



The MACHS Anchor

Providing information about the school and maritime industry to faculty, family, and friends



Set Sail with these Lists of Events:

Middle School:



Mon, 3/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – Until 8:15 AM • D.A.R.E. Program • Plastic Bottle Contest Concludes • Read Across America Festivities Conclude • Baseball Tryouts – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Chess Practice – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM • Newspaper Club – 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM
Tue, 3/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – Until 8:15 AM • Last Day for Newspaper Club Poetry Contest • After School Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Baseball Tryouts – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Choir Practice – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM • Sea Perch
Wed, 3/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – Until 8:15 AM • Baseball Tryouts – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Boatbuilding Class – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM • Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Home & School Meeting – 6:30 PM
Thu, 3/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – Until 8:15 AM • Last Day to Submit Pretzel Orders • After School Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Baseball Tryouts – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Chess Practice – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM • Newspaper Club – 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM • Sea Perch • MS CLC Open House – 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Fri, 3/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – Until 8:15 AM • G.R.E.A.T. Program • Yearbook Money Due – \$45
Other Important Reminders:	
• 3/14 – Math Rules Program (Gr. 5) – 9:00 AM – 12 Noon	

High School:

Mon, 3/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Baseball and Softball Tryouts Conclude This Week • Sea Perch • SGA
Tue, 3/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Study Hall
Wed, 3/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Sea Perch • Spanish Credit Recovery
Thu, 3/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Study Hall • Zumba!
Fri, 3/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day
Other Important Reminders:	



Bravo Zulu!



Recognizing success and points of pride around MACHS

MACHS Celebrates Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Read Across America Week

Despite the delayed openings and snow days, students in grades 3 to 5 embraced numerous opportunities last week to celebrate Read Across America Week. Developed by the National Education Association (NEA), this initiative began in 1998 to encourage children to embrace a love for reading. Celebrations are planned each year during the week of Dr. Seuss's birthday (3/2), and include a variety of themes from many of his well-known books.

Throughout the week, students from Maritime Academy Charter Elementary School had a variety of themed dress down days and activities that centered around books like *The Cat in the Hat*, *The Sleep Book*, and *Wacky Wednesday*. Students in 8B even joined in on the fun as they paired with their 4C buddies to review their partners' projects, read stories, and complete related worksheets about what they learned.

These fantastic events will conclude on Monday as students dress according to a Safari theme, and develop predictions on what their future will be like. For now, we hope you enjoy the few photos on the left that were shared with us by **Mr. Saunders**, **Mrs. Wassel**, and **Ms. Giancaterino**.



(Top Left) Mrs. Wassel Reading to 3A; (Bottom Left) 3A during Pajama Day; (Above) Students in 5th grade during Wacky Wednesday

Another DonorsChoose Project Has Been Funded!

There are some schools that may never experience the selfless giving of members of DonorsChoose. However, just 5 months since we last reported a successful project, **Mr. Corbett (MS)** is the next MACHS teacher to have his goal achieved!

It was reported to us that our 8th grade RELA and American Studies teacher was able to raise almost \$200 in less than a week! The items that were funded include classroom materials and reference tools that will not only prepare students to master various topics in the two content areas, but also allow them to artistically demonstrate their understanding.

We are confident that Mr. Corbett and his students in 8C and 8D will soon create wonderful writing portfolios and projects! Perhaps his quick progress may inspire you to participate in the crowdfunded website that supplies classrooms with resources needed to help students succeed.

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Lighting the Way

Maritime industry news that guides our students towards understanding

Bringing the Maritime Industry Right onto Campus – A Student's Perspective

This week, we are extremely proud to showcase an update on Captain Bell's boatbuilding after school program. However, what makes it especially wonderful is that the below summary was written by one of our students, **Bryanna McNally (8D)**. For the first time, we feature a student-written article. Read below for what Bryanna has to say about this program that meets each Wednesday after school.

Boat building is not just one skill. You also learn the proper ways to use tools, and you learn new methods to understand the parts of the boat. Our group has learned some of the many fascinating tools such as a carpenter square, a power drill, clamps, saws, and hammers. The instructors (Captain Bell and Mr. Nick) demonstrated how to use each tool and its purpose. We learned that the clamps were used to hold the wood in place while we carefully sawed through it. We learned the proper way to use a power drill and how to place a screw carefully into the wood. The groups also began to learn the different parts of the boats by examining a blueprint and labeling the parts. With each class, the groups gain more useful skills and more understanding regarding the art of boat building.

Thanks so much to Bryanna for providing us with some insight on this unique boatbuilding opportunity! We can't wait to see the final product!



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Week

Now that we have "sprung forward" with our clocks, it's time to jump into these upcoming events!

- Ms. Allen and 4B conclude their plastic bottle recycling competition this week. We greatly admire the positive influence that they played in helping many of us care for the environment by participating in their program. We also wish them the best of luck as they submit for the UNLESS Contest! Stay tuned for updates, including the winning teacher and advisory!
- There are two important events taking place this week at the middle school campus. The first is the monthly Home & School Meeting that will be on **Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM**. We greatly appreciate those of you who submitted responses to the surveys that were sent home. However, your presence at these meetings allow parents to provide their input on school events and collaborate with school liaisons. The second event, of course, is the **Middle School CLC Open House**. Between 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM on March 12th, parents and their children can learn about the many before and after school enrichment programs. As advertised last week, food, refreshments, and prizes will also be offered. We look forward to showcasing the progress of participants and gathering feedback from the attendees.
- With the approach of various standardized tests these next few months, we are looking for you to share how you have been preparing for your exams and what lingering questions remain. Perhaps you are students with mnemonic devices, teachers with engaging lessons, or parents with questions that haven't been answered. For those who are frequent users of Study Island, there is also Spring Study Island Contest through **Edmentum Academic Sprints**. For more information, visit <http://info.edmentum.com/SpringAcademicSprints2015.html>.

Do you have news to share? Send your pictures, stories, and ideas to newsletter@maritimecharter.org.