



THE PHOENIXES' CALL

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Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 29

REMOTE LEARNING DAY

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

REGULAR DAY FOR GROUP A

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

REGULAR DAY FOR GROUP B

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

REMOTE LEARNING DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, APRIL 5

NO SCHOOL (HOLIDAY)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6 –
THURSDAY, APRIL 8**

MCEC IN SESSION

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

REMOTE LEARNING DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 12

BEGIN PLAN A FOR ALL
STUDENTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

END OF 5TH SIX WEEKS

Congrats to our Teacher of the Year!

By: Janet Hernandez Vargas



We would like to congratulate Mrs. Hare for being named MCEC's Teacher of the Year. We appreciate everything she does for her students and MCEC as a community. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do! Congratulations and thank you for representing MCEC!

MCEC Schedule for Monday, March 29 – Friday, April 16

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3/29 Remote Learning Day	3/30 Group A - Regular Day Picture Day	3/31 Group B - Regular Day	4/1 Remote Learning Day	4/2 No School
4/5 Holiday	4/6 Group A - Regular Day	4/7 Remote Learning Day	4/8 Group B - Regular Day	4/9 Remote Learning Day
4/12 Group A and B - Regular Day	4/13 Group A and B - Regular Day	4/14 Remote Learning Day	4/15 Group A and B - Regular Day	4/16 Group A and B - Regular Day

Women's History: USWNT

Written by: Shanti Singthong

The month of March is Women's History Month. In this edition of the newsletter, we have decided to compose an article on historical women who have left their mark. Instead of choosing one candidate, I decided to spotlight a group of women and highlight two particular women who have led by using their voices to fight for social justice. The group of women I am referring to is the U.S Women's National Soccer Team (USWNT). The 28 women of the National Team filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Soccer Federation for sexual discrimination claiming that they were not treated as their male counterparts under the Equal Pay Act. The players have been vocal about these discrepancies, their unfair treatment, and the reasoning behind their lawsuit. The U.S. Soccer Federation has historically favored the men's team by providing more funding and advertising the team more throughout the media. By being outspoken on their adversity and the discrimination that they have faced, the USWNT are advocates in the fight for equality. These women are using their platforms to spread awareness of issues within the soccer community and the United States.

Link: <https://www.espn.com/soccer/united-states-usaw/story/4071258/uswnt-lawsuit-versus-us-soccer-explained-defining-the-pay-gapswhats-at-stake-for-both-sides>

2021 Spring Athletes

Cheerleading:

Kaelyn Davis
Brionna Saunders
Haley Davis

Football:

Joseph Jimenez-Perez
Kohlton Brown
Zaitwan Price

Women's Soccer:

Shanti Singthong
Michelle Morales
Scarlett Kelly
Jamira Jackson

Men's Soccer:

Eduardo Vargas Lizardi
Brayden Perez
Fernando Guatemala Ramirez

Varsity Softball:

Grace Schulte-Austum
Gwenyth Greene
Devin Scheer
Morgan Maness

JV Softball:

Chloe Spivey
Hailey Pope
Lexi Parker
Lillian Wood
Aubrey Epps

Women's Tennis:

Yaricel Salazar
Lulea Adams
Stephany Jimenez Perez
Olivia Thomas

*We apologize for missing a few athletes in our last sports highlights for cheer, football, and men's soccer.

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.

Humans of MCEC: Ah’Jada Ingram

Written by: Audrey Lemonds



Work + School

Responsibility is an important trait to learn when coming into high school. Having a job along with being a high school student requires even more responsibility. Getting into the swing of things and learning what works best for you is a big part of balancing both schoolwork and working. I talked to Ah’Jada Ingram about her experience of having a job while being a student.

Ah’Jada Ingram is a senior here at MCEC and has had a job at McDonald’s in Troy since 2018. She understands the struggles of having a job and doing well at school at the same time, and she has been able to find her own personal groove. She says that “it is easy to feel like you’re in over your head at times,” but “having a job in high school is not as difficult as [she] thinks some see it at first.” She also says that planning your week and making a schedule accordingly has really helped her.

Since quarantine, students have been able to have a lot more free time. Ah’Jada says that she has definitely noticed that people at her job have been able to work more and earn more money. “Remote learning has allowed a lot of students at my job the opportunity to establish more full work weeks if they so choose. It works in the student’s favor because of the amount of time allotted to complete schoolwork.” Schoolwork has become more flexible for students, so they can be at work more often.

I asked if she has any advice for people that are struggling with balancing schoolwork and having a job. “My number one piece of advice is to pursue a job that will be flexible and willing to bend to your school schedule. I’d also say to do your research, ask questions, and have a good idea of what will be expected of you. Make sure that you enter a work environment that you believe you’ll be comfortable in because your stability is what’s most important.”

Women’s History Month: Yuri Kochiyama

Written by Jocelyn Moore

Yuri Kochiyama was a Japanese American human rights activist. Yuri was born in May of 1921, and she passed away in the year 2014 at 93 years old. She began her journey of activism when she was incarcerated in 1942 after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and put into a concentration camp in Arkansas. After the war ended, she and her family moved to Harlem, New York. Living in Harlem and studying at the Harlem Freedom School led to a close friendship with activist Malcolm X. She worked alongside Malcolm X and his followers to bring liberation to the black community.

Yuri also did a lot of human rights work to help with the liberation of Asian American and Latin American citizens. She participated in protests, helped those who were falsely imprisoned, and dedicated her life to making the world a more harmonious place. Yuri Kochiyama fought for the rights of all people because she believed in true equality. She was a selfless, inspirational figure who used her platform to bring freedom for all to our country.



Attention All Students!

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.

MCEC Spring 2020 Bell Schedule

- 1st Period - - - - - 8:00 – 9:25
- 2nd Period - - - - - 9:30 – 10:55
- 3rd Period - - - - - 11:00 – 12:20
- 4th Period (Lunch) - - 12:20 – 1:20
- 5th Period - - - - - 1:20 – 2:35

Free Fact

Written by: Mauricio Aguilar

Octopuses lay 56,000 eggs at a time.

Attention Seniors!

- ➔ If you have received an acceptance letter or any scholarships 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).

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