

Mount Airy Christian Academy

"cultivating strong minds and passionate faith"

Parent Newsletter

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Time to Say Thank You

I recently read an article on social media that calculated the number of hours a student spends in school with the classroom teacher compared to the number of hours they spend at home with parents. I was rather shocked at their calculations. For MACA parents this means that your son or daughter spends seven hours a day with MACA faculty and staff; more if they are involved in sports or after school activities. If you factor in other family activities that fill our busy lives, some might find that the MACA staff spends more time on a school day with the student than the parent does. This isn't always the case, and weekends are certainly wonderful family time, however, as parents we need to constantly evaluate how our children are spending their time and what adults are serving as shaping influences in their lives.

We are thrilled that you have found us worthy of spending this precious time with your child. We do not take that privilege lightly. I can confidently say that my faculty and staff are here because they want to serve your child. Together as a team, we purpose to mature your child academically, physically, spiritually and socially. I have watched this year as the teachers have invested themselves in their classroom, lessons and into each student. I know you have seen the dividends of having your child at MACA; our high re-enrollment is proof of that. We are excited about continuing to partner with you for the education of your child.

Today, I wanted to ask you to help me say thank you. It is my privilege to host the MACA Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 9. Yes, this is a fun themed night of food and fellowship with the MACA community, but it's more than that. The purpose of this annual event is to raise funds that go directly

Upcoming Events:

- Mar. 5 MACA Open House
10:00 a.m. - Noon
- Mar 8 ACSI Regional Art Festival for HS
- Mar 11 Winter Retreat
(Grades 9-10)
- Mar 17 MACA Open House
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Mar 17-24 Senior Missions Trip to Costa Rica
- Mar 24 End of Marking Period/1/2 Day
Dismiss at Noon
- Mar 25-28 Easter Vacation
NO SCHOOL
- Mar 30 ASVAB Testing
(Grades 10-11)
- Mar 31 Awards Assembly,
8:25 a.m. (Academic Awards & Winter Sports)

Attachments:

- Calling All Grandparents Letter (Elem. Only)
- Jostens Yearbook Ad Flyer
- Goodson Basketball Flyer (MS/HS Only)

to the teachers. Your attendance and participation in this evening is a way for you to say thank you to them. It is a way for you to bless them for being the positive and encouraging shaping influence in the life of your child.

If you haven't been to our auction before, let me encourage you. Not all auction items are off-the-charts high ticket items. It's not about everyone purchasing a thousand dollar ticket item. Donations span the spectrum. It's about coming together as a MACA family and saying thank you. It's about giving honor and recognition to the ones who day in and day out serve your child. And we do this in one fun evening. Tickets are only \$20, which includes dinner. The silent auction begins at 5 p.m. and is followed by a sit-down dinner and live auction. The evening concludes around 9 p.m. I hope you will consider the hours of investment made on the part of the teacher for your child, and you will plan to join me on April 9. I love my staff - help me say thank you.

Yearbook Senior and Business Ads

MACA's Yearbook Staff is excited to once again offer Senior and Business Ads for the 2015-16 MACA Yearbook! Please see the enclosed flyer for pricing and details on how to order. Thanks for your support of the 2015-16 MACA Yearbook!

MACA Athletics

Winter Sports Awards

MACA's Winter Sports Awards will be presented on Thursday, March 31, as part of MACA's 3rd Quarter Awards Assembly. We will recognize our athletes from Mighty Lions through Varsity sports teams. We invite you to join us for this special awards assembly.

Lady Lions Basketball Takes 2nd Place at the MCST State Tournament

Congratulations to MACA's Lady Lions on an outstanding season and on taking second place in the MCST Division II State Tournament. Congratulations to Tori Barnsley and Keirra Shaffer on being named to the MCST DII All-Tournament Team.

Mighty Lions Basketball Teams Advance to MYBA Semi-finals

MACA's Mighty Lions U10 and U12 Boys Basketball teams have advanced to the MYBA semi-finals of their respective playoff divisions. Both teams play this Saturday for an opportunity to advance to the league finals. Congratulations to both teams and GO MIGHTY LIONS!!

