



THE PHOENIXES' CALL

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Calendar

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 19-
FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 30**

~Free College
Application
Weeks (Check
Emails for More
Info)

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 19**

~ACA 122
Begins

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 22**

~Interim
Report Pick-
Up
~Early
Release Day

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 23**

~Fake
Mustache
Day

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 26-
FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 30**

~MCEC
Homecoming
Week

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 11**

~Holiday:
Veteran's
Day-No
School



First Day of School Picture

Written by: Janet Hernandez Vargas

Traditionally, on the first day of school all MCEC students and staff gather on the stairs by building 200 and take a photo, initiating the beginning of a new school year. However, because of COVID-19, we were unable to take our annual school photo. With the amazing help of two of our students, we were able to make it work. We would like to give a special thanks to Olivia Goodwin, senior, and Connor Poole, junior, for making our school picture possible. Olivia Goodwin took individual photos of each student at Open House and Connor Poole was able to use those photos to photoshop all students in front of our school building to form our Montgomery County Early College 2020-2021 "First Day of School Picture." Once again, thank you Olivia and Connor!

Bullying Prevention Month

Written by: Hannah Shepherd

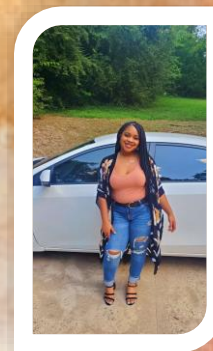
October is Bullying Prevention Month. It was started in 2006 by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center, along with the National Education Association, National PTA, American Federation for Teachers, and the National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education to help share ways to prevent bullying to students, educators, and parents. Everyone is encouraged to share ways they're taking part in preventing bullying, and are encouraged on October 21st, to take part in Unity Day by wearing orange. To MCEC, Bullying Prevention Month shows that we care about our students' well-being.

<https://youth.gov/feature-article/national-bullying-prevention-month>

<https://www.dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/BullyPrevMonth.cfm>

Humans of MCEC

Written by: Audrey Lemonds



Student body president, Jocelyn Moore, has always been very involved wherever she is. Whether she is at a school function, club activity, or given a chance to help out, you will almost always find her there. She is a refreshing face to see whenever you're upset, or if you need someone to talk to, she's your person.

She says that she has always been interested in SGA. "I like being a person that other people can talk to if they need help with anything," Jocelyn states. She says that she does not want to be helpless in situations where she knows that she can help to make a difference. She wants to be there for other students whenever she can. If people have questions, she likes to be the person that they can go to for help.

Jocelyn would like to credit her personal growth to being a student at MCEC. "I wanted to come to MCEC so I can have a fresh start," she says. "I would've most likely never have met my amazing peers and the wonderful staff that MCEC has."

Free Fact

By: Mauricio Aguilar

Cheetahs have a very shy nature and they are the only big feline that cannot roar.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/facts-pictures/>

Need a Laugh

By: Raena Doult Bender

Q: What do you call the ghost of a chicken?

A: A poultry-geist

Q: Want to know why are frogs so happy?

A: They eat whatever bugs them!

Q: Why didn't the cat go to the doctor?

A: He was feline fine!

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 Mrs. Heather Beane if you have an idea for a new story or if you would like to be involved.



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Written by: Janet Hernandez Vargas



Breast Cancer Awareness Month began in 1985 when both the American Cancer Society and pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical Industries partnered up. During this month, many educate women and men about breast cancer and early detection. Breast cancer survivors and those currently battling breast cancer are celebrated throughout the month. October is also a month dedicated to raising funds for breast cancer research and other related causes.

<https://www.bhachc.org/a-brief-history-of-breast-cancer-awareness-month/#:~:text=The%20early%20goal%20of%20Breast,the%20fight%20against%20breast%20cancer.>

College Acceptances

We would like to congratulate these Phoenix students for being accepted into the following colleges and universities:

- Meaghan Ayala: East Carolina, NC A&T State University, Fayetteville State, Wingate University
- Hannah Shepherd: Western Carolina University
- Ah'Jada Ingram: Wingate University, NC A&T State University
- Kariah Butler: East Carolina, NC A&T State University, Winston-Salem State University
- La'Navy Wilson: UNC Pembroke, Winston-Salem State University, Greensboro College

*If you have been accepted, please let us know! We will be sure to share your acceptances in the next edition!

