

February 2019

MCA Newsletter



Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. **1 John 4:7-8**

Upcoming Dates

- Friday, Feb. 1 - Story Time at 11 am, Early Release Day at 11:30 am, Teacher Meeting at 12:15 p.m.
- Feb. 5-6 - Emergency Drills
- Wednesday, Feb. 6 - Pizza Day
- Wednesday, Feb. 13 - Pizza Day
- Monday, Feb. 18 - No School - President's Day
- Tuesday, Feb. 19 - Scholastic Book Orders Due
- Wednesday, Feb. 20 - Pizza Day
- Thursday, Feb. 21 - Board Meeting at 6 pm (open to MCA families, teachers, and staff)
- Wednesday, Feb. 27 - Pizza Day

MCA Information

Board Member Spotlight



Laura McCleary is serving as Secretary on the MCA Board of Directors this year. She is a graduate of Monticello High School and has been the Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at MHS for the past fifteen years. Laura is married to Bryce, a firefighter in Decatur. They have three children: Dustin (9), Scarlett (8), and Emmerson Grace (6). Emmerson attended MCA for three years and is currently a kindergartner at Lincoln School. The McClearys love the philosophy and approach that MCA offers to its families.

In her free time, Laura enjoys exercising, spending time with her family, and traveling (especially to Walt Disney World). The family also enjoys hiking and spending time at Allerton Park.

Mrs. Smith's K-4 Class - I know Jesus loves me because...

Elias - Cause He saves us.

Georgie - Because He died for us.

Rose - He likes to do stuff with me, likes to go to school with me, and eating food with me.

Hazel L. - Because He saved us from sin.

Camden - He watches over us.

Filippo - Because He loves everyone because He is good.

Easton - He provides food, family, flowers, and butterflies.

Hazel K. - He cares for us, He provides drinks for us.

Austin - He provides food and saves us from our sins.



Jesus Loves Me This I Know



A Note from our Administrator

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We're on the Web!
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If you'd like to order MCA apparel, you can do so at this link. <https://squareup.com/store/monticello-christian-academy/> MCA apparel is uniform approved (can be worn any day of the week) and is encouraged for field trips (easy identification for staff). You can choose to have the items shipped to your home or they can be delivered to MCA at no extra cost. MCA does receive a small portion of the proceeds back. Let me know if you have any questions!

Registration for next school year is in full swing. If you need more information, please let me know. It's exciting to think about how our MCA family is going to change and grow. We'll miss those who leave, and we'll look forward to the new children who join us. Our family keeps growing and growing!

Don't forget to send in any box tops you've been saving. We are having a snowball fight to see which class can collect the most. The class who wins will get a trophy! A super easy way to get bonus box tops is through their app – consider downloading it if you'd like to help even more. We really appreciate it!

What the Lord has been showing me....



"It [love] does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. - 1 Corinthians 13:5

We can unintentionally let bitterness grow deep into our hearts. Bitterness is the hardest sin to see in the mirror because you feel justified in it – it becomes like a close friend you walk with everyday. While love keeps no record of wrongs, bitterness keeps detailed logs of wrongs (and reviews them often).

You kill bitterness with compassion. You kill bitterness with forgiveness – you're not generating something, you're passing along something you've already received through Jesus. We all need grace and by passing it along to others who have hurt us, we can find true freedom.

With Love, Amber Warmbier, Administrator

Get to Know, BONNIE BAYES

How long have you worked at MCA? **2+ Years**
What is your favorite song? **You Never Let Go, Matt Redman**
What are your hobbies? **Cooking/baking, gardening, writing**
What is your favorite dessert? **Lemon Meringue Pie**
Who is your hero? **My husband, Steven**
Where was your favorite vacation and why? **Bellfountain, Ohio and Shawnee Caverns. Because we did so much with our children which included camping, pontoon boating, spelunking, visiting Piatt castles, and horseback riding.**
If you were a super-hero, what would your power be? **To transport anywhere in the world to lend a hand where I am needed.**
What is your favorite bible verse? **John 3:16**

Get to Know, KELLY THOMPSON

How long have you worked at MCA? **2 Years**
What is your favorite song? **I'll Make a Man Out of You, Mulan**
What are your hobbies? **Drawing, line dancing, and basketball**
What is your favorite dessert? **Cookies and ice cream**
Who is your hero? **My Godmother - she has had the biggest influence on my adult life.**
Where was your favorite vacation and why? **Colorado Springs - spent a week with my best friend and mom as we hiked and visited family. We explored caves and drove through the mountains.**
If you were a super-hero, what would your power be? **Talk to the animals! They helped Snow White a lot! ☺**
What is your favorite bible verse? **Isaiah 41:13**