



The Lion's Roar



Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

January 2014

MCA's Annual National Junior Honor Society Induction

Fifteen MCA middle school students were recently inducted into MCA's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. The NJHS is an organization that recognizes and serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. To be inducted into the MCA chapter of the NJHS, students must have a cumulative grade average of 95. Each student meeting this criteria completed an application to list extracurricular activities and service projects. The MCA NJHS Advisory Board, which consists of MCA Middle School teachers, reviewed the applications and then selected students to be inducted, according to the national requirements. These new inductees bring the total number of MCA students that are members of the NJHS to twenty-eight.



2014 inductees for MCA's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society are back row: **Hemil Hira** (6th), **William Marshall** (6th), **Madison Mallory** (8th), **Anna Gibbons** (6th); Middle row: **Ben Thomason** (7th), **Alayna Smith** (6th), **Gracie Blackburn** (6th), **Sadie Williamson** (6th), **Cali Tomchick** (7th); Front row: **Drew Tilley** (6th), **Ashton Rierison** (6th), **Katelyn Brintle** (6th), **Brooksie Lawson** (6th), **Alyssa Collins** (6th). Not pictured is **Jack Campbell** (6th).

Making The Tough Calls

Decisions regarding school openings, closings, and delays are not taken lightly by Mr. McCrary, as the safety of our students is always the top priority. Many factors are taken into consideration for this decision: information from weather spotters located in various areas around Surry and Stokes counties, weather forecast information from three different sources, and consideration of after school programs like athletics and The Lion's Watch. Even though safety is paramount, consideration of our students' education is also key, so when it is safe for most, school will be open. However, if adverse conditions exist in your area, please make a decision whether or not to attend based on those conditions and your child's safety. Kudos to our Headmaster for diligence in balancing safety without sacrificing educational time more than necessary.



Baby, it's COLD outside!

Even though temperatures have dipped into the single digits several mornings this month, MCA morning car line workers are on the front sidewalk each school day at 7:45, ready to assist students with exiting their cars. All are happy to see the children each morning, and all agree that the cheery smiles from students and parents at each stop totally make the sidewalk experience worth it, no matter how cold it is. At left are Nathan Soule, Anne Haynes, Karen Fritz, Christie Marsh, and Lu Ann Browne. Not pictured is Kirby McCrary.



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