

# MoCo Monday Minute

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***Quote of the Week*** – “No one has the right to waste a day in the life of a child.”

Valarie Lewis, New York City principal

***Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*** – Enjoy this holiday season and know that your work is important and appreciated.

***United States Senate Youth Program*** – We would like to congratulate senior, Madison Cline! Madison was chosen as one of two student delegates to represent the state of Kentucky at the 55<sup>th</sup> annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) to be held in Washington, D.C., March 4 – 11, 2017. She, along with several other young men and women, will meet with leaders of Congress and the President. Madison will also be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to the college or university of her choice.

***Little Hands Warming Big Hearts*** – The Camargo Student Council participated in a service project called “Little Hands Warming Big Hearts.” This project consisted of making blankets for residents of Windsor Care Nursing Home, baby blankets for newborns at St. Joseph Mt. Sterling, blankets for children who are seen in the ER at St. Joseph Mt. Sterling, and blankets for children who are in UK Children’s Hospital. Students began working on these blankets at the beginning of the school year and made a total of 83 blankets. Camargo Family Resource Center provided all materials to make this project possible. Students also sang Christmas carols to residents at Windsor Care and handed out candy canes. While visiting residents at Sterling Meadows, students sang and gave residents ornaments that they had made.



***MCIS Hat and Glove Drive*** – The MCIS Leadership group is made up of 23 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders that meet each Tuesday. Their goal is to develop good leadership skills through service projects, small business tours and team work activities. They are currently doing a hat and glove drive to collect these needed items for the FRYSC at MCIS. Anything not used at MCIS will be donated to other schools.



***Youth Art Month*** – The Council for Art Education administers Youth Art Month at the national level. Festivities take place annually, traditionally each March, to celebrate visual arts for grades K – 12. The Youth Art Month Program emphasizes the value of art education for all children, encourages support for quality school art programs, and promotes art material safety. To promote Youth Art Month, the Council for Art Education coordinates Youth Art Month activities at the national level. The primary event is the State Flag Program. Each state coordinates a flag design contest, with the winning design made into a flag for display in the Youth Art Month Museum at the National Art Education Association Convention in March. Montgomery County High School had nine winning entries. MCHS placed as the overall winner as well as the second runner and third runner-up for a third year in a row. This year’s winning entry goes to senior, Breanna Bowling. Breanna will be honored with a trip to New York in March where she will be recognized as the Kentucky Art Educators State Flag Designer at the National Art Education Conference. She will also win an all-expense paid trip to New York compliments of Sargent Art Supply Company in July. Her winning entry will be created into a flag which will displayed in the Youth Art Month Museum at the National Art Education Association Convention in March and then on to the Governor’s Office in Frankfort during 2017. Lauren Donithan placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up and Briana Frazier placed 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-Up. Honorable mentions were: Alexxi Ballinger, Larkin Danis, Morgan Donaldson, Hannah Fulks, Abby Hughes, and Driti Patel. This is a great achievement for MCHS and we are very proud of all nine students!

**Holiday Celebration** – Mr. Fonda worked very hard with Camargo students preparing them for the school holiday celebration. Classes from each grade level performed in front of the entire school to educate them on the different versions of Christmas around the world.



**MCHS Students Shined at KYA** – MCHS students recently attended the Kentucky Youth Assembly in Louisville. Students received the Delegation of Excellence Award for their participation in the program. Special recognition went to Hayden Holley for Outstanding Delegate, and Joy Pidgorodetska for Outstanding Speaker. MCHS had a bill pass both houses and was signed by the governor. Hayden Holley, Kimberly Lopez, and Larkin Danis passed their bill on requiring a self-defense unit to be added to the PE curriculum.



**Gideon's Gift** – Gideon's Gift book club members at Mt. Sterling Elementary recently collected gloves for Hope Hill Children's Home, Gateway Children's Services, Sterling Meadows, and Windsor Care. The club collected 314 pairs of gloves exceeding their 200 pair goal.

