

The Phoenixes' Call

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Calendar

October 18th

College Application Week Begins

October 20th

Stop Bullying Day

October 22nd

Pre-ACT (10th Grade)

October 25th

Fake Mustache Day

October 28th

Manufacturing Day

October 29th

Early Release Day

October 30th

Homecoming Parade

Announcements

-Please remember to treat MCEC's facilities and phoenix family members with respect. MCEC students do not damage school property and report if they see anything amiss.

- Reminder – Students, when you leave campus you must sign out in the office and have parent permission. No students are permitted in MCHS without permission.

- Seniors and Phoenix Scholars – FAFSA is Open! See Mrs. New if you have any questions.

-Volunteers Needed – The Town of Troy and the Town of Mt. Gilead are seeking volunteers for upcoming events. Please email Dr. Seawell if you or your club are interested in volunteering.

- October 16 Mt. Gilead Fall Festival – Help with the event and/or create Chalk Art on the roads before the event.

- October 30 Town of Troy – Help with Kid Zone Area between 9:00 -3:00.

- MCC will have a Spanish Tutor available on Wednesdays in the library from 9:20 – 10:50. Stop by the library for more information.

- The ASVAB will be given at MCEC on November 12. The ASVAB test is an Armed Services aptitude test. Any student, regardless if you are interested in joining the military or not, is welcome to take this exam to learn more about their strengths. See Mrs. New to sign up or if you have any questions.

- MCEC Homecoming is almost here! Please check announcements and flyers for updates on Spirit Week, Taco Day, and the Homecoming Social.

Humans of MCEC

“Humans of MCEC” is a project that came to life through MCEC's Journalism class in the spring semester of the 2019-2020 school year. This project spotlights MCEC students by sharing their stories and the impacts they have on the Phoenix family.



Phoenix Spotlight: Kailey Boyette

By: Jocelyn Moore

Kailey Boyette is currently a member of the MCEC Senior Class. When asked why she chose MCEC, Kailey said she wanted to take advantage of her opportunity to receive two free years of college, and she loved the helpful, family-like environment. Kailey's favorite thing about attending MCEC is that she knows she is never alone. She feels that no matter what you may be struggling with, someone will always have an answer for your questions.

Although Kailey loves being a Phoenix, like every student, she faces challenges. For Kailey, she is challenged by the needs to manage her time as well as balance her schooling with her personal life. In regard to her classes, English is a challenge for her, but science classes are her saviors. In her interview, Kailey was asked to define what it meant to be a good teacher. She believes that good teachers are those who take the time to connect with their students individually to better understand their needs and learning styles.

Like all students, Kailey has interests outside of her books. She has had to find ways to do what she loves despite being affected by COVID. She has limited the sizes of the groups she interacts with and during quarantine she picked up a love for painting. Kailey enjoys being present at school. She loves the feeling of interacting with others in order to learn and create new bonds.

Finally, Kailey was asked to share a bit about her plans for her future. She is excited to be graduating this school year and is hoping to study biology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She describes herself as a driven and reliable person, so we are excited to see all that Kailey can accomplish. We are grateful to have Kailey as a part of the Phoenix Family!

FREE COLLEGE APP WEEK

WHEN
October 18-22, 2021

WHERE
Montgomery County Early College Building 200

See Ms. New anytime for college application or FAFSA Assistance

DAILY EVENTS

MON 18TH:
ASK ME ABOUT MY COLLEGE BINGO

TUES 19TH:
SUBMIT APPS

WED 20TH:
SHOUTOUT FOR KINDNESS
WORLD UNITY DAY
WEAR ORANGE

THUR 21ST:
APPLICATION TALLY DAY

FRI 22ND:
COLLEGE DAY- WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COLLEGE SHIRT

MCEC SAVE OUR WORLD CLUB

HUMANE SOCIETY DONATION DRIVE

SOW is collecting items for the Montgomery County Humane Society through the months of October and November!

We are accepting:

- bleach
- dish detergent (Dawn)
- towels
- blankets
- tarps
- pet toys
- cat/dog food
- clay cat litter (*not the scoopable kind*)
- bowls

Please drop off donations in Mrs. Martin's room.

All donations are greatly appreciated!

Thank you for reading The Phoenixes' Call! This publication was created completely by Montgomery County Early College students. We write, edit, and publish this work on our own. We are using this publication to showcase all of the wonderful students of MCEC and to show the community what it means to be a Phoenix. We apologize for any typographical errors or misspellings. Please see Ms. Heather Dunlap or Connor Poole if you have an idea for a new story or if you would like to be involved.

Hispanic Heritage Month: Ritchie Valens

By: Connor Poole



Richard Steven Valenzuela, known professionally as Ritchie Valens, rose to fame in the late 1950s while still only a teenager. His producer insisted he change his last name from Valenzuela to Valens in order to be more widely accepted by White American audiences, and his breakout hits, “Donna” and “La Bamba,” gained Valens a space on the charts. At the height of his career, Valens died in a plane crash on February 3, 1959 along with Buddy Holly and J. P. “The Big Bopper” Richardson. The song “American Pie” by Don McClean references the tragic incident as “the day the music died,” and Valens’ life was portrayed in the 1987 film La Bamba, starring Lou Diamond Phillips. Although he only lived to be seventeen, Valens left a huge impact as he is largely credited for introducing American audiences to music of Hispanic origin.

Profiles in Nature: The Electric Eel

By: Mauricio Aguilar



The electric eel is an eel that can produce an electrical charge up to six hundred volts. They come from the Amazon and the Orinoco basins in South America. The way these creatures hunt, is by emitting a small field of electricity to find prey in the water because of their poor eyesight. They can be between six to eight feet long and they can be about forty-four pounds. The eels’ wildlife status is that they are not in any danger of becoming extinct. The danger they pose to humans is small and to die from an electric eel is very rare. The way someone would die from an electric eel is by them sending a high jolt of electricity and stunning the person to the point of them passing out and drowning.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/fish/facts/electric-eel>

Beta Club Meet and Greet



Senior Sunrise

