



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

November 2017

MCA Presents *Beauty and the Beast*

Character Scholarship Community



Above, Beauty talks with Gaston and the townspeople when she comes to visit her father.



Left, Beauty dances with Beast for the first time and begins to realize that what is on the inside of a person is more important than his outer appearance. Above, Beauty meets the characters in Beast's castle.



Under the direction of Mrs. Beverly Edwards, MCA 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Danielle Davis, MCA choral teacher, several MCA students performed *Beauty and the Beast* on the stage at the Central Methodist Church fellowship hall in Mount Airy. The familiar and much loved story is actually part of the second grade Core Knowledge curriculum. Mrs. Edwards designed the costumes. The stage set, which was stunning, was created by MCA grandparent, Susan Michael, who also works with the Surry Arts Council for set and costume design. MCA students from grades kindergarten through three attended the play during a daytime performance, and an evening performance was also given for parents and friends. MCA students performing in the play were **Kennedy Byrd** (Beauty), **Grant Routh** (Prince / Beast), **JT Tucker** (Gaston), **Phillip Byrd** (Lefou), **Sydney Jarrell** (Enchantress), **Landon Jarrell** (Maurice), **Brayden Holladay** (Cogsworth), **Ethan Holladay** (Lumiere), **Olivia Edwards** (Babbette), **Karlie Gwyn** (Mrs. Potts), **Ben Branch** (Chip), **Walker York** (Monsieur D'Arque), **Andrew Edwards** (Villager / Wolf), **Hallie Corder**, **Shaylee Jarrell**, **Eleanor Edwards**, **Jozlyn Donaldson** (Narrators / Silly Girls), **Emma Bowman**, **Addison Brady**, **Hallie Johnson**, **Emma Carter** (Choir / Villagers), and **Haley White** (Madame de la Grande Bouche).



More College Acceptances



Congratulations to our MCA Seniors who have already received early acceptances to many fine colleges and universities. There are more to come!



MCA high school students are looking forward to on campus visits from Belmont Abby representatives, and field trips to tour UNC Greensboro, High Point University, and Elon University in the near future, with even more trips to be announced soon.



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The Summoning of Everyman

Mr. Cook's 6th through 8th-grade drama elective performed *The Summoning of Everyman*, a late medieval mystery play whose author is unknown. The drama treats allegorically the human condition. The character, Everyman, is confronted by Death and is sent on a journey to give an account of his earthly deeds. Everyman begs for more time, but he is only given enough time to travel to his grave. Along the way, he seeks out his friends, family, and other allegorical figures who represent wealth, strength, and other human virtues and faults. All of the characters he encounters refuse to go with him or explain how, while useful in life, when the end comes they offer only empty promises or worse. Using humor, pathos, and suspense the play proposes that someday we will all come to the end, and then the only thing that will matter is whether or not we have lived a virtuous life. The only two friends who stick by Everyman to the very end are Good Deeds and Knowledge. The cast performed this classic world drama before the sophomore class, where the text is studied in literature class, their parents, and other invited guests. The class wishes to pass on special thanks to Moody's Funeral Home of Mt. Airy for loaning the prop coffin and to Central Methodist Church for loaning choir robes for costumes. This class is currently preparing a stage adaptation of the novel *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen.



Above, Everyman is at the end of his life and going to the grave, accompanied by Good Deeds, Knowledge, and Strength. Left to right: Strength, played by **Kaylee Wagoner**, Knowledge, played by **Addison Brady**, Everyman, played by Sara Windsor, and Good Deeds, played by **Megan Lisko-Snelling**.

Indoor Track and Fencing Add to Winter Sports

In addition to both middle school and high school basketball and cheerleading, MCA is also offering indoor track and fencing for winter athletics. Fencing tournaments are held at various schools in the area, including MCA, where the next match will be held on Saturday, December 2. MCA students travel for indoor track events.



Katie Brintle, left, and **Elijah Surrell**, right, run indoor track for MCA at the JDL Fast Track arena in Winston-Salem.



Katie Keaton, left, fences in a match against Salem Academy. Right, **Chris Marsh** takes on an opponent at Bishop McGuinness.