**Student Attendance** – MSE claimed the daily and weekly-high attendance titles with 95.99% on Thursday and 93.84% for the week. Congratulations!

**MCEA Fundraiser for Angel Tree** – Thanks to programs like the Angel Tree, many students in our community are provided with gifts and their families alleviated of some of the stress this time of the year can bring. In an effort to help support our Family Resource & Youth Service Centers, the Montgomery County Education Association hosted several fundraisers during the past few weeks. Due to the combined efforts of Montgomery County Schools staff and several local businesses, MCEA was able to raise over \$900 to help complete the Angel Tree purchases. MCEA is thrilled with this total and it would not have been possible without the following people:

- Southern Queens, Cori Diedrich
- Boxwoods Home & Gifts
- Sterling Academy of Dance
- Sew What Embroidery Company
- Mary Kay, Sharon Smith-Breiner
- Nana's Primitives
- Shear Vintage Salon
- Arby's
- Papa John's

- Montgomery County Schools staff donations

**Dates:**

- Dec. 19 – MCIS SBDM Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 19 – McNabb SBDM Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 20 – Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., MCHS Cafeteria (review session at 5:00 p.m.)
- **Dec. 21-30 – No School – Christmas Break**
- Dec. 27-29 – Gateway Holiday Classic, MCHS Arena and Barn
- Jan. 9 – Camargo PTO Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- Jan. 10 – Mapleton SBDM Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- Jan. 11 – Camargo SBDM Meeting, 3:00 p.m.
- Jan. 12 – Camargo Academic Team Match, Mapleton Elementary
- Jan 13 – McNabb Winter Dance (2<sup>nd</sup> 9 Weeks TRIBE Rewards), 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Jan. 16 – No School – Martin Luther King, JR. Day**
- Jan. 18 – Mapleton PTO Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 19 – Camargo Academic Team Match, Camargo Elementary
- Jan. 19 – MCHS SBDM Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 28 – MCHS Academic Team District Competition, 8:00 a.m., MCHS Cafeteria
- Jan. 30 – Born Learning Parent Workshop, 5:30 p.m., ELC



*ELC caroling at Sterling Meadows*



*McNabb's Winter Band Concert*

## *Continuous Learning through Professional Literature*

### **Opening Classroom Doors**

In her *Kappan* editor's note, Joan Richardson recalls visiting the classroom of a highly regarded fourth-grade teacher named Katie. "As she taught," says Richardson, "she seemed to be tapping into multiple brains simultaneously, quickly analyzing what different students needed and responding in the moment to meet those needs. Add to that her warmth and humor, and her classroom was alive with learning."

As Richardson left Katie's classroom, two other teachers accosted her and shyly asked what made this teacher so effective. It turned out that they had never watched her teach. "I was dumbstruck," says Richardson. "This trio had been colleagues for years. One

teacher had worked in the classroom next to Katie's for seven years; the other teacher had worked on the other side of Katie for nine years and in two different schools. Not once had either of them ever been in Katie's classroom while she was teaching... As I drove away from Katie's school, I thought about how demoralized her colleagues must have felt about being excluded from the knowledge that Katie could have shared and that might have helped make them better teachers. So near and yet so far." And what about all the other students in that school and district who could have benefited from sharing the specific techniques of that classroom?

"Keeping an exemplary teacher's knowledge isolated inside a classroom isn't just poor practice," Richardson concludes, "it's almost malpractice. If you want to be an agent for change in your school or your district, work now to ensure that no teacher works in such isolation. Be an advocate for sharing what you know. Ask to observe another teacher teach because of what you will learn. Invite others to observe you and offer you feedback on how you can improve. Write articles and make presentations about what you're learning from your work. By opening doors to their practice, teachers demonstrate the value they place on their own learning and their belief that they have much to share with others."

"Getting Better at Learning" by Joan Richardson in *Phi Delta Kappan*, November 2016 (Vol. 98, #3, p. 4), [www.kappanmagazine.org](http://www.kappanmagazine.org)

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***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](mailto:matthew.thompson@montgomery.kyschools.us).***