S.P.I.R.E. provides instructional services in English and Language Arts (ELA), Math, and physical education as well as various hands-on learning activities for students. If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren), you may pick up an A.S.P.I.R.E. registration packet in the main office or request for one to be sent home with your child. The program fee is \$100 per child per quarter which must be paid at the Bank of Guam. A.S.P.I.R.E. hours are 2:30pm-5:00pm, Monday thru Friday. The program will begin on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. A completed registration packet and receipt of payment must be submitted before your child(ren) can begin the program. For more information, please contact Mrs. Nadine Cruz at the number listed above during school hours.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Monday, September 5th—
No Classes: Labor Day Holiday
- Wednesday, September 7th—Open House @ 6pm

Don't Forget!

If you haven't done so already, please fill out, sign, and return the following forms:

- Emergency Cards
- GDOE Acceptable Use Policy/Media Release & Publication Permission Form
- Information and Survey Form attached to this newsletter

Dolphin Praises

Over the summer numerous volunteers from the Department of Military Affairs and Guam National Guard assisted our staff with the preparation of the campus grounds and classrooms for the opening of the new school year. Their tasks included painting, water blasting, bush cutting and installing whiteboards to various classrooms. We would like to extend a deepest thank you to these individuals for all their assistance with our campus cleanup. They played an important role in ensuring our campus was ready for our students to start another fun-filled year of learning.



Monthly Parent/Guardian Workshops

We are excited to announce that this year, we will be offering monthly workshops for our parents/guardians. These workshops are aimed at providing support to our families and encouraging parental involvement in education. Sessions will include various types of engaging activities dealing with a range of topics for parents/guardians. Please see attached form to fill out the survey. For more information, you may contact Ms. Balajadia.

Parent Portal Available

The parent portal provides parents/guardians with their child(ren)'s academic progress. We highly encourage all our parents/guardians to visit this portal periodically. The parent portal can be accessed at <https://powerschool.gdoe.net/public/>. If you're not aware of/forgot your login information please fill out and return the attached request form.

Email Subscription for Newsletter Now Available

In an effort to ensure the widest dissemination of our newsletters to our families, we are now offering an email subscription. If you are interested in also receiving our newsletters and other updates via email, please be sure to fill out your information on and return the attached form.

Pardon Our Progress

We are currently in the process of updating our website. For information that is not currently available on the website, please feel free to contact the school. We thank you for your patience.



GDOE 2K/5K FUN RUN 2016

September 24, 2016

Secure Your Bibs!

Bibs will be available for purchase beginning on Friday, August 26, 2016 in the school Main Office.

Student Price: \$5

Adult Price: \$10

For more information contact Ms. Balajadia.

Housekeeping Announcements

- MMMS main office hours are from 7:15am to 3:00pm.
- Student drop-off begins at 7:15am. For safety reasons, please do not drop your child(ren) before this time.
- MMMS instructional time is from 8:15am to 2:28pm. Kindergarten thru second grade lunch is from 11:45am to 12:30pm. Third thru fifth grade lunch is from 12:00pm to 12:45pm.
- Our Flag Ceremony begins at 8am every morning. **If you happen to be on the campus grounds (to include in your vehicle) during our flag ceremony, we kindly ask that you join us in paying proper respect to the raising of our island and country's Colors by ceasing all movement and activity (again, to include vehicle traffic).** After the recital of the Inifresi, all necessary movement can then commence. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.