

Mount Airy Christian Academy



"cultivating strong minds and passionate faith"

Newsletter

6 November 2015

A Note from the Head of School,

Vicky Webster, Interim

Time to Celebrate

Calling all Parents: It is time to celebrate the accomplishments of our students for the fall quarter. You are invited to join us for our Awards Assembly next Thursday, November 12 at 8:30 AM in the multi-purpose room. This will be an exciting time as we gather students in Kindergarten through 12th grade and recognize their achievements so far this school year. We will be presenting honor roll awards for the first marking period as well as giving sports awards for our middle school and high school fall sports teams. Bring your camera; we will factor in time for you to take pictures of your child as they receive their award.

We also recognize that some parents cannot attend due to work and other commitments. To help you be a part of this special MACA event, we will live stream the Awards Assembly on the Cube. The link to our event on the Cube will be sent to parents only in an email the day before the Assembly. We will not post the link on social media or on our website; it will only be issued to parents to guard the privacy of our students. We hope this will help those of you who cannot be on campus with us to feel a part of the celebration.

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 11 – Senior Portraits, PK4 Individual and Picture Retakes
- Nov 12 – Fall Awards Assembly
- Nov 18 – Fall Open House 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Nov 24 – Grandparents Day/ ½ Day Dismissal
- Nov 25-27 – No School Thanksgiving Break

Envelope Inserts:

- Parent Newsletter
- Grandparents' Day Information Packet
- Wholesome Tummies November Lunch Menu

For those of you who will be attending, you will need to stop at the front desk and get a visitor's badge. All guests attending the Assembly will be asked to remain in the school lobby until the students have gathered in the gym, and then you will be invited to join us. We look forward to this morning of celebration! We are proud of our students and we know you are as well.

Athletic Director,
Matthew Brethauer

MACA Soccer and Volleyball Teams Return From NACA Nationals

MACA's Varsity Soccer and Volleyball teams returned home from an exciting week at the NACA National Tournament in Dayton, TN. This was NACA's 35th Anniversary Soccer/Volleyball Tournament and their biggest event to date, featuring 40 volleyball teams and 25 soccer teams.

MACA's Varsity Boys Soccer team won their group in Wednesday's pool play, earning a spot in the Division 1 Championship bracket. Based on points earned in pool play, MACA would be the #8 seed and would draw the #1 seed Georgia-Cumberland Academy in the first round of bracketed play. Thursday morning, MACA came prepared to take on the #1 seed in what some would call the Lions best performance of the season. The boys took the fight to Georgia-Cumberland, having several shots hit off the goal post. After a game that would remain scoreless almost through its entirety, Georgia-Cumberland would break through and score a goal in the final minute of the game to win 1-0 and advance to the D1 semifinals and ultimately the D1 Title. This heartbreaking loss placed MACA in the Consolation Bracket. MACA would go on to defeat the #3 and #4 seeded teams by scores of 1-0 and 2-1 respectively, to win the NACA D1 Consolation Championship. Junior, Cristian Gomez, was named to the 2015 NACA D1 Soccer All-Tournament Team. The Lions finished 5th overall with a record of 3 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie in their first ever Division 1 appearance at the National level.

MACA's Lady Lions took 2nd in their group in pool play and entered the Division 2 Championship bracket as the #2 seed. On Thursday, the Lady Lions lost their first round match in the double elimination tournament. Afterwards, MACA looked sharp, earning victories in the next two win or go home games, defeating the #5 seed Beach Breakers and the #3 seed Augusta. Friday morning, the girls would take on the #4 seed Cincinnati in what turned out to be an evenly contested match. After dropping the first set, MACA came back to take the second and force a deciding third set. Down in the final set, the

Lady Lions stormed back into the match, eventually falling 17-15. MACA finished 6th overall in Division 2, with Senior, Ashtyn Bouslog being named to the 2015 NACA D2 Volleyball All-Tournament Team.

We are proud of the way that our Soccer and Volleyball teams competed at the NACA National Tournament. They represented our Lord and our school well! Congratulations to both teams and a special thanks to the parents and to the MACA administration for giving our teams this incredible opportunity!

MACA Varsity Boys Cross Country Headed to NACA National Meet

MACA's Varsity Boys Cross Country team will head to the NACA National Cross Country Meet in Dayton, Tennessee on November 12-14. Please pray for them as they travel and compete!

Upcoming Dates

- Nov. 9-10 - MS Girls and Boys Basketball tryouts
- Week of Nov. 9 - Mighty Lions Basketball and Cheer Practices Begin
(Schedules have been emailed home)
- Nov. 19 - BJV Basketball at Rosedale
- Nov. 20 - GV Basketball at Chapelgate
- Nov. 20-21 - BV Basketball at Covenant Life Tournament
- Nov. 23 - MS Girls and Boys Basketball at Covenant Life

New Sports Website

Please check www.macalionsports.com for access to MACA Lions sports news and practice and game schedules!

