

GOT SCHOOL SPIRIT?

Talk about a color explosion!



COLOR WARS!

People tell us MCA is full of bright students. On September 16th, we showed our brightest colors in the first dress-up day of the year, Class Color Wars! Each class showed their creativity by going all out wearing their assigned color. Despite the strong competition, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade class earned a drink from the Husky Perk as they achieved the first place prize! We cannot wait to see how Wig Day goes on October 7th!

BY GRAYSON SCHROCK
MCA JUNIOR



HEALTH PROJECT

On September 16th, our 9th -10th grade health class had some fun exercising! The class was learning about the importance and benefits of exercise, and they had a project to go with their lesson! After a random letter was selected, the class would begin an exercise that corresponded to that letter. For example, in the picture shown, the class chose to row for the letter R. This activity was a great way to learn while having some fun!

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SCIENCE LAB

On September 3rd, Mrs. Ashbrook's 7th-8th grade science class did an experiment growing beans. It was an example of seed germination and a closer look at the plumule and the radicle.



September 14th, students were given the opportunity to take one home and plant it to continue the process of germination. The 7th-8th graders always love doing science experiments with Mrs. Ashbrook!

BY KAITLYN KLINE
MCA SEVENTH GRADER

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study is back? On Tuesday, August 18th, MCA had their first student-led Bible study of the year. The study was led by Senior Issac Nation. Nation's topic was "The Christian Walk." He challenged his peers with the thought that through Christ's death, He showed His love for us. Issac also encouraged the students that their lives matter because of that sacrifice. Each student left with the feeling of refreshing purpose.

Bible studies are on Tuesdays and Thursdays on lunch break. They are led by Senior Issac Nation, Junior Grayson Schrock, and Junior Caleb Walters. We encourage all to come and join us!

BY CALEB WALTERS
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FIELD TRIP

On September 17th, Mrs. Haifley and her class went to the Douglas Hart Nature Center to learn more about God's creation. On the nature walk, the guide taught the students about the life cycle of a frog. To help them visualize the cycle, she asked for a volunteer. Euriah Banton confidently stepped up. The guide had him put on a frog costume and was able to talk the students through the cycle assisted by Euriah.



The students also enjoyed learning more about the "wet lands" and all its inhabitants. The 4th-5th grade class enjoyed their time and is looking forward to their next field trip.

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WAIT...WHAT DID THEY JUST SAY!?

FAVORITE FOR THE RECORD QUOTES

"Now I'm going to have A.I. flavored water!"
-SB

"I feel like a little luxury bag!" -MH

ha ha ha

"I wish British people were real." -TA

"Why are your toes so ummm... STRONG?!?"
-Mr. Nick



STUDENT IMPACT

WORDS FROM A SENIOR

MY TIME AT MCA

When I first came to Maranatha in 2019 it was my fourth grade year. Many fun things have happened since and I've seen the school evolve over the last 8 years. I've also have been able to see the people evolve with it. After trying public school and homeschool I found that MCA was better for me and my education.

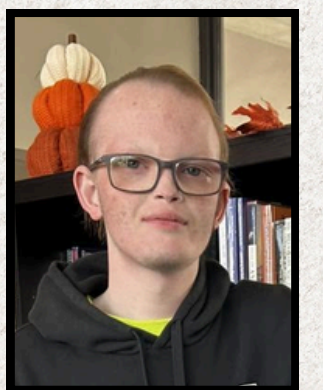
Back in the day, Maranatha used to be at the church with less than 20 students, and only a handful of us in my grade. Occasionally, the older students would mess with us by taking the DVD player remote and change the volume and since us 5th graders weren't smart we came to the conclusion that the device was possessed. This lead to an exciting 5th grade year.

One of my favorite memories at MCA was when we first came to the current building. In 8th grade, a few of us would go down into the unfinished hallways and try to help clean stuff, but usually messed around and somehow never got hurt.

