

MoCo Monday Minute

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The Annual Mickey Mouse Musical performed by second graders at Mapleton was a success!

Quote of the Week – “If you fell down yesterday, stand up today.” – H.G. Wells

Make-Up Day – At the March 28 board meeting, the Montgomery County Board of Education agreed to use Tuesday, May 16 as an instructional day. Schools will be in session on May 16.



Mayor's Cup – Congratulations to the MCHS Boys' Track Team for finishing first in the Mayor's Cup Tournament. LTC (Ret.) Edward Stepanchuk coaches the team. The team is shown with Mt. Sterling Mayor, Gary Williamson.

First Responders Breakfast – Mapleton Elementary held a breakfast Thursday, March 30 for the county’s first responders. Representatives from the Montgomery County Fire/EMS, Regional Jail, Sheriff’s Department, Mt. Sterling Police Department, and Kentucky State Police attended. After breakfast, students performed special acts from the annual Mickey Mouse play. Leadership students Paul Bryant, Madison Chandler, Stryker Davidson, Kloey Fair, Holly Harrison, Karsynn Hatfield, Cougar Jones, Molly Lane, Jon Andrew Ledford, David Sanchez, Addison Thompson, and Sara Zink helped during the breakfast and lead first responders through the school for a parade. Students lined the hallways with signs, banners, personalized letters and cards in an effort to show appreciation for our local heroes.



MCIS Students Learn to Clog – Sisters and teachers, Alyson Hill and Caitlyn Vincent, along with MCHS students, Abby Dotson and Janna Godby, clogged for MCIS students. They are on the clogging team Stole Power, a three-time Clogging Champions of America (CCA) national champion. They taught students different clogging steps and then split the students into two teams and challenged them to a dance off.

Students Volunteering in Kansas – Two MCHS students decided on an alternative spring break trip this year. Both juniors, Keaton McCarty and Mason Walters, left Monday morning, April 3 and headed to Ashland, Kansas to volunteer their time and help rebuild fences. Keaton shared, “After recent wildfires in the Midwest, I figured I could be more helpful out there than back home or in Florida with my family.” The wildfires burned several thousands of acres around the state of Kansas. Many farmers lost homes, cattle and expensive fencing. Keaton spoke with Gary Hamilton at the Montgomery County Extension Office, and Gary gave him a number to call to find out where they could volunteer. It just so happened there is farmer by the last name of McCarty that the boys worked for last week. Keaton and Mason made the 16-hour trip with a trailer loaded with fencing supplies and hay that had been donated by many.



FBLA Competes at Regionals – Congratulations to the Montgomery County ATC FBLA! Several students won their events during the FBLA Region 5 Competition held March 15. [Click here](#) to read the news release.

Art Work Selected for Governor's Derby Exhibit – Congratulations to MSE cafeteria monitor, Ms. Paula Stone-Buckner! Paula's artwork, "The Queen's Court" was recently selected to be on display for the 2017 Governor's Derby Exhibit. The artwork is currently on display in the capitol Rotunda in Frankfort until May 8.

Student Attendance – Congratulations to MCIS! MCIS had the highest daily and highest weekly attendance at 96.43% on Wednesday, March 29 and 95.04% for the week.

Dates:

