THE PHOENIXES' CALL

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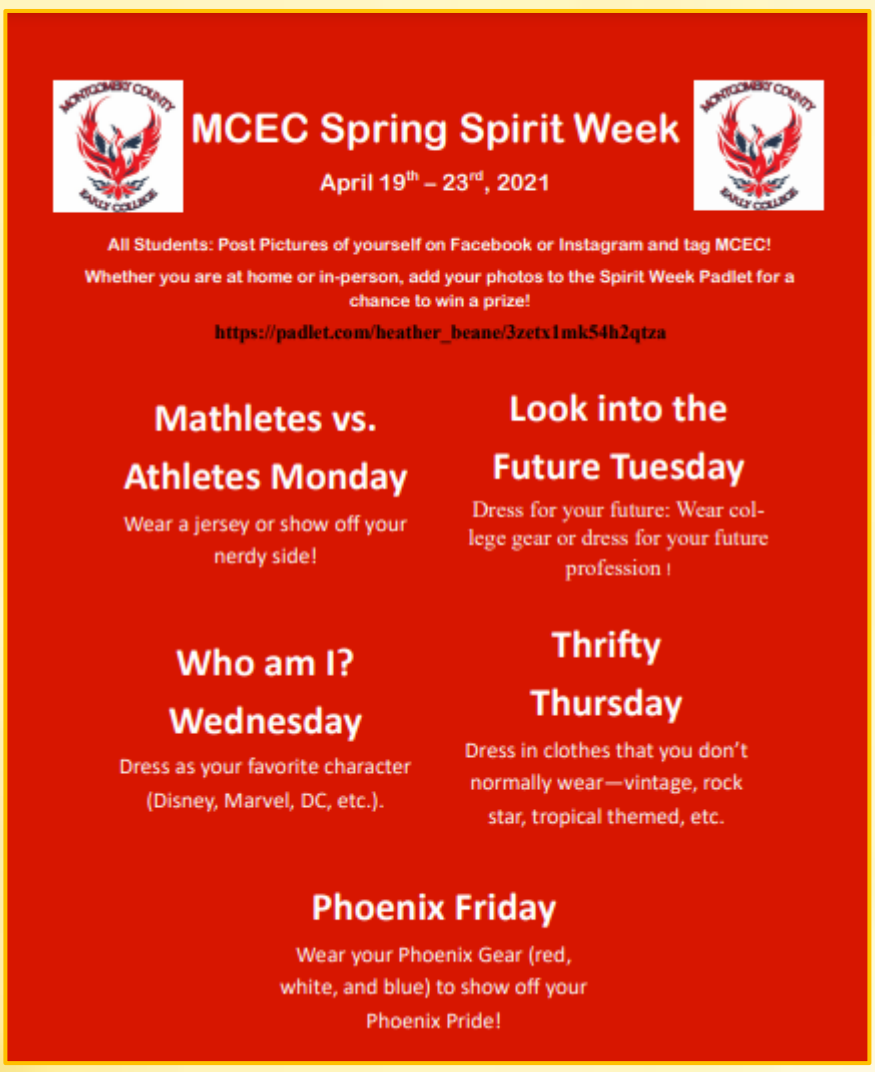
Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 12	*TUESDAY, APRIL 13*	*TUESDAY, APRIL 20*	*MONDAY, MAY 10*	*TUESDAY, MAY 25*
BEGIN PLAN A FOR ALL STUDENTS	END OF 5TH SIX WEEKS	WORK KEYS SENIOR PARADE, PICK-UP, AND PICNIC	LAST DAY OF MCC CLASSES	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS

In-Person Learning: Plan A

Beginning on April 12, 2021, students will be able to participate in four days per week of in-person learning and one-day of remote learning, with Wednesday serving as the remote day. Remote instruction will remain an option for parents who do not want their child to return to in-person learning. Please contact MCEC at 910-898-9690 if you have any questions.



