



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

April 2013

Character Scholarship Community

Model UN Team Wins Big at ASU!

MCA's Model United Nations team did very well in a recent competition at Appalachian State University. Model United Nations, or Model UN, is a simulation of the United Nations with the purpose of educating students about current events, international politics and relations, and diplomacy between participating countries. Topics for debate and resolution for the Spring 2013 session were 1) expiration of the Kyoto Protocol, 2) the current situation of Mali, and 3) instability in the Horn of Africa. **Laura Browne** and **Elizabeth Campbell**, representing the nation of China, earned a first place award, and the team of **John Brooke** and **Andrew Burciu**, representing Togo, also earned a first place award. Winning second place awards were **Ana Sapp** and **Monica Burciu**, representing Russia, and **Blake Wolfe** and **Cooper Nester**, representing Morocco. **Lindley Williams** and **Riley Cullen** earned third place, representing Australia.

Hamming it up for the camera on a very snowy day at ASU are back row, left to right: **Elizabeth Campbell**, **John Brooke**, **Cooper Nester**, and **Andrew Burciu**. Middle row, left to right: **Laura Browne**, **Claudia Cooke**, **Riley Cullen**, and **Lindley Williams**. Front row, left to right: **Monica Burciu**, **Ana Sapp**, **Blake Wolfe**, and **Oscar Hampton**.



Letters About Literature Writing Contest

Sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, Letters About Literature is a national program designed to promote reading and writing for young readers. One winner and four honorable mentions are selected from each state in the nation. This year, **Laura Browne**, 8th grade, received an honorable mention for her letter written to George Orwell in response to his book *Animal Farm*, noting how it had influenced the way she thought about government. Laura received \$50 in prize money from the State Library of NC. This is the third consecutive year that MCA has had recognition at the state level in this writing contest.



Laura Browne

Roaring About Field Trips

Field trips are a way for students to learn things that might not be found in books and get a first hand experience about something they are studying. At MCA, field trips are always related to the curriculum, and they provide a way to connect to the community around us. Some field trips are just a short distance from our school, as was Kindergarten's recent trip to the Surry County Landfill where they learned about recycling and taking care of the Earth. Some field trips are more adventurous, as with 5th grade's recent overnight trip to Patriot's Point, SC, or 8th grade's annual trip to Washington, DC. Whether near or far, these trips provide our students with unique opportunities to expand their horizons beyond the walls of MCA.



Mrs. Westmoreland's class poses with the Chick-fil-a cow and the MCA bus on their recent trip to the Surry County Landfill where they learned about recycling and waste management. They also enjoyed a fun lunch at Chick-fil-a before returning to school!

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