



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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MCA Geography Bee

Millennium Charter Academy recently held its annual National Geographic Geography Bee for students in grades four through eight. The bee is held at the school to promote geographic awareness and appreciation for our world. Students in grades four through eight participate in seven classroom rounds, with each student getting one question per round. The ten children with the highest scores from these classroom rounds move on to the school wide bee. Several students received perfect scores in the classroom rounds, and sixteen children, who scored six out of seven questions correctly, had to participate in a tie-breaker round to determine school bee participants. This year, **Andrew Burciu** (5th grade) was the first place winner of the school wide Geo Bee, and **Jerrick Giesbers** (6th grade) placed second, with **William Wright** (6th grade) placing third. Andrew will now take a written test, sponsored by National Geographic. The 100 top scoring students from the written test will then be selected to participate in a state-wide test in Raleigh in April. Anyone that would like to learn more about the geography questions posed at the Geo Bee can participate in a daily quiz at <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/today.html>.



Andrew Burciu, winner of this year's Geography Bee, displays his certificate and medal.

MCA Initiates Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society



Students inducted into the NJHS are front row, left to right: Katie Knight, Laura Browne, Alyssa Draughn, Serena Collins, and Ashleigh Gilbert. Middle row: Mary Beth Browne, Emma Cassell, Carly Clark, Peter Balogh, Malcolm Malone, and Gentry Williamson. Back row: Wesley Lima, Will Campbell, Dana Erickson, Nick Blackburn, Alayna Speer, and Elizabeth Campbell.

MCA is very proud to announce that it has formed a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). The NJHS is a nationally recognized institution for recognizing outstanding middle school students. More than just an honor roll, the NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. These traits have been part of the NJHS since its inception in 1929. To be inducted into the MCA chapter of the NJSH, students must have a cumulative grade average of 95. Each student meeting this criteria was then asked to complete an application for joining in which they listed extracurricular activities and service projects. These applications were then sent for review and approval by the MCA NJSH Advisory Board, which consists of MCA Middle School teachers, who selected the students inducted.

VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Winner

Peter Balogh, 8th grade, was named the 1st place regional winner of the 2011 Patriot's Pen essay contest, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This year's theme was "Does Patriotism Still Matter?" Right, Carl Whitaker, from the local VFW post presents Peter with a certificate for his winning essay. Peter also received a \$75 check, and he will now go on to compete at the state level of this essay contest.



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