One time we were stacking some of the lockers on a wheeled thing and proceeded to slam the wall trying to get it out of the door. When we did get it through there was only around an inch of space between the doorframe and the lockers. We tried it again to only drop them creating a boom that would awaken the whole town. In response to this, we "scrambled and skedaddled" and never got in trouble somehow.

There were many times I wished I had brought my phone down the hall with me to take pictures and videos of the stupid stuff we did but I'll just try to never forget.

I'm thankful for my time at Maranatha and if I could turn back time I wouldn't do a thing different in regards to my school choice.



ELIAS LUCAS
MCA SENIOR

UPCOMING EVENTS

WIG DAY

Wednesday, Oct. 7th

Things are about to get a little WIGGY around here! Whether you want to look like a rock star, a grandparent, a movie character, or just completely ridiculous, wig day is your chance to have some fun! Come ready to make your friends do a double take!



PICTURE DAY

Wednesday, Oct. 21st

Be ready to have your individual portraits snapped for the yearbook.



Want to stay up to date with everything happening at MCA?

Make sure you're connected and in the know! Follow our Facebook page, @mcamattoon, for the latest announcements, events, reminders, and updates.

Planning ahead? Keep track of all our upcoming events and important dates by checking the MCA Google Calendar on our website.

www.mcamattoon.com

Monday afternoon on lunch break, Rocky and some of his friends decided to play a game of dodgeball.



Let's do this!

They began to play and all of a sudden, Rocky got hit with a ball out of nowhere!



WHACK!

He looked around to see a weird shaped box across the line from him.



Man... that looks like a turtle shell.

Just before he crossed the line, his buddy popped out of the box and nailed him with another ball.



POP!

Rocky jumped back and began to laugh as he realized his buddy's plan of attack was to pretend he was a turtle and hide in his shell.



HA! HA! HA!

They both began to laugh as their teacher called from the door that lunch was over.



Lunch is over!

HAHA!

That was so good!

Laughing, they returned to class.



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THE BEAUTY OF LETTING GO

Take a look outside this week, what do you see? Chances are you will see signs of change happening all around you. The air is changing from sticky and warm to crisp and cool, the smell is different, the sound of crunching leaves start to appear under your footsteps, and my favorite transformation of all is the leaves that are changing from green to beautiful shades of gold, orange, and red. It's beautiful, but as beautiful as it may be, it's actually a sign of something much bigger happening in nature. The trees are letting go.

Trees don't fight the falling leaves. They don't try to hold onto last summer's growth out of fear of what winter might bring. They drop their leaves purposefully — letting go of what was once a part of them so that they can protect their roots, survive the cold, and make room for fresh growth when spring arrives.

It is so easy for us to hold onto things we were never meant to carry forever. Our past mistakes, old labels, habits, or relationships. When we cling to these, we get stuck. We tell ourselves we are defined by what's behind us. But God never wanted that for you and he does not expect you to hold on to that forever, he expects you to let those leaves fall so that you can make room for the beauty that he has ahead for you.

Isaiah 43:18-19 says, "Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

God gives His people a clear command: "Do not dwell on the past." Why? Because if your hands are completely full of yesterday's baggage, you have no way to reach out and grab what God is handing you today. Letting go isn't defeat. It isn't giving up. Letting go is showing the Lord that you trust him and you are ready to receive the blessings he has been preparing for you. As you walk outside today and see the leaves falling, ask yourself one simple question: "What is one thing I am holding onto that God is asking me to let go of?"

Trust the God who created the seasons. Let it go, let your leaves fall, and make room for the new thing He is building in you.



MRS. MARLEY WELLING
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

THE MARANATHA MAP

Mission

We exist to **glorify God** by faithfully proclaiming the **truth**, cultivating **personal responsibility**, and preparing students for **achievement beyond the classroom**.

Vision

We desire to see generations of families **rooted in Christ**, prepared to live out their faith with **wisdom, purpose**, and **impact** for the **glory of God**.

