

March 2019

# MCA Newsletter



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” **Jeremiah 29:11**

## Upcoming Dates

- Friday, Mar. 1 - Early Release Day at 11:30 am, Teacher Meeting at 12:15 p.m.
- Mar. 5-6 - Emergency Drills
- Wednesday, Mar. 6 - Pizza Day
- Friday, Mar. 8 - Children's Museum Field Trip - K3
- Wednesday, Mar. 13 - Pizza Day
- Friday, Mar. 15 - Story Time at 11 am, Early Release Day at 11:30 am
- March 18-22 - No School - Spring Break
- Monday, Mar. 25 - Scholastic Book Orders Due
- Wednesday, Mar. 27 - Pizza Day
- Thursday, Mar. 28 - Board Meeting at 6 pm (open to MCA families, teachers, and staff)
- Monday, April 1 - First Summer Care Installment Due

## MCA Information

### Board Member Spotlight



**Kim Johnson** is currently serving as the treasurer of the MCA Board of Directors. She recently retired from the University of Illinois, Institute for Genomic Biology (32 years) and loves retirement! She enjoys volunteering at MCA, helping her parents, and assisting her daughter in her classroom. Kim lives in Monticello, with her husband, Greg. Greg works as an arborist for the City of Champaign.

Their daughter, Megan, lives with her husband, Bryce, in El Paso, Illinois. Megan teaches first grade. Megan attended MCA when it opened in 2002 as a 3rd grader and graduated from 8th grade in 2008. Megan also helped with the MCA afterschool and summer program when she was in high school. Kim enjoys crafting, attending concerts/musicals, and traveling to Colorado to spend time hiking, white-water rafting, biking, kayaking, and enjoying the scenery of God's marvelous creations!

## Mrs. Bayes' K-3 Class - Favorite Bible Story

**Bronson** - Jesus Calms the Sea, "Because I love Jesus!"

**Olivia** - Jesus Heals the Little Girl, "Because He makes me feel better!"

**Ellie** - Jesus in the Boat, "Cause I just love Him!"

**Jaden** - Battle of Jericho, "I liked when the walls were falling down!"

**Lennix** - Jesus Heals the Little Girl, "Because the little girl died and Jesus made her alive again!"

**Devlin** - Baby Jesus is Born, "I love Jesus!"

**Patrick** - Noah's Ark, "When the animals went on the Ark!"

**Corbin** - Jesus Calms the Sea, "Yep, He calmed the storm!"

**River** - Noah's Ark, "Noah had to get all the animals on the Ark!"

**Evelyn** - Baby Moses, "Because I like the baby!"



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### Get to Know, ELISHA GAIL SMITH

How long have you worked at MCA? 3+ Years  
What is your favorite song? Carol of the Bells  
What are your hobbies? Gardening, garage saling, singing  
What is your favorite dessert? Warm apple pie with a slice of cheddar cheese on top (no cinnamon)  
Who is your hero? Anyone who laughs at my jokes  
Where was your favorite vacation and why? The Wisconsin Dells, with friends and family and beautiful surroundings.  
If you were a super-hero, what would your power be? Flying/invincible, safe & inexpensive travel.☺  
What is your favorite bible verse? Eph. 4:1-3

## A Note from our Administrator

If you haven't already, please don't forget to turn in registration paperwork for your child for the 2019-2020 school year. I have given everyone several weeks to get it turned in and in March will be advertising to the public in order to fill any openings we may have. As always, I'm beyond grateful for your continued support of MCA and the mission God has laid on our hearts.

Please keep in mind some exciting dates that are coming up before the end of the school year. I tried to get these planned so that you could attend, if desired, and get time off work, if needed.

**April 9:** Open House, 6:30 PM

**May 7:** School-wide field trip to the Railway Museum

**May 10:** Mother's Day Brunch, 9:00 AM

**May 28:** School-wide field trip to Aikman Wildlife

I try to communicate all of these dates as early as I can. If you ever have any questions, please just let me know. In case you missed it – we announced last month that we'll be offering **Summer Care** this year. If you are interested in sending your child or have any questions, let me know!

### What the Lord has been showing me....

#### Hearing the voice of God

"The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." John 10:3

I researched this verse (and the ones following it) a little more and found out that the shepherd had a distinctive call that only his sheep would know. There would be several flocks of sheep in a pen and the gatekeeper would open the gate, the shepherd would call his sheep. Only the sheep who knew his voice would come to the gate. If Jesus is the Good Shepherd, will I hear His voice when He calls me? As God has a way of doing, He also led me to a devotional about hearing the voice of God. The devotional talked a lot about how the voice of God often comes as a whisper. One day of the devotional said, "So why does God so often speak in whispers? When someone speaks in a whisper, you have to get very close to hear. In fact, you have to put your ear near the person's mouth. We lean toward a whisper, and that's what God wants." (WHISPER – Mark Batterson, Bible app)  
It's our job to slow down, be still and listen for it. He is there and wants to speak to us, but do we take the time to listen? What a blessing and encouragement it is to know that the God of the universe WANTS to speak with me, and with you. I am challenged to be more intentional about seeking out God's voice and knowing Him so intimately that I'll hear him when He calls me.

With Love, Amber Warmbier, Administrator

### Get to Know, TARYN EICKMEIER

How long have you worked at MCA? First Year  
What is your favorite song? Mmmmbop  
What are your hobbies? Hunting, running, doing nails  
What is your favorite dessert? Chocolate  
Who is your hero? My sister  
Where was your favorite vacation and why? Las Vegas - I got married there!  
If you were a super-hero, what would your power be? Fly  
What is your favorite bible verse? Luke 12:25-26

"God often speaks loudest  
when we're quietest."

— Mark Batterson,  
*Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God*