- Apr. 10 – Camargo PTO Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- Apr. 10 – Angus Sale, Chenault Agriculture Center, 6:00 p.m.
- Apr. 11 – Mapleton SBDM Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- Apr. 11 – MSE PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Apr. 11 – MCIS Spring Orchestra Concert, 6:00 p.m. (5th Grade), 7:00 p.m. (6th Grade)
- Apr. 12 – Kindergarten Registration, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Camargo, Mapleton, and Mt. Sterling Elementary
- Apr. 12 – STLP State Competition
- Apr. 13 – Montgomery County Schools Local Planning Committee Public Hearing, 5:30 p.m., Clay Community Center
- Apr. 13 – Mapleton Spring Picture Day
- Apr. 13 – Kindergarten Registration, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m., Camargo, Mapleton, and Mt. Sterling Elementary
- Apr. 13 – Graduated Driving Class, MCHS Room 153, 4:30 p.m.
- Apr. 14 – MSE Spring Picture Day
- Apr. 18 – Montgomery County Board of Education Special Session, 6:30 p.m., MCHS Cafeteria
- Apr. 19 – Mapleton PTO Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- Apr. 19 – McNabb Orchestra Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m., McNabb Auditorium
- Apr. 19 – Camargo SBDM Meeting, 3:00 p.m.
- Apr. 19 – ACT Make-Up Day for Juniors
- Apr. 20 – MCHS SBDM Meeting, 5:30 p.m., MCHS Conference Room
- Apr. 21 – Dr. Robert Haynes Spring Musical, Rogers & Hammerstein's "Carousel", 7:01 p.m., MCHS Auditorium

- Apr. 22 – JROTC Cadet Ball and Awards Ceremony, 5:45 p.m., Clay Community Center
- Apr. 22 – Dr. Robert Haynes Spring Musical, Rogers & Hammerstein’s “Carousel”, 7:01 p.m., MCHS Auditorium
- Apr. 23 – Dr. Robert Haynes Spring Musical, Rogers & Hammerstein’s “Carousel”, 2:30 p.m., MCHS Auditorium
- Apr. 24-28 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- Apr. 25 – Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., MCHS Cafeteria
- Apr. 27 – MSE 3rd Grade Performance, 6:00 p.m.
- Apr. 28 – Camargo Spring Fling, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 29 – MCHS Prom, 8:00 p.m., Clay Community Center (*Lineup starts at 5:00 p.m. behind the Area Technology Center. Walk-ins starts at 6:00 p.m.*)
- Apr. 30 – MCHS After Prom, 1:00-5:00 a.m., MCHS Arena

Continuous Learning through Professional Literature

Why Learn Math?

In this interview with Tom Bartlett in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, mathematician Eugenia Cheng (scientist in residence at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago) acknowledges that math is not taught very well in many schools, and that she herself hated math as a child. “The reason math classes are so boring is because of the pressure teachers are under to bring students to a certain level,” says Cheng. “The only way they know to get students to pass those tests is to drill and drill and drill. And that’s not interesting for the people struggling and it’s not interesting for the people who can already do it. I was very lucky because my mother showed me things that were fantastic about math outside of class. I was inoculated against boring math classes by things that my mother showed me, and that led me to believe deep down that there was going to be something better waiting for me at the end of it.”

Responding to the argument that school math should focus more on real-world applications than advanced algebra and calculus, Cheng says there are three basic reasons for studying math:

- Practical applications, such as being able to compute interest on a mortgage and understanding statistics to see through misrepresentations;
- Preparing to enter science and engineering careers;
- Learning how to think clearly.

Cheng believes the first is actually the most boring. “It’s not interesting to learn how mortgages work until it’s time to get a mortgage, and then it becomes rather important,” she says. But the third is the one she believes applies to everyone. Here’s her analogy:

“It’s become accepted that for most people, physical fitness is a good thing. We know that good core strength helps with the rest of our strength. It’s the same with math. Yes, you can just work on your biceps or run up stairs a lot. With math, you can train yourself to understand how compound interest works, but if the core of your brain works – well, I truly believe I can learn any other part of math or any part of science if I really feel like it, because I understand how to think. It’s less direct but much more widely relevant.”

“How to Think Clearly” by Tom Bartlett in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 31, 2017 (Vol. LXIII, #30, p. A6-7), available to subscribers at <http://bit.ly/2oC4BKd>; see Cheng’s TED talk at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CfdFw3hXkf0> and her appearance on *The Late Show* with Stephen Colbert: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mA402F5K47o>; Cheng can be reached at echeng4@saic.edu.

Be sure to notify the designated person at your school if you have calendar information that should be added to your website calendar.

Thank you so much for your effort and commitment to children. If you have questions about any of the information contained in this issue of The MoCo Monday Minute, please contact me at matthew.thompson@montgomery.kyschools.us.