

The Phoenixes' Call

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Announcements

1. Students between 14-18, you're invited to apply for the 50th Annual Youth Legislative Assembly (YLA) at the General Assembly on April 8 – 10, 2022. This is a unique opportunity to learn first-hand about the legislative process. Students draft, debate and vote on mock legislative bills while developing skills in research, interviewing, group facilitation and policy writing. Applications will be accepted through February 1, 2022. Apply online at: <https://www.ncleg.gov/YLA/StudentApplication>
2. 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.
3. 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.
5. Seniors and Phoenix Scholars – FAFSA is Open! See Mrs. New if you have any questions.
6. Help Wanted – Do you have a free period and would like to volunteer in the office? See Dr. Seawell for more information.
7. Please remember to wear your mask properly and wash your hands regularly. Students are reminded to eat lunch outside whenever possible and put masks back on after eating.

Lunchtime Reminders:

• Eat in the same location with the same people daily. Eat lunch outside whenever possible.

• Sign-in to inside eating locations daily. Students are to only eat lunch in designated areas. Students are not permitted to be unsupervised in college classrooms or beyond the cafeteria in building 100 during lunch.

• After eating/drinking, please put your mask back on as soon as possible.

• No eating or drinking in the hallway – masks on properly in the hallway always. The only exception, if eating and drinking at tables in the hallway, students must be seated 6 ft from another person. No more than two people at a table. Put mask back on as soon as possible.

Editor's Note: Welcome Back!

By: Connor Poole

As we all return from our brief hiatus, so does "The Phoenixes' Call!" While our core editorial staff and most of our content will remain the same, we are proud to present the addition of new staff members along with an assortment of new sections. These sections include, but are not limited to, the return of "Humans of MCEC" as well as a new weekly comic strip featuring guest artists. As always, we greatly appreciate your patronage, and we wish you the best of luck throughout your semester!

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: Anonymous

By: Gwenyth Greene



The anonymity of a statement is often credited as the provider of its uniqueness or attractiveness. Essentially, regardless of the information, as long as it is anonymous, there is an added depth of mystique that manages to captivate the consumer's attention. However, in the special case of the subject of this article, our unnamed peer, his originality is genuine; interesting with or without being anonymous. Our unnamed peer is a paragon for the term "individual," which is specifically noted in his distinctive personality traits, goals, and opinions on MCEC.

Our peer, like many of us, spends his free time participating on a plethora of digital platforms. Specifically, he enjoys playing video games and watching and creating TikToks. Although he considers himself an "introverted influencer," he claims to possess the same spirited demeanor as content creator Miranda Sings. This "girl boss" is one of many that he admires, including Kylie Jenner, a person he believes has had a large impact on his life by inspiring him to be an entrepreneur. Along with creating and managing his future business, our peer also hopes to travel to New York. These goals, while certainly achievable, have an increased success rate due to his attendance at MCEC.

Our peer originally chose to attend MCEC for the numerous opportunities it provides. However, he has come to love the freedom, respect, and responsibilities the MCEC staff have offered over the years. Additionally, he adores the unique school traditions and snack-filled vending machines, though, he claims no snack will ever contend with Maxi B's cupcakes in Greensboro. As for the courses provided at MCEC and MCC, he expresses a deep admiration for the Music Appreciation class, particularly due to the special learning experience of attending a classical music concert.

In conclusion, our peer is a fascinating character. His free-spirited persona offers inspiration to us all, inspiration to be our most authentic selves.

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.

Profiles in Nature: The Bandicoot

By: Mauricio Aguilar



The bandicoot is a marsupial mammal that comes from Australia, New Guinea, and surrounding islands. These animals are twelve to thirty-one inches long and their body is stout. Their hind limbs are longer than the front and they have a long nose with sharp and slender teeth.

This animal also happens to have placenta, unlike other marsupials. These animals usually have two to six young when they give birth, and gestation lasts about twelve to fifteen days. These animals are omnivores, and they can be found eating seeds, plants, and small insects.

The Dad-abase: Fatherly Witticism

By: Mr. Kirk C. Watts I, Esq.

What is a New Year’s resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other.

Calendar

Monday, January 17th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(No School)

Wednesday, January 18th

MCC Classes begin
MCEC in Session- Alternate Bus Routes

Thursday, January 19th

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Tuesday, January 25th

6:00 EMS Open House

Wednesday, January 26th

Interim Reports

Thursday, January 27th

6:00 WMS Open House

Friday, January 28th

Beta Club Convention

Friday, February 4th

Academic Awards

Tuesday, February 8th

MCEC Open House

Friday, February 11th

ACT Math Olympiad

The Remote

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