

# MCAA NEWS

## MARCH 2023



### SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT



Fire Lily is one of our four legged friends in the building. She is a certified facility dog trained to work with students who are stressed, anxious, or just need some extra support in the form of a dog. Rover Chase has partnered with the school to help train a few teachers and work with students to learn about the responsibilities of animals, basic commands, and how students can properly use Fire Lily while she's on the job. Fire Lily loves long walks down the hallway, taking naps, any and all treats, and most of all being around the students.

### A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe March is halfway over. We are hard at work working to make next year even better than this one. In April we are offering two cooking classes (April 6 and April 20). We are trying to increase our electives, and hopefully include some cooking classes. We will have a broadcast journalism class for upperclassmen who will create a news broadcast that students will watch each day. We are hoping to have an advisory period next year so we can have club meetings during the school day. This gives more students the opportunity to participate in clubs.

There is a lot to be excited about for next year, so please complete your registration forms as soon as possible. New students will start with an application, which can be found on our website. Returning students will start with the Intent to Return form, which has been emailed to the email address you originally registered with. I am so excited about how this year is finishing out, and even more excited about where we are going!

Dr. Patton Furman

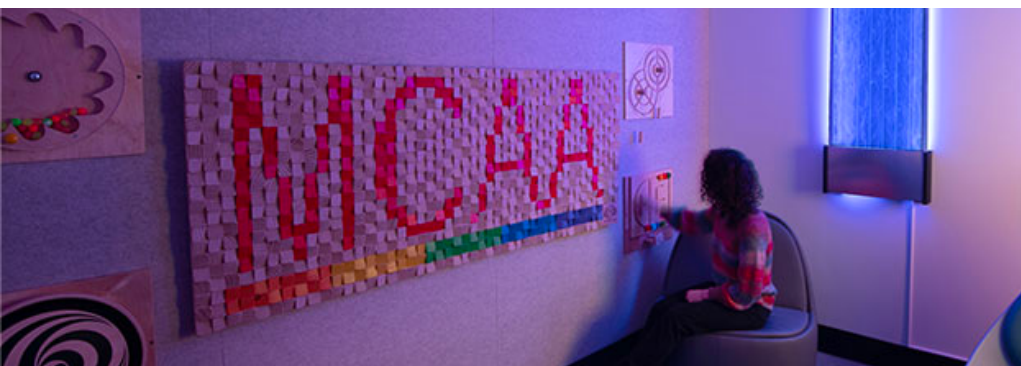
### INTENT TO RETURN

It's that time of the year again! Intent to Return forms were sent out via email last week. In order to secure your student's seat this form needs to be filled out by March 24. If you did not receive the email with the Intent to Return information please contact Mr. Hugh in the front office and he will send you everything you need! Also new student applications for the 23-24 school year are open, and can be found on the website. We will be doing our lottery on April 14.

MCAA is excited for another year, and we want you to be part of it!

### UPCOMING DATES

Mar 16 Report Cards Sent Home  
Mar 17 MS Spring Fling  
Mar 17 HS Book Talk and Signing  
Mar 20-23 NWEA Testing  
Mar 24 Intent to Return Due  
Mar 27-31 Spring Break  
April 10-13 ACAP Testing  
April 14 Teacher PD-- No Students  
April 14 Prom  
April 18 MCAA Allies Workshop  
April 27-28 E-Learning Days  
April 27-30 Addams Family Musical  
May 8-12 High School Exams  
May 16 MCAA Allies Workshop  
May 19 Graduation



# TESTING TIPS

Here are 10 tips to assist your child with an easier test-taking experience.

- **Practice reading questions thoroughly.** Many students have a tendency to skip over important details within a test question because they are going too quickly. Have your child practice reading slowly and thoroughly, to help develop this habit prior to the test. Remind them that the test is not a race and it's important to read questions carefully.
- **Make sure your child never skips a question.** It is better for your child to make their best guess than to leave a question blank. Teach them to eliminate all the answers they know are wrong by drawing a line through them. If they need to come back to a question, they can leave a star or symbol next to it as a reminder, but they should never leave a question unanswered.
- **Serve a healthy breakfast and facilitate good sleep.** It might sound silly but it's easy to fall into bad habits after the holidays. Help your child get back to a strong routine. Make sure your child gets enough sleep and eats a healthy breakfast throughout the year, especially in the days leading up to the exams. Try to avoid sugary food such as donuts and stick to food which will be a strong source of energy for your child, such as eggs or whole-grain toast.
- **Help your child continue actively learning on weekends.** Plan activities on the weekend that will help stimulate your child's curiosity. Reading their favorite book, visiting a museum, creating crafts and going to the library are just some of the ways to maintain their learning.
- **Set aside time for your child to rest.** It can be easy for your child to get caught up in a whirlwind of studying and anxiety. Make sure you set aside time each day for them to relax and do something they enjoy.
- **Practice test questions at home.** Try practicing test questions with your child and setting goals for them to achieve during this process. It can be especially helpful to do this if your child is struggling with a particular subject. Your child's teacher or school library may be a good resource for sample test questions. Remember, the purpose of this is to boost your child's confidence, so make sure your study sessions are short and not overwhelming.
- **Always double-check.** Teach your child to always double-check their work and answers. It only takes a few extra seconds and can help them catch any mistakes before submitting their test.
- **Be prepared with the right materials.** Make sure your child has all the materials they need for the test (such as pencils, eraser, paper, calculator), so they can feel confident and comfortable. Check with your child's teacher if you have any questions.
- **Play educational games.** Look for games and programs that will excite your child about learning. This will help maximize their learning capabilities and keep them engaged in preparation for the test.
- **Stay positive.** Don't put too much pressure on your child. If you are stressed or anxious about the test, chances are your child will be too. Be encouraging and make sure your child knows you believe in them! Celebrate your child's efforts and accomplishments all year, especially in the days before the test.

# YEARBOOK SALES

Orders for the yearbook are open! We are excited to partner with TreeRing to create our yearbooks this year. Look out for an email from them so that you can set up your account and order your book. Students should receive yearbooks by the last day of school.

# PROM

Junior/Senior Prom "A Disco Under the Stars" will be on April 14 from 7-10PM in the storm shelter. Students bringing a date from another school need to pick up a form from the front office, the date has to be attending a high school and should be in good standing with the school in order to attend. Failure to turn in the form will prevent the date from attending prom.

Ticket Price:

1 ticket \$50

2 tickets \$75

Tickets can be purchased with a check or cash made out to the school and turned into Ms. Benoit.



## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Meet the Fine and Performing Arts Team! Spiro Gerontakis, Megan Haller, John Bailey, Brianna Payne, and Jennifer Spiegleman are dedicated to making sure that every student at MCAA has access to The Arts. This year they have hosted numerous events and performances including a Winter Concert, Coffee House, the play "Almost, Maine", and most recently they are gearing up for an art show and our spring musical "The Addams Family".



## SENIOR REMINDERS

Graduation will be May 19th, students will receive 5 tickets each for graduation.

If you have not paid your senior dues please make sure to drop that off to Ms. Benoit or Mr. Hugh in the front office. Senior dues are \$250, and checks can be made out to MCAA.

## MCAA MERCH

Get your MCAA merch today! All proceeds go back to the school!



## LOOKING TO CONTACT A STAFF MEMBER?

Looking to get in contact with a staff member? Check out our website to find their email address!