Goodson Basketball Camp

MACA is excited to announce that Ryan Goodson will be back again this summer on July 6-8 to conduct Goodson Basketball Camps for boys and girls entering grades 6-12. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

A MACA Summer - Save the Date!

A MACA Summer, MACA's Summer Camp for children entering grades K-8, returns for 2016 on the following dates:

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| Week 1 | June 13 - 17 | Soccer |
| Week 2 | June 20 - 24 | Basketball |
| Week 3 | June 27 - July 1 | Cheer & Tumbling and Flag Football |
| Week 4 | July 11 - 15 | Wide World of Sports |

In addition to the sports options listed, students will have the opportunity to choose other enrichment classes for each week. We are excited about another great MACA Summer! Details and Registration information will be available by Friday, April 1.

Third Annual Pennies for Patients Drive

MACA's National Honor Society (NHS) members have started the annual drive, "Pennies for Patients." This event raises money for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society, with donated funds going directly to patient services. NHS members delivered collection boxes to each elementary classroom through which students will be able to make donations of change for the cause. The younger MACA students enjoyed having older students visit their classrooms and it helped to make the drive for donations mean more to everyone involved. Donations will be collected by the NHS for the month of March and the class that collects the largest donations will win a pizza party. If you would like to make a donation to the cause, you may donate through any MACA student or contact the school office at 410-489-4321.

Fourth Grade Class Puts Bible Learning into Practice

Mrs. Schuetz's fourth grade class was able to put into practice what they learned in Bible. The students learned that they are to be a light in a dark world and are called by God to share the gospel with others. To put this learning into practice, the students visited the MACA kindergarten class and shared the ABCs of salvation using ABCs Tract Cubes. The students told how all people need to A-Admit that they are a sinner, B-Believe, repent and receive eternal life and C-Choose Jesus as Lord. The students used scripture throughout their sharing. The fourth grade really enjoyed sharing what they had learned and one student stated, "It was easier than I thought it would be." Mrs. Schuetz said it was wonderful to see her MACA students being a "light" and that she hoped they would now go outside of the school walls to



Ben Hickey and Ethan Barlow visiting the MACA Preschool.



Ben Hickey and Ethan Barlow explain the collection boxes to 3rd graders.

share their faith with others. We look forward to seeing how equipping our students spiritually will make an impact for Christ.

Brady Shinabery praying with kindergarten students, Carson Mauney and Ezekiel Zeedijk.



First Grade Completes Projects in Measurement Unit

Mrs. Surland's first graders have just completed a math unit on measurement. To help them in putting the lesson into practice, students were asked to build, create or bake something that required them to use either capacity or linear measurement. The students then were asked to write an essay which explained their project, using at least two types of measurement in their explanation. Students enjoyed putting to practical use the skills they learned in math. They also enjoyed sharing their projects with their classmates. Pictured at the right, are first graders Claire Clifford with her rocket, Emma Esquivel with her chocolate chip cookies, Bo Korn with his bat box and Teague Vallejos with his sword.



Three MACA Alumni Head to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament Friday, March 4, 2016, 5:30 P.M.

Three alumni from MACA will head to the NCAA Division III Basketball Championship as part of the Lancaster Bible College Chargers Men's Basketball Team. Lancaster Bible College's men, currently undefeated at 27-0, will take on the College of Wooster (21-7) from Wooster, Ohio during the first round of the 2016 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Tournament on Friday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m. Lancaster earned the appearance in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history after winning the NEAC Conference championship last weekend – also a first in school history.



Representing MACA on the chargers team is Nick (MACA class of 2011), Jimmy Eagan (MACA class of 2012) and Emmitt Miller (MACA class of 2015). Monroe and Eagan were also members of the first team to win a men's varsity basketball conference at MACA in 2011. Miller was a member of the MACA men's varsity basketball team that made it to the 2014 NCSAA Division II National Tournament Final.