

December 2018



# MCA Newsletter

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:6**

## Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 4-5 - Emergency Drills
- Wednesday, Dec. 5 - Pizza Day
- Friday, Dec. 7 - Cara-Library Story Time at 11 am, Early Release Day at 11:30 am, Teacher Meeting at 12:15 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 9 - Scholastic Book Orders Due
- Monday, Dec. 10 - Christmas Caroling, Livingston Center for Kindergarten
- Tuesday, Dec. 11 - MCA Christmas Program at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Pizza Day
- Thursday, Dec. 13 - Board Meeting at 6 pm (open to MCA families, teachers, and staff)
- Friday, Dec. 14 - Christmas Caroling, Nursing Home for Kindergarten
- Wednesday, Dec. 19 - Pizza Day, Pajama Party/Book Exchange for K3
- Friday, Dec. 21 - Early Release Day at 11:30 am
- Dec. 24-Jan. 7 - No School - Christmas Break

## MCA Information

### Board Member Spotlight

Samantha Koon is currently serving as the president of the MCA Board of Directors. She is an experienced marketing and communications practitioner, educator, and entrepreneur. She currently owns and manages two businesses in the Monticello area-the Zybell House and the Greenhouse Café. She also teaches communications and entrepreneurship courses at the University of Illinois.



Before opening her own business, Samantha worked for nearly 20 years leading the marketing and communications function for several non-profit and higher education organizations, including Millikin University, the International Society of Arboriculture, and the Military Family

Research Institute at Purdue University.

Samantha lives in Monticello, Illinois, with her husband, Mike, and daughter, Stella, who attended MCA for two years as a full-time pre-K student and now participates in the aftercare program. When not dreaming up the next big idea for a new business venture, Samantha loves to read, cooks as her preferred form of therapy, obsesses over women's college basketball, and enjoys doing anything that makes her daughter giggle.

### Christmas Program

Our Christmas Program is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m.** at Calvary Baptist Church, 738 W. Bridge Street, Monticello.



### Mrs. Weber's Kindergarten Class

The kindergarteners visited the Livingston Center in November to share the "Thanksgiving spirit." They were dressed in Pilgrim and Indian costumes, shared songs, and handmade Thanksgiving placemats with all the Senior citizens. They will visit again in December and will share Christmas carols and the Christmas story with them.



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### Get to Know, AMBER WARMBIER

How long have you worked at MCA? 5 Years  
What is your favorite song? *Temporary Home*,  
*Carrie Underwood*  
What are your hobbies? Reading, Baking  
What is your favorite dessert? Dark Chocolate  
Who is your hero? Jesus  
Where was your favorite vacation and why? New Orleans-so much history and good food 😊  
If you were a super-hero, what would your power be? Ability to get to places really quickly.  
What is your favorite bible verse? Proverbs 3:5-6

## A Note from our Administrator

Whew! Can you believe it's December already? What a BLESSED first half of the year we've had at MCA.

As we look forward to Christmas and "the most wonderful time of the year" I always get excited about celebrating Jesus with the students. This is such a joyous, special time and I always try my hardest to slow down and soak it all in.

We've been practicing lots for the Christmas program that will be held on December 11th at 7:00 pm. It will be at Calvary Baptist Church. Please keep an eye on your email for details about the program, but feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.

It's an honor and blessing to lead the school and I consider it one of my greatest privileges. I'm thankful for sincere connections with so many parents and your trust in us to provide quality education for your child. Please know that as I count my blessings this Christmas season, you will all be among them.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14 KJV

With Love, Amber Warmbier, Administrator

## Chili Dinner

WOW! Our Chili Dinner and Dessert Auction was a HUGE success! We donated \$2100 to A Small Hand - Diaper and Infant Needs Pantry thanks to your generosity! So many people will be blessed by this in Piatt County. Christina told me that this amount could probably buy about 30,000 diapers! Praise God!



If you would like to purchase Wish List items for our teachers or MCA, please follow the Amazon links below (a few of the items are listed beside each link). Thank you!!

**Mrs. Bayes - K3** - <http://a.co/0Ct0iJo> (dab and dot markers, yellow Circo bean bag chair)

**Ms. Kelly - K3** - <http://a.co/busJFR4> (hot wheels cars, 11 inch soft baby dolls)

**Mrs. Weber - K** - <http://a.co/0OKPQWq> (creation stickers: animals, plants, trees, butterflies)

**MCA Office** - <http://a.co/3XA9mXj> (Fisher Price Firetruck, Fisher-Price Noah's Ark, Fisher-Price School Bus)