



MCA Newsletter

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Created By God to Be Used By God

Principal's Corner

Communication is the key to good relationships. We know this is true between husbands, wives and family members. Now I am learning how significantly clear communication is between MCA and the community. We have newspaper articles, advertisements in *Educational Excellence*, *The Sampson Independent*, a radio interview, fliers, banners, and signs everywhere. We repeat the same talking points: certified teachers in every classroom, small student-teacher ratio, A-Beka curriculum, traditional classrooms... With all this and more, we still get the comment "I had no idea this is what you were doing here." Our students are taught in a traditional classroom by a certified teacher using a curriculum that is advanced in its expectations of the student. It is not surprising for our students to be a grade level ahead of other public school students in their same grades. Our

teachers provide "best practice" instructional methods to ensure student success. The vocabulary and material content are accelerated in the texts we use. The program not only has high academic expectations for our students, but the student skills to succeed are also taught. All of our students are in a "gifted" program for content and critical thinking skills.

The success of our academic program is best seen in the students this year. We have 14 out of 20 on honor roll for the first semester (7 point scale). Of our 28 students, only five came to us with any background in this type of program before MCA. That translates into a lot of hard work by the students and teachers to bridge the differences.

Many of our students were not prepared for

the starting point of the text. When families look at our texts, they realize that their first, second or fifth graders are not prepared to do what our students are doing.

Our teachers interact with the students to ensure more than academics are covered. We shape character. Peer pressure is applied as all seek to honor God, seek His forgiveness and strive to copy a Godly model. Behavior is expected which is honoring to Christ. Inappropriate choices are dealt with promptly.

Communication is essential. As MCA parents, your conversation is needed to educate others about what we do here- Nurturing the treasure within each child.

Just a Reminder:

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| March 11 | ACC Team Spirit Day |
| March 12 | No School – Teacher Work Day |
| March 19 | Report Cards – Home |
| March 22 | Spring Pictures – Carter Groves Photographer |
| April 1 | Teacher's Work Day |
| April 2-9 | Easter Break |
| April 12 | Students return |
| April 19-22 | Stanford Achievement Testing (SAT) |
| April 26 | Progress Reports |



FACTS: We use this company to evaluate our applications for tuition assistance. This allows all personal financial information to remain confidential. The tuition assistance committee uses the recommendation from FACTS in awarding financial support. Our funding is limited which also limits the amounts that are awarded. We look forward to keeping families who have committed to Christian education; therefore, our first priority will be to those who are re-enrolling. All contributions made to the MCA scholarship fund are tax deductible.

Upcoming Events and Information

Enrollment: Continue your conversations with friends and family regarding MCA because word of mouth does promote the school in the best light. We have a Facebook account now. Check it out. Also, remember our shadowing program. Shadowing a student, allows a new student to spend the day at MCA following our routine and curriculum before enrolling. This is a great way for new families to get a better understanding of what we offer at MCA. Contact the office if anyone is interested in “shadowing”

for a day. There are several ways to promote and add to our enrollment for next year.

Variety Show: The Variety Show was a success! The building fund earned \$5397.03 and MCA received \$1799.01. Thank you!

MBC Fund Raiser – BBQ and Chicken Dinner: March 6th Mintz Baptist will host their annual fund raiser. You have been asked to purchase tickets for your family for the BBQ or children dinners. You are also asked to sell cooker tickets. All the proceeds from the cooker sells are returned to MCA. In order to “turn up

the heat” on these sells, there will be a prize for the student who sells the most tickets. BBQ ticket money is due **Wednesday, March 3**. All money for cooker tickets is due **Friday, March 5**.

Book-It – Turn in your Book-It logs Monday, March 1, 2010. This is the LAST month of the Book-It program. I will reward those who have met their goal each of the 6 months.

Spring Pictures: Carter-Groves photography will take our spring pictures. He did our pictures last fall so expect a spring / summer backdrop for your photos. I will inform you of details as they are available. Our fall pictures were amazing!

Standardized Testing

March / April: You will note the newsletter dates listed are for March and April. April begins with our Easter Break and we are in the middle of the month once we return. This school year is flying by too quickly. After Easter there are only 7 weeks of school left. However, the SAT testing is significant during this time.

ure for MCA to account for our teaching and how we can make improvements. We obviously need the students to do their best, but this is NOT an EOG.



Please do NOT pressure your children regarding this testing. It is a meas-

Team Spirit Day: The ACC Basketball tournament begins March 11. Support your favorite ACC teams by wearing their colors: jersey, sweatshirt, etc, and jeans. Go DUKE! GO DECS! GO PACK! GO HEELS!

PTF Report: It was so good to see a full room at our last PTF meeting. I appreciate all of your support and comments. Of course our next big event is Teacher Appreciation Event in May. More details will be coming soon. Also, check us out on Facebook. You can post comments and pictures for all to see. This is a great way for us to testify and let others know what a great experience we have had in year one!