



The Lion's Roar

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Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

Character Scholarship Community

All Eyes on MCA



Three high school students took the lead in raising our awareness of the usefulness of discarded eyeglasses. Partnering with the Lions Club and with the cooperation of the entire MCA family, students collected over 30 pairs of no-longer-used eyeglasses to be recycled. The project stemmed from the realization of personal excess and from the needs of others. Sophomore **Sarah Shepherd** mentions wearing glasses since she was only a year old and how quickly young children outgrow eyeglasses. "The idea of sharing my old glasses with those in need just seems like a logical thing to do."



Tony O'Rourke, Sarah Shepherd, and Noah Willingham



Andrew O'Neal as Demetrius, **Amy Depetris** as Hermia, **Carlos Chino** as Oberon, and **Alexis Watson** as Puck, sort things out in the forest.

Theatre Class Performs Midsummer Night's Dream

"Give me your hands, if we be friends, And Robin shall restore amends."

~Robin Goodfellow,
A Midsummer Night's Dream

These are the final lines from Shakespeare's play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at MCA's high school production of the play. Under the leadership of Mrs. Alicia Merritt, assisted by Mr. Paul Rezzo and Mr. Neal Dawes, high school drama students did an outstanding job staging this classic production. The cast also included a few middle schoolers and even an elementary student to fill needed roles. Through great acting, music, and even some dance the play was brought to life once again for audiences in two Sunday afternoon performances at the Andy Griffith Playhouse.

Julia Southern as Titania and **Isaiah Fitzpatrick** as Bottom, after he's been turned into a donkey.



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Wins at the NC Student Academy of Science And MCA Students Elected as Presidents

According to their website, the North Carolina Student Academy of Science (NCSAS) is "an organization for students in grades 6-12 in alliance with the North Carolina Academy of Science (NCAS). The objectives of NCSAS are 1) promoting the study of science, technology, and mathematics, 2) assisting students to pursue careers in science and technology, and 3) encouraging students to use their talents for the improvement of themselves, their schools, and their communities." MCA students in grades 6-10 wrote research papers based on their science projects and only reached the state level of competition after winning at MCA and at the regional competition, which was held at Appalachian State University. The state competition was held at the NC School of Science and Math in Durham. In addition to the research paper competition, NCSAS also elects officers for the coming year, and both presidential seats were filled by MCA students **Cameron Shaw** and **Sarah Shepherd**, middle school president and high school president, respectively. These students will represent the student organization to the general North Carolina Academy of Science periodically throughout the coming year.



MCA Students Rock Math Olympiad !

Twelve MCA students competed in the Math Olympiad competition along with 150,000 students worldwide. With five monthly contests and weekly practice sessions, students solve unusual and difficult problems as they learn to think creatively. Our students very ranked high with **Grace Phillips** scoring in the top 10% and receiving the silver pin award. **Caleb Frazier**, **Belle Fain**, and **Braxton French** scored in the top 25% internationally.

Other students who also performed extremely well are **Benjamin Hiatt**, **Elisha Spencer**, **Cora Branch**, **Natalie Cockerham**, **Dana Shaw**, **Preston Brinkley**, **Christian Watson**, and **Silas Cooper**.



Participating in the NCSAS Research Paper Competition are: back row, left to right, **William Marshall** (8th grade), **Jack Bevard** (8th grade), **Sarah Shepherd** (10th grade), **Alayna Smith** (8th grade); Front row, **Trisaia Legere** (7th grade), **Sara Windsor** (6th grade), and **Anna Banas** (6th grade), and **Cameron Shaw** (7th grade). Bringing home awards are: **William Marshall** - 1st Technology "WiFi Woes;" **Cameron Shaw** - 1st Environmental Advanced "Not a Drop to Drink;" **Jack Bevard**- 1st Chemistry "What's left behind?;" **Anna Banas** - 2nd Behavioral Science "How Color Plays a Game with your Brain;" **Alayna Smith** - 2nd Technology "Keeping the Heat In With Green."