



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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MCA Students Win Regional Spelling Bee

MCA hosted the annual Piedmont Regional Charter School Spelling Bee. American Renaissance, The Arts Based School, and Forsyth Academy also participated in the bee. Both the elementary and the middle school rounds were heated and fast paced, and the audience could definitely feel the stress as participants spelled one difficult word after another. By the end of the elementary round, MCA students had secured the winning positions of first and third place, with MCA 5th grader **Ashton Rierson** winning first place by correctly spelling the word "bungalow." MCA 5th grader **Emma Kriek** won third place in the bee. In the middle school round, MCA 8th grader **Jerrik Giesbers** won first place by correctly spelling the word "ectothermic," and MCA 6th grader **Calista Tomchick** won second place. **Jerrik Giesbers**, who took first place, will now go on to compete in the Winston-Salem Journal Spelling Bee, which will be on March 17, 2013. The winner of the Winston-Salem Journal Spelling Bee will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC, in April.



Elementary division winners are 1st place: MCA student **Ashton Rierson**, 5th grade; 2nd place: American Renaissance student Isaac Kauffman, and 3rd place: MCA student **Emma Kriek**, 5th grade.



Middle school division winners are 1st place: MCA student **Jerrik Giesbers**, 8th grade; 2nd place: MCA student **Calista Tomchick**, 6th grade, and 3rd place: Forsyth Academy student Justin Turner, 8th grade.

Presidential Leadership Council Students Hold "Blue Day" Event

The MCA Presidential Leadership Council held their first ever "Blue Day" event to help the Brody Read Foundation, which is a local charity to help the families of severely ill children at Brenner Children's Hospital in Winston-Salem. PLC student sold blue frosted cookies, blue soft drinks, blue hand stamps, and blue baby bottles which were displayed with student names for the charity. The founder of the organization, Mrs. Terrel Read, came to MCA to personally thank the students for their contribution, and told the students how their donations would help. The PLC raised \$200.01 for the foundation! Thank you to all our middle school students for their generosity! If you'd like to know more about the Brody Read Foundation, visit www.brodyread.org.



PLC members pose with founders of the Brody Read foundation. Middle schoolers raised \$200.01 to help the families of sick children.

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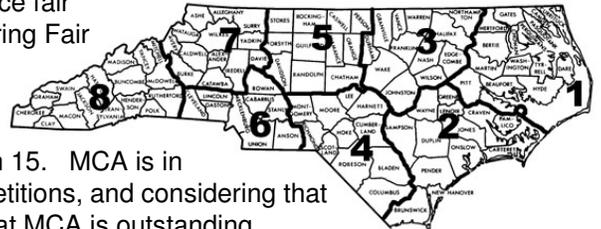
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MCA Shows Well at Northwest Regional Science Competitions

MCA students recently performed very well at the Northwest Regional Science Fair and the Northwest Regional Research Paper competition. MCA, and other independent schools, are allowed to send two elementary students and six middle school students to the science fair, and then middle school students who have exemplary research papers, which are based on their science fair projects, are invited to attend the regional paper competition. At the competition, five MCA students received awards for their science fair projects, three of whom will continue to the NC Science and Engineering Fair at Meredith College, Raleigh, NC, on March 16. Five MCA students received awards for their research papers, and all will continue to the NC Student Academy of Science Research Paper competition held at the NC School of Science and Math in Durham, NC, on March 15. MCA is in Region 7 of North Carolina for science fair and research paper competitions, and considering that this is a thirteen county region, it is evident that the science program at MCA is outstanding.



Research paper winners are **Elizabeth Campbell**, 8th grade, 1st place in the biological B division; **Calista Tomchick**, 6th grade, 2nd place in the chemistry division; **Drew Morrow**, 7th grade, 2nd place in the biological B division; **Laura Browne**, 8th grade, 1st place in the technology and engineering division; and **Sarah Shepherd**, 7th grade, 1st place in the physics division. All five students will proceed to the NC Student Academy of Science Research Paper Competition in Durham.



Science fair project winners are **Dalton Collins**, 7th grade, 1st place in the biological A division; **Lindley Williams**, 7th grade, honorable mention in the earth and environmental division; **Elizabeth Campbell**, 8th grade, 2nd place in the biological B division; **Laura Browne**, 8th grade, 1st place in the technology and engineering Division; and **Sarah Shepherd**, 7th grade, honorable mention in the physics division. **Dalton Collins**, **Elizabeth Campbell**, and **Laura Browne** will proceed to the NC Science and Engineering Fair in Raleigh.

MathCounts Competition Success for MCA

Cooper Nester, MCA 7th grade, recently scored 5th place overall in the Northwestern North Carolina Chapter of MathCounts, which was held at Philo Middle School in Winston-Salem. This region encompasses middle schools from Alleghany, Ashe, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes, and Yadkin Counties. The MATHCOUNTS Competition Program is a national middle school coaching and competitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging "bee" style contests. The program exists in all 50 states plus U.S. territories and the Department of Defense and State Department schools. Out of the nineteen schools participating in this year's regional competition, MCA scored 9th overall. Members of the MCA MathCounts team are **Cooper Nester**, **Andrew Burciu**, **Monica Burciu**, and **Ana Sapp**. Congratulations to this team for doing so well in a very difficult competition!



Cooper Nester

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