MACA's 5th Graders Learn with Pumpkins

Mrs. Hoefler's 5th grade students had a fun day learning with pumpkins. The Pumpkin Day Project incorporated math, science, writing and critical thinking skills. The students had a great time moving their pumpkins through a process of discovery. During the learning, the students predicted the weight of their pumpkins and then used a scale to determine the actual weight. They figured the difference between the



Curtis Cissel and Nathaniel Henderson getting their hands slimy counting seeds.

predicted and actual weights. The students followed this same process with the focus being the predicted and actual circumference of their pumpkins. The students also predicted whether they believed their pumpkins would float in water and learned the reason a pumpkin floats, no matter the size. The students then gathered one cup of pumpkin insides and counted the number of seeds in that cup. They used this number, along with the total number of scoops needed to empty the pumpkin, to estimate the total number of seeds per pumpkin. During the process, the students also completed a packet of pumpkin themed pages which required them to compare and order numbers, place value and work with pumpkin facts and trivia. Finally, the students completed a writing activity about their day with a pumpkin. The class ended their event with pumpkin flavored treats supplied by students and their families.

The Pumpkin Day Project was a great way to involve our 5th graders in hands-on activity that applied concepts they have learned in several core subjects. They all had a great time and learned a lot. We are grateful to Mrs. Hoefler and her aide, Mrs. Trigger, as well as the students and families who provided pumpkins and treats! Thank you!



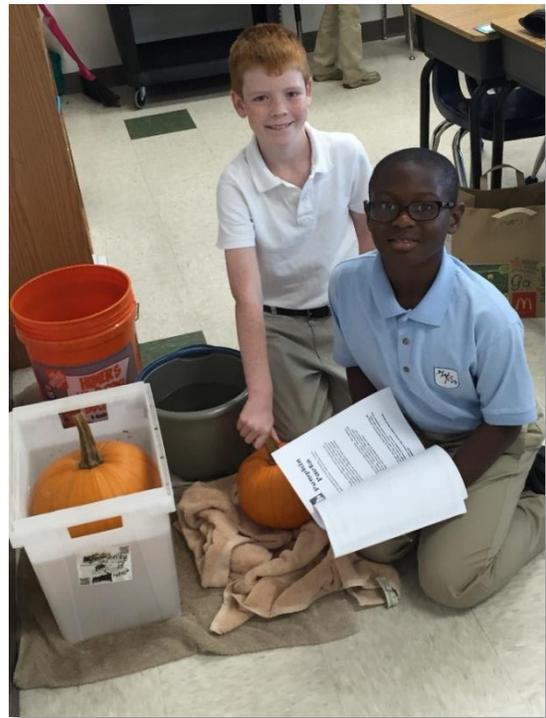
Madelyn Hegler & Juliana Herder scooping out their pumpkins.



Melanie Mallick & Lindsey Willie estimating the number of seeds in their pumpkins.



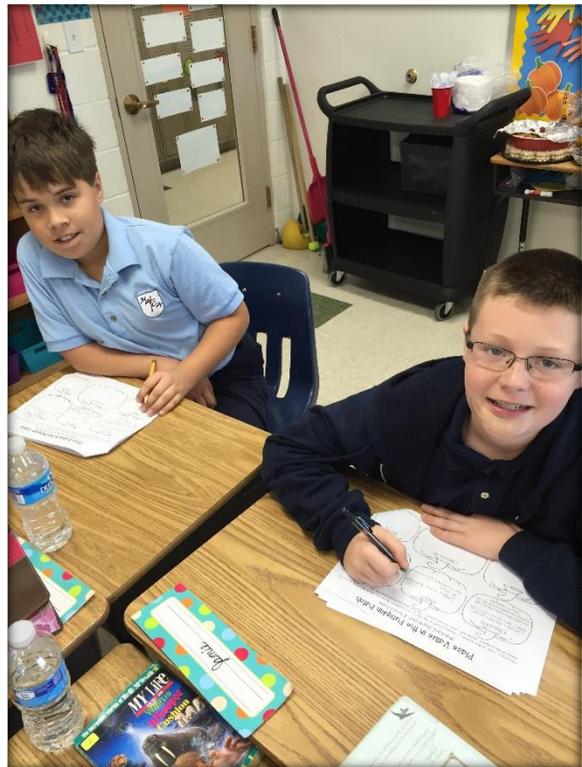
One, two, three..... Mackenzie Bowman & Charlotte Leonard busy counting pumpkin seeds with Jamie Webb beside them waiting for the results.



Billy Stanton & Matt Arhin seeing if their pumpkins will float.



Adam Gorden and Aaron Moore measuring their pumpkins.



Philip Castro & Joseph Clark busy with the pumpkin themed pages.

Grandparents' Day 2015

Tuesday, November 24 is Grandparents' Day here at MACA from 8:30 - 11:30 AM. Once again, we are sending home in your Friday folder an invitation and information packet. To help us accommodate our guests, we ask that you return the RSVP by Wednesday, November 18. If you need additional invitations or your child did not receive one, please contact the office.

Pictures

Senior Pictures, student make-up and PreK4 individual pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, November 11. Seniors should have received an order form given out several weeks ago. Please notify the office if you need another copy. Students that missed picture day or are having their pictures retaken, may come to school dressed up for their pictures. They will change into their uniform once the picture is taken. Students who need retakes must return their original picture packet before a new picture can be taken.

MACA-PA Krissy Cook

A special thank you to the parents that cooked and provided dinner for our staff during conferences. As usual, the food was delicious and very much appreciated.

All families are welcome to join us for a time of prayer in the large conference room every Wednesday. We begin after the 8:15 AM drop-off and end around 9:00 AM. Come join us!

Please watch for a *Sign up Genius* email coming soon asking for donated items for Grandparents' Day. We want to bless our awesome grandparents with a continental breakfast in the morning of Grandparents' Day.

Labels for Education

Labels for Education are an easy way to support our school. During the month of November, labels will be doubled. You may turn your labels in via your communication envelope.