Homecoming Spirit Week

Take pictures throughout Spirit Week and share them on social media by tagging the MCEC Facebook page or the MCEC SGA Instagram! Also, share your pictures to the following Padlet for a chance to win a special prize: https://padlet.com/heather_beane/q7wse38p89qbtvls

- Oct 26: Whatcha Munchin' Monday?**
What's been your favorite snack during quarantine?
- Oct 27th: Too Cute Tuesday**
Share photos of your pets!
- Oct 28th: Pink Out**
Show support for breast cancer patients and survivors.
- Oct 29th: Ghostin' Around**
Dress up as a ghost and share the photos!
- Oct. 30th: Phoenix Friday**
Wear your phoenix gear!



Down Syndrome Awareness Month

Written by: Janet Hernandez Vargas



Down Syndrome is the result of an extra portion of chromosome 21. There are three types of Down Syndrome: Trisomy 21, Translocation Down Syndrome, and Mosaic Down Syndrome. During the month of October, we celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness for those with Down Syndrome, and to celebrate that they are still strong and capable of doing anything.

<https://www.ndss.org/syndrome-awareness-month-means/>

Announcements

- Interim report pickup is on October 22 from 1-6 pm. You will also receive your fake mustache to wear on MCEC's Fake Mustache Day – October 23
- Academic Awards are soon to come
- Yearbook will be including a page that shows students out and about in their masks. Please upload a photo to the following Padlet of yourself properly wearing your mask. We know that masks are no fun, but we also know they have become a big part of our lives and we want to be sure to capture that for the yearbook. Contact Ms. Beane with any questions. <https://padlet.com/oligoo3079/xqtmaaw3vm7nkklg>
- **Governor's School Applications** – Please contact Mrs. New if you have any questions. The deadline to have any application back to Mrs. New is November 10th. They have changed the nomination entrance requirements this year and dropped the test score requirement. To qualify to be nominated you must be a NC resident and enrolled and in good standing at your school. https://files.nc.gov/dpi/documents/govschool/gs2021_packet-final.pdf More information: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/enhanced-opportunities/governors-school-north-carolina>
- **Juniors and Seniors** - Applications Open: US Senate Youth Program (USSYP) The U.S. Senate Youth application process has begun; applications are available for NC juniors and seniors October 1 through December 6. NC selects two winners who will attend the Washington Week online and receive a 10K\$ undergraduate scholarship. Students do not have to be nominated; they can determine their own eligibility and apply on their own accord.
- **College Math Students:** Mrs. Hare is offering college math assistance every Tuesday from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM on Google meet. Attend and get credit for your college math class! Email her if you have any questions.
- Did you know MCC has a college Spanish tutor available for students?! Email Dr. Seawell to schedule an appointment.
- Do you need help in your MCC college classes? There are tutors available in the library for all subjects. Email Dr. Seawell to learn the schedule.
- Technology Assistance – Please contact MCEC at 910-898-9690 if you are having any issues with your computer or logging into Canvas.

Senior Announcements

- **FAFSA opened October 2.** If you are completing college applications in the commonapp or other areas, and you are requesting a FEE WAIVER, you must send your qualifying reason to Ms. New for her to sign off on. Also, please forward Ms. New a copy of the list of items you would like her to focus on for your counselor review. The commonapp school report etc. cannot be completed for you without these items.
- **College Application Weeks:** October 19 – 30. Western Carolina just jumped on board for Free App week!!! No Application fees between Oct 19-30!!
- **Seniors and Super Seniors** - Need help creating your FSA ID for your financial aid application? Here is a link to a step by step video to help you get it done. Remember, you and one parent each need an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA will open Oct 1st! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7ihhGk8mCY> Let Mrs. New know if you have any questions.

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EARLY COLLEGE**

YEARBOOKS CAN NOW BE PURCHASED!

**THE 2020-2021 EDITION OF
THE ODYSSEY
"A NEW POINT OF VIEW"**

**YOU CAN PURCHASE YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!
OR
TO PURCHASE A YEARBOOK ONLINE, VISIT
YBPAY.LIFETOUGH.COM. OUR SCHOOL ID IS: 13284021.**

**\$20.00 - SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2020 -
JANUARY 8TH, 2021**
**\$25.00 - JANUARY 9TH - MARCH
22ND, 2021**

CONTACT MRS. BEANE FOR MORE INFORMATION!