



Tiger Times

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What is School Spirit?

By: Lydia Barber and Taylor Tuck

Do you know what school spirit is? School spirit is that feeling you get when you enter a school, attend a game, or watch a pep rally. The feeling that every person is proud of their school, their team and the students that attend there. It's an excitement in the air that seems to radiate from everywhere. It's pride, it's companionship, and it's the involvement of everyone in the whole community. It's what makes school memories so precious, and even though you can't define it in one word, you know it when you see it, hear it and feel it. It's what possesses some people to paint their faces and bodies in their school

colors, wear outrageous wigs, stamp animal footprints on their bodies, or do a wave dance in the stands. That's school spirit.

Do you get this feeling when you enter the doors of Macon County High School, when you attend a game, or when you're sitting in the stands at a pep rally? Probably not! Lately, there has been a lack of spirit at the pep rallies. Participation at pep rallies has become just an excuse to get out of class. They are boring and very few students are taking part in the chants and cheers. We need excitement, pride, yelling, dancing, games, and most of all participation.

We want your opinions on how to spread the desire to fill our school with school spirit again. Once upon a time, school spirit filled this school and community. Any suggestions to help us all become more school spirited would be appreciated. MCHS Student Council has a responsibility to help encourage school spirit. Please inform any member of the MCHS Student Council with your ideas.

Go Tigers!

Positive Behavior Rewards

By: Jesse Slayton and Anthony Wolfe

Teachers at MCHS give students Tiger Bucks as positive behavior rewards to encourage good behavior, participation, etc. Another way to get a tiger buck is by using the "Word of the Day" in a sentence. The "Word of the Day" is displayed on the scrolling announcements.

A Tiger Buck is a small piece of paper rewarded to students for being responsible, respectful, or ready (or some combination of the three). When awarded, the teacher marks how the student earned the Tiger Buck, signs both their and the student's name, and

the student may keep it for future use, the use varying from class to class, or it may be entered for a prize drawing. Prizes are drawn for and given away during assemblies and pep rallies. A school official draws out a number of Tiger Bucks, and the students who earned the Tiger Bucks win a prize.

Some of the prizes given away as Tiger Bucks include \$10 gift cards to Wal-Mart, Sonic, etc. Sponsors that help pay for these prizes are Indigo Blues and Diane Jones. Past sponsors have been different businesses like Tri-County, NCTC, and Factory Connec-

tion.

If you have not yet won in a Tiger Buck drawing, ask one of your teachers for different ways to earn more Tiger Bucks.



Students that have won Tiger Buck prizes this 2010 school year

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Beta Happenings

By: Alyssa Bryant and Travis Carver



MCHS Beta sings Christmas songs at Stonecrest.

Beta has participated in all kinds of activities since the beginning of school. Mrs. Angie Shoulders says, "We have recently participated in the following service activities: assisted with the Sr. Citizen's Halloween Dance, Christmas Letters to soldiers, book drive for children's Christmas books, Thanksgiving letters to Stonecrest/Whitehouse/Knollwood, Thanksgiving food drive, Saturday morning Welcome Center Volunteers, and assisted with Central Back to School Bash. They have also been

involved in preparing for the state convention to be held February 14-16th at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

Beta promotes the ideals of honesty, service, morality, ethical conduct, and leadership. To join the MCHS Beta club, a student must have a 3.8 GPA to be asked to join. Students must maintain a 3.2 GPA to remain a member.



Beta Officers: Heather Cothron, Laura Carter, Kayla Barber, Jaclyn Carso

Student Council Happenings

By: Rosanna Whited and David Harp



Ms. Hannah Holland pictured with Best Over All winner in the Roarin' on the Rim car show.

Heather Cothron, Student Council President, stated that several cars participated in the show. She thought the most intriguing car was the police car used in the Andy Griffith Show. This car won the award for "Best Over All". Heath Walker was one of the judges. The Student Council wants to sponsor another car show in the Spring.

The Student Council is the voice of Macon County High School students. To become a member of Student Council, students complete an application and are selected by advisors. If you would like to become a member, applications will be available in the Spring.



Student Council Officers: Hillary Morrison, Heather Cothron, Katie Reid, Michaela Thompson

Interact Happenings

By: Patrick Masterson and Trai Stevens



Interact is a service organization with 48 members total. They are a branch of Rotary. The Interact Club performs community service both nationally and internationally.

Throughout the year the Interact club sponsors many events; two of which are the Interact show and the Heifer Project. The Heifer Project raises money to buy livestock and

agriculture to help feed other countries. Every year in March the Interact members also attend a convention.

The members of Interact serve the community and help better other countries. They perform many activities throughout the year. Interact consist of 48 members with 10 officers.



