



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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Battle of the Books at MCA

MCA's Battle of the Books club recently held its competition in the MCA library. Questions were intense, and students obviously had prepared well. Our Battle of the Books club was actually started by our own students, in particular by 6th grader **Riley Cullen**, who had participated in Battle of the Books at her previous school. To participate, students had to first read various books recommended by the NC School Library Media Association and the MCA Battle of the Books Club coordinator, Angie Cullen. Then, they competed to see which team could correctly answer the most questions about each of the books.. Battle of the Books encourages a love of reading and gets students reading quality literature they might not otherwise pick up. Says team coordinator, Angie Cullen, "I'm just so proud of all of them, and I really hope we can have another Battle of the Books next year." Students visited Pilot Mountain Middle school to witness a competition there, and they also practiced against a Battle of the Books team at Gentry Middle School.

Participating MCA students were divided into two teams: team "Oh My Larry" and team "Team Wolf." Since team Oh My Larry was larger than the other team, members took turns participating in the match events to keep teams the same size during the competition. After a heated contest, team Oh My Larry won by a fairly close margin. MCA wishes to congratulate these students for their dedication and exploration of new worlds through the library.



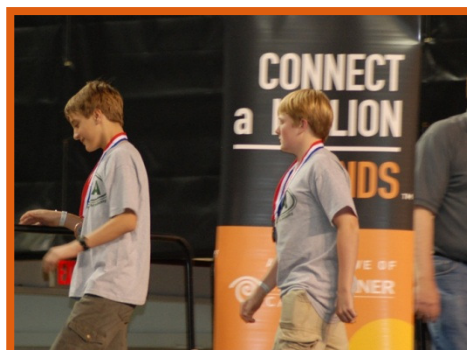
Team Oh My Larry, left to right: **Julia Rose Southern** (6th grade), **Madison Meadows** (6th grade), **Sarah Shepherd** (6th Grade), **Riley Cullen** (6th grade), **Ashleigh Gilbert** (8th grade), and **Dana Erickson**, (8th grade).



Team Wolf left to right: **Oscar Hampton** (5th grade), **Kaine Lovill** (6th grade), **Emily Robertson** (5th Grade) and , **Emily Robinson** (5th grade).

Science Olympiad State Competition

The MCA Science Olympiad Team, coached by Mrs. Mandy Haymore, recently participated in the state level competition held at NC State University during a two day event. Team members competed against students from forty-five other middle school teams in twenty-three categories. **Malcolm Malone** and **Andrew Burciu** received a medal for their 10th place position in the "Anatomy" category. MCA is very proud to have students competing at the state level, especially considering that 640 schools in North Carolina participate in the Science Olympiad program. Visit www.sciencenc.org for more information.



Andrew Burciu (6th grade, left) and **Malcolm Malone** (7th grade, right) exit the stage at Reynolds Coliseum at NC State University after receiving their medals.

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