



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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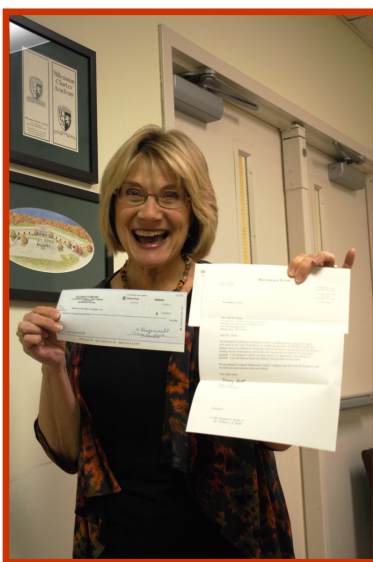


MCA Model UN Team Excels at ASU

The Millennium Charter Academy Model United Nations class recently sent several students to compete at Appalachian State University for Model United Nations. Model United Nations, also called Model UN, allows students to participate with students from other schools in simulated sessions of the United Nations. The goal of Model UN is to teach students about current events and offer them perspectives about life, politics, and diplomacy in other nations around the world. The issues for this year's competition were 1) the situation in Somalia, with additional concerns about Djibouti and Eritrea (example: famine, drought, anarchy, civil war, piracy) 2) UN involvement concerning the situation in Lybia, and 3) separatist movements with legitimate claims to sovereignty. Issues regarding suppression by the host governments in those countries were also discussed. Eighty-six teams from various schools in Central and Western North Carolina participated in the competition. MCA sent seven teams, and four of those teams placed with an award. **Dana Erickson** and **Laura Browne** received Superior (2nd Place), representing Portugal; **Andrew Burcui** and **John Brook** received Excellent (3rd Place) also representing Portugal; **Beth Overfelt** and **Alayna Speer** received Excellent (3rd Place), representing Russia; and **Monica Burciu** and **Marla Grubaugh** received an Honorable Mention with their delegation representing Germany.



Back row, left to right: Matthew Elder, Model UN sponsor and MCA History Teacher, **Dana Erickson**, **Abby Shepherd**, **Elizabeth Campbell**, and **Gentry Williamson**; Middle row, left to right: **Scott Kearns**, **Alayna Speer**, **John Brook**, and **Briana Coad**; Front row, left to right: **Laura Browne**, **Beth Overfelt**, **Andrew Burciu**, **Monica Burciu**, and **Marla Grubaugh**



Mrs. Theis happily shows off her check for \$25,000.

\$25,000 for MCA Technology

Jane Theis, Director of Exceptional Children, recently received notification that her request for a **\$25,000 grant** from the Hillsdale Fund was accepted. This money will be used to help fund MCA's technology plan, specifically the purchase of SMART boards, a SMART table, laptops, a subscription to Discovery Education, a subscription to a reading service, an internet firewall subscription, and other items as allowed.



First Annual Fall Frolic a Success!

The recent Fall Frolic, held on November 17, earned over \$2,300.00 which will be used to help fund special projects for the art and music departments at MCA. Here Mr. McCrary takes up hot dog tickets from Mrs. Terri Truitt, **Cara Marshall**, and **Savannah Truitt**. Thanks to everyone that helped make this event such a success!

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