Reminders for Returning to In-Person Learning

1. **Not feeling well? - Please err of the side of caution and stay home.** Contact your teachers to let them know and if able, complete your assignments from home.
3. **Remember to bring your laptop charged daily.** There are few electric plugs available. Make sure your computer is ready to go!
4. **Bring a water bottle from home.** Drinking fountains are unavailable, but all drinking fountains have a water bottle filling option.
5. **Lunch will be served from the same location in building 100.** Students will enter in one way, wait 6 feet apart, and then exit the door nearest the serving window.
6. **Masks are required to be worn on campus.**
7. **Students will need to adhere to social distancing while on campus.** When applicable, students will travel in hallways in a one-way direction.
8. **Students will be screened daily and receive a sticker.** This sticker will be used as your "ticket" to enter college and high school classes.
9. **Remember to bring your headphones to school every day.** You will need them to complete assignments.

"One of the lessons that I grew up with was to always stay true to yourself and never let what somebody else says distract you from your goals." – Michelle Obama

Autism Awareness Month

Written by Harley Beeson

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability. With ASD comes significant behavioral, social, and communication challenges. There is no one uniform look or idea of what an autistic person should be. Autism isn't something to be aware of, it's something to be accepting of. During April, we must come together to appreciate autistic people and support them through their struggles.

Attention Seniors!

- If you have received an acceptance letter or any scholarship or grants for any college or university please use the form that is available in your email through our daily announcements to let us know. We want to celebrate your achievements! #PhoenixPhenoms
- If you have any college acceptances and you would like to be included in the next edition of our newsletter, please let us know by emailing Ms. Beane or Janet Hernandez Vargas.
- Also be sure to check the MCEC Scholarship Page. Mrs. New has added several scholarship opportunities. The link is also available to you through our daily announcements (be sure to log into your MCS account).

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

WHETHER YOU ARE AT HOME OR ON CAMPUS, JOIN US FOR

SCRABBLE DAY

APRIL 13, 2021

In-person students will receive a Scrabble letter upon check-in. At home students can create their own. Upload your Scrabble Day pictures in Canvas for a Seminar grade and share to the padlet for a chance at a fun prize! https://padlet.com/heather_beane/5itsvt83f40v

WorkKeys®

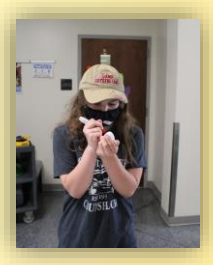
LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORKKEYS ASSESSMENT

WORKKEYS LUNCH AND LEARN

April 13, 2021 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
Check your email for the link

Egg-citing Spring Activities

It was wonderful to enjoy socially distanced and safe activities last week as we had some Easter fun! Students participated in an Easter egg hunt around campus, enjoyed hanging out with the Easter Bunny, and decorated eggs in the hallway. We hope everyone laughed a bit and found some candy to enjoy!



Parkinson's Awareness Month

Written by: Hannah Shepherd

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month. Parkinson's is neurodegenerative disease that affects over 10 million people around the world. The causes of Parkinson's are unknown, and there is no known cure. Parkinson's mainly affects the substantia nigra, a nucleus in the brain that produces dopamine, the hormone responsible for mood regulation and the coordination of movement. The symptoms of Parkinson's are usually progressive, but each person reacts differently. The most common symptoms of this disease are tremors, usually in the hands, slow movements, stiffness of the limbs, and loss of balance. Luckily though, there are many different treatments to relieve the symptoms of Parkinson's, and we're pushing for a cure as soon as possible.

https://www.parkinson.org/understanding-parkinsons/what-is-parkinsons

https://www.parkinson.org/Understanding-Parkinsons/Statistics

Cap and Gown

PARADE, PICK-UP, AND PICNIC

April 20, 2021

2:15 PM - 5:30 PM

2:15 PM: Senior Crown Parade

2:30 PM-5:30 PM: Cap and Gown Pick-Up and Picnic

Seniors plan to join the parade, pick up your cap and gown, and have a hot dog with your classmates!

*Physical Distancing and Masks Required

Need a laugh?

Written by: Janet Hernandez Vargas

Q: How do you know flowers are friendly?
A: They always have new buds!

Q: How did the bee brush his hair?
A: With a honeycomb

Q: Why couldn't the flower ride a bike?
A: It lost its petals

Q: Does February like March?

A: No, but April May

Q: Why are frogs so happy?

A: They eat whatever bugs them

Free Fact

Written by: Mauricio Aguilar

Blue Whales swallow half a million calories in one mouthful