



# The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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## Student Leadership at MCA:

### *The Student Leadership Council and the Presidential Leadership Council*

MCA is privileged to have two student-run leadership councils. The first, serving grades three through five, is referred to as the Student Leadership Council (SLC). The second, serving grades six through eight, is called the Presidential Leadership Council (PLC). Both organizations were formed to give students a chance to learn and practice leadership skills, while at the same time upholding the principles and values of MCA as examples to other students, the faculty, and even guests visiting the school. Both councils have similar responsibilities in representing their respective grades, in that they work to develop ideas and plans to enhance the educational experience for students, and also help the community and various charities. One of the most important responsibilities of both the SLC and the PLC is greeting prospective parents that tour MCA. Any time a visitor visits a classroom, the leadership representatives in that class are responsible to quietly come to the door to greet the visitors. They then explain what is happening in the classroom and answer any questions the visitors might have for them. This one activity has tremendous impact on our visitors and never fails to thoroughly impress. Recently, a prospective parent commented as she was leaving, "The tour was impressive, the school was impressive, but nothing was as impressive as those children that talked to me."



In the lower grades, the SLC meets regularly with a focus on helping others.

Upcoming projects for the SLC include their annually sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive on October 31, several food drives throughout the year, a penny drive (Pennies for Pets) to support the local animal shelters, and several bake sales to support local charities. They are also planning on some fun activities for elementary students, including art contests, spirit weeks, and an MCA Talent Showcase tentatively scheduled in the spring.

SLC faculty advisors are Mrs. Louise Wardle, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Mrs. Michelle Wertman, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and Ms. Claire Wilkerson, 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

The MCA middle school is served by the Presidential Leadership Council. Students

From the front, SLC representatives for third grade are (l to r) **Jared Brinkley, Annika Joyce, Dylan Tilley, Colton Marion, Abby Simmons, and Matthew Chapman.** 2<sup>nd</sup> row, fourth grade representatives are **Olivia Edwards, Nate Sapp, Madison Lawson, Russell Sapp, and Sarah Callaway;** 3<sup>rd</sup> row, fifth grade representatives are **Sadie Williamson, Olivia Malone, Jack Campbell, Drew Tilley, William Marshall, and Georgia Chapman;** On the back row are SLC advisors Mrs. Wertman, Mrs. Wardle, and Ms. Wilkerson

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in the PLC are active in planning social events for the middle school, as well as helping various charities. Recently, the PLC hosted a trip to the Airbound Trampoline Park in Winston-Salem for interested middle school students, and upcoming events include a masquerade ball, an annual "pink out" soccer game with all proceeds going to the Surry Cancer Awareness Team, and a charity event centered around Thanksgiving.

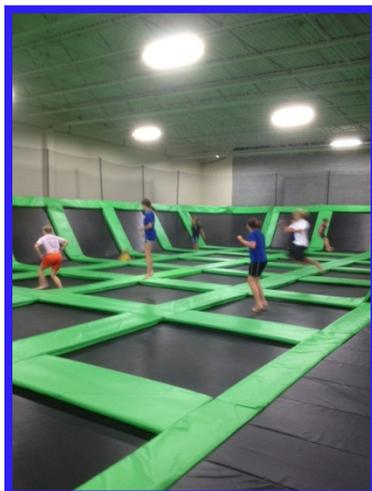


PLC advisors are Mrs. Cassie Robacker, Mrs. Bethany Shepherd, Mr. Toby Bunton, and Mrs. Lu Ann Browne.

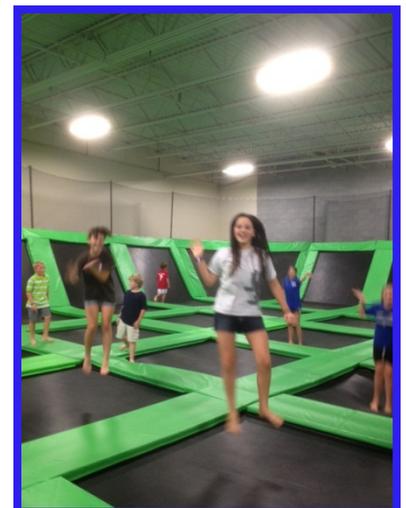
From the front, PLC representatives for sixth grade are (l to r) **Nicole Baker, Brianna Kiser, Cameron Jones,** and **Claudia Cooke.**

2<sup>nd</sup> row, seventh grade representatives are **Julia Rose Southern, Ana Sapp, Sarah Shepherd,** and **Lindley Williams.**

3<sup>rd</sup> row, eighth grade representatives are **Abbi Freeman, Elizabeth Campbell,** and **Laura Browne.**



*These scenes are from the PLC trip to Airbound Trampoline Park. A "hopping good" time was enjoyed by all.*



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