



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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MCA Supports Cancer Awareness



The MCA Presidential Leadership Council recently hosted MCA's 4th annual "Pink Out," a day set aside to help promote cancer awareness among students, and a time to help local families dealing with cancer. In addition to selling pink ribbons, pink cookies, and pink lemonade mix, students also encouraged each other, their parents, and faculty to wear pink. The MCA Athletics department also assisted by donating gate and concession sales to the cause, and all soccer and volleyball players wore special pink socks during our home games to commemorate the day. Pink ribbons bearing the names of each student who purchased one were placed in the lower and upper school windows to show the many people that wanted to participate in the fight against cancer. Thanks to everyone's support, PLC raised \$758.00 for the Surry Cancer Awareness Team, which is a local agency that helps families dealing with cancer by providing gas cards, food, and comfort items.



Left: The MCA volleyball team sports pink socks for their support of cancer awareness. Left to right: **Casey Barnett, Katherine Bray, Jesse Wall, Abby Spencer, Leah Childers, Anna Gibbons, Julia Southern, Brianna Hill, Sarah Shepherd, and Brooksie Lawson.** Not pictured are coaches Maria Kern and Angie Cullen.



Around three hundred ribbons adorned the windows in the lower and upper school entrances. Thanks to all who participated in fighting back against cancer!



The MCA soccer team wears pink jerseys and pink socks to support cancer awareness. Back row, left to right: Coach Keith Rose, **Alayna Smith, Skyler Belbin, Jack Campbell, Carlos Chichino, Abigail Williams, William Marshall, Claudia Cooke, Laurel Petri** Front row: **Michael Healy, Caleb Willingham, Wil Danley, Emory Bray, Ryan Wagoner, Olivia Malone, Cali Tomchick, and Will Erickson**

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4th Grade Ice Bucket Challenge



Gracie Phillips, a student in Mrs. Spencer's 4th grade class challenged the class to raise money for the Saint Baldrick's Foundation, an organization with a mission of conquering childhood cancer. The challenge was for the class to raise \$200 in two weeks, and if this challenge was met, Mrs. Spencer and Gracie, along with Gracie's cousin **Jackson Bradley**, would take the ice bucket challenge. The class raised \$253.63! Congrats to Mrs. Spencer's class for taking on this worthwhile endeavor. **Jackson Bradley** (left), Mrs. Spencer (center), and **Gracie Phillips** (right) are still smiling just as the ice water pours over their heads.

MCA Model UN Team Wins Big!

Several MCA upper school students competed in the Model United Nations competition at Appalachian State University. Model UN is a simulation of the United Nations that involves students in real world current events, teaching them about politics, diplomacy, and varying perspectives from different cultures. To compete in a Model UN summit, students must research and then be able to debate various issues from the perspectives of their assigned country. Issues for this competition were 1) maintaining civilian safety during armed conflict, 2) maintaining airspace security around the world, and 3) how to combat the growing threat of international terrorism. Out of five separate councils, MCA took first place in four!

Students placing in first place are:

- **Riley Cullen**, representing France
- **William Marshall** and **Brooksie Lawson**, representing Australia
- **Oscar Hampton** and **Ryan Wagoner**, representing the Russian Federation
- **Ben Thomason** and **Drew Tilley** representing Luxembourg

MCA also had other wins, with **Sadie Williamson** and **Jenna Overfelt** winning second place representing the United States, and the teams of **Quinn Cullen** and **Emily Brooks**, representing Jordan, and **Olivia Malone** and **Jack Campbell**, representing Argentina, winning 3rd place.



*Posing near the ASU Student Union, and hamming it up for the camera, are, front and center, **Drew Tilley**; Middle row, left to right, **Oscar Hampton, Dalton Collins, Riley Cullen, Briana Kiser, Cali Tomchick, Jack Campbell, William Marshall, and Quinn Cullen**; Back row, left to right, **Brooksie Lawson, Olivia Malone, Emily Brooks, Sadie Williamson, Jenna Overfelt, Ben Thomason, and Ryan Wagoner**. Not pictured are coaches **Mike Drury** and **Paul Rezzo**.*

