



# The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

February 2011

## Wesley Lima Does It Again!!

The Piedmont Regional Charter School Spelling Bee was held at MCA on February 23, with four charter schools participating. In addition to MCA, schools participating were American Renaissance School from Statesville, NC; Arts Based Elementary School from Winston-Salem, NC; and Forsyth Academy from Winston-Salem, NC. The regional bee is contested in an elementary bee and a middle school bee. MCA had three students in each division. **Scott Clements, Ashton Rierson,** and **Gracie Blackburn** were in the elementary bee, and **Wesley Lima, Ian Nelson,** and **Laura Browne** were in the middle school bee. Hannah Beaver, a fifth grader from American Renaissance, was the winner of the elementary bee. The winner of the middle school bee was, for the second year, MCA's very own **Wesley Lima**. Wesley will move on to the *Winston-Salem Journal* Regional Spelling Bee, where students from twenty-one North Carolina counties compete. The winner of this bee will progress to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. Last year, Wesley was the winner of the Winston-Salem bee, and went on to compete at the national bee. MCA congratulates Wesley on his accomplishment and wishes him well at the bee in Winston-Salem, which is scheduled for March 23. The national bee is scheduled for June 1-2. If you'd like to learn more about the regional event at MCA, and get a taste for some of the spelling words used, you may read about it in the *Mt. Airy News* at [http://www.mtairynews.com/view/full\\_story/11571742/article-Lima-takes-spelling-bee-for-second-year](http://www.mtairynews.com/view/full_story/11571742/article-Lima-takes-spelling-bee-for-second-year)



Wesley Lima, MCA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Elementary Science Fair

All fourth and fifth graders recently competed in the MCA Elementary Science Fair, which encourages students to learn the scientific method and inquiry based thinking. We are very proud of all our students, and pleased to announce this year's winners. From left to right: **Candy Draughn**, 5<sup>th</sup>, with "Salt Water vs Fresh Water," **Joey McCormick**, 5<sup>th</sup>, with Blow Gun Blow Off," **Lilly Puckett**, 5<sup>th</sup>, with "How Do Things Decompose," **Kendall Harmon**, 4<sup>th</sup>, with "Which Plant Grows Faster," **Dalton Wagoner**, 4<sup>th</sup>, with "Which Bathroom is Dirtiest," **Cameron Jones**, 4<sup>th</sup>, with "Watching Bananas Rot," **Sarryn Meyer**, 5<sup>th</sup>, with "Juicy Fruits," and **Cooper Nester**, 5<sup>th</sup>, with "Light It Up."



Elementary Science Fair Winners, left to right: **Candy Draughn**, **Joey McCormick**, **Lilly Puckett**, **Kendall Harmon**, **Dalton Wagoner**, **Cameron Jones**, **Sarryn Meyer**, and **Cooper Nester**.

## MCA Places in Math Counts Competition

The Millennium Charter Academy MathCounts Team recently scored 3rd place overall in the Team Ciphering Division of 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. MathCounts is a national math enrichment, coaching, and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement. Members of the MCA MathCounts team are (left to right) **Gentry Williamson**, **Nick Blackburn**, **Alyssa Draughn**, **Mary Beth Browne**, **Andrew Kearns**, **Alayna Speer**, **Dana Erickson**, **Haley Spurlin**, **Ashleigh Gilbert**, and **Ian Nelson**.



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