Interact Officers: Taylor Tuck, Reagan Shrum, Katie Beth Meador, Baili Meador, Marisa Kingrey, Ashlyn Smith, Courtney Cox, Laura Carter, Calamity Jane Coley, Sarah Shrum

Service Learning Happenings

By: Taylor Tuck and Lydia Barber

The first semester of the 2010 school year brings many new members to the Service Learning group at Macon County High School. These members consist of 43 Seniors. There has been so much interest in the Service Learning class, two classes were offered this school year. The members leave school and travel to their service site for one block each day to learn in the real world environment.

Service Learning is a tool that connects the educational goals of the course content and the skills that students have developed

during the course with the needs of the community through meaningful community service.

In the past few weeks, Service Learning has been very busy. They have hosted a Halloween party for the CDC students at Macon County Junior High School, collected 900 pounds of can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Foundation, helped serve the homeless at the Nashville Rescue Mission, and collected food, clothing, and toys for the community Angel Christmas Tree.

The Service Learning group



Service Learning visits Ronald McDonald House with the 900 lbs of collected can tabs

looks forward to another successful semester beginning in January.

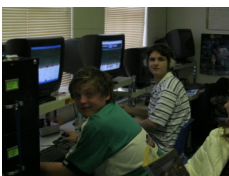


Service Learning serves food at Nashville Rescue Mission

Meet Ms. Becky's Class

By: Kelly Hummel and Dakota Sullivan

The Macon County High School Comprehensive Development Classroom (CDC) students have been involved in many fun activities, such as decorating a Christmas tree to cooking a Thanksgiving meal for their parents.



Randy Likens and AJ Mede learning at the computer workstations

This project was a fun activity to celebrate the upcoming holidays, but it was educational as well. Since this arts and crafts project involved attaching a thermometer to their penguin, this could also be considered a science project for the class. Also in celebration of Christmas, they decorated a Christmas tree by making paper chains to hang on it. AJ Mede said,

"Making the Christmas tree was my favorite thing that we have done in class".



Autumn Stewart, Collin Morris, Hannah Smith, Meagan Gunter

The CDC class took a trip to Walmart and purchased the food needed to make a special Thanksgiving brunch for their parents. The students made the meal themselves and they also wrote and sent invitations to their parents.

There are a variety of things they work on during the day, but most the students have different things that they



Christmas tree decorated by the students

like to do. Throughout the day they work on math, English, P.E., science, and social studies, and they also do some cooking. The subjects they do differ with the blue and white schedule. "I like playing basketball in P.E., but I also like English" says Randy Likens. Colin Morris says "My favorite is math".

When asked about her class Mrs. Becky says, "I was inspired to become a CDC teacher because I have family members and friends that have disabilities and I liked taking them places, but I never liked how they were treated. I

wanted to make a difference and I wanted them to be treated better".

Mrs. Becky along with DeShena Halliburton, Terry Tucker, Autumn Jones as the interpreter, Jill Barber, and Lisa Dulworth in the Paes Lab are doing a wonderful job teaching our CDC students here at Macon County High School.



Ms. Becky's class



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Calendar of Events

January 12th—FBLA Region Competition

January 17th—No School

January 21st—Basketball Homecoming

January 29th—MCHS Alumni Basketball Game

February 1st—Junior Writing Assessment

February 3rd—Beta Meeting 7:45

February 14th thru 16th—Beta Convention

February 21st—No School

March 2nd—Parent/Teacher conference

March 3rd—Beta Meeting 7:45

March 4th thru 5th—Interact Convention

March 15th—ACT for Juniors

March 21st thru 25th—Spring Break

Yearbook Information

By: Casey Carver and Lukas Haskins

“When people think of the yearbook, they think about a book full of pictures, stories, events, and memories ...”, says Senior yearbook staff member, Nikki Hesson. “Yearbooks are one of the most anticipated arrivals for students each school year.” Students have been waiting for about half the school year so far. They are scheduled to ship and make it here at the usual time. It’s the Yearbook Staff’s job every year to collect pictures and information on every student, club, and group in the school. The standard yearbook’s cost will be \$65.00 with a \$3.00 shipping and handling fee. You can find out more information on the yearbook by calling 1-866-282-1516 or visit <http://www.jostens.com/>. The yearbook staff has been and will be working hard on this year’s yearbook. So, we should all enjoy it.



Yearbook staff members: Nikki Hesson, Tessa Pruitt, Heather Cothron, Ashley Bullington, Samantha Austin,

2012 Europe Trip Information

By: Olivia Ford

The 2012 Summer trip to Europe will consist of 14 days. This trip will include visits to Paris, France; Barcelona, Spain; several cities in the French Riviera; Pisa, Italy; Florence, Italy; and Rome, Italy with a possible two day extension to Pompeii and Capri for this trip. There will be experiences of different cultures and traditions. Trip is open to anyone, those not in high school yet must be accompanied by an adult. The \$200 discount may still be available if you sign up soon. Contact Tammy Brawner at 666-4320 between 12 and 1 or 655-5689 after dinner if you have questions.

