



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, 9/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM Soccer Game at Northwood Academy – 3:30 PM Book Bunch – 4:00 – 5:30 PM Chess – 4:00 – 6:00 PM Junior Authors' Club – 4:00 – 5:30 PM Math Tutoring – 4:00 – 6:30 PM
Tue, 9/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM Dress Down Day – \$2 Students; \$3 Faculty Soccer Game vs School Lane – 3:30 PM Book Bunch – 4:00 – 5:30 PM Junior Authors' Club – 4:00 – 5:30 PM RELA Tutoring – 4:00 – 6:30 PM Young Reporters' Club – 4:00 – 6:30 PM
Wed, 9/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Yom Kippur – No School</i>
Thu, 9/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>All Philadelphia Schools Closed – No School</i>
Fri, 9/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>All Philadelphia Schools Closed – No School</i>
Other Important Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10/6 – Q1 Interims Due by 5:00 PM 	



High School:

Mon, 9/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Volleyball Game vs. Simon Gratz – 3:15 PM
Tue, 9/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Volleyball Practice – 2:45 PM – 4:15 PM Back to School Night – 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
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Bravo Zulu!

Recognizing success and points of pride around MACHS



International School Supply Drive Brings Updated Library Books to MS Classroom

In 2009, an online gift exchange program began to pair strangers with one another with the sole purpose of sharing in the joy of giving. Over the years, they have had a variety of themes, and for its fourth year in a row, **redditgifts** has held a school supply drive that sends teachers in need classroom materials based on their requests. Over the summer, **Ms. Fanega (MS)** applied as a teacher, with not much interest than in seeing if such an event could really be as successful as they had advertised. In 2014, online members of **Reddit** gave over \$610,000 dollars to teachers from all across the world. As of this publication, \$830,441.14 had been spent on over 75% of its teacher participants! What has been most humbling, however, is not only receiving a variety of library books that students have already taken home to read, but also the supportive words. Signed "Tiffany," Ms. Fanega's generous donator handwrote a note saying, "You have one of the most important jobs in the world... You deserve more, but this is what I could do for now."

To learn more, or to possibly sign up for one of their gift exchanges, visit <https://www.redditgifts.com/exchanges/redditgifts-teachers-2015/>. Their official sponsor for this year was also, **educents**, a site offering affordable educational products: <http://www.educents.com/>. Finally, here is a picture shared by Ms. Fanega of her box of books:



Save the Dates: Upcoming Fundraisers

The middle school and high school will collaborate in October and November for 2 fundraisers. First, is their **Semi-Annual Skating Fundraiser** that will be held at the Palace Roller Skating Center from 6:30 to 8:30 PM on **Tuesday, October 13, 2015**. Last year, over \$1,500 was raised to benefit our athletic departments, and this year they hope to use the money generated for our various building needs.

The second fundraiser will be our **Bingo Fundraiser**. This "Girls' and Guys' Night Out" event will take place at the Polish American Association on **Friday, November 6th**. Doors open at 6:00 PM, with the first bingo game beginning at 7:00 PM.

More details regarding each of these events will be provided soon, but tickets are already on sale! Contact **Ms. Fanega** in the MS or **Mrs. McDevitt** in the HS for more information, including how you could support our raffle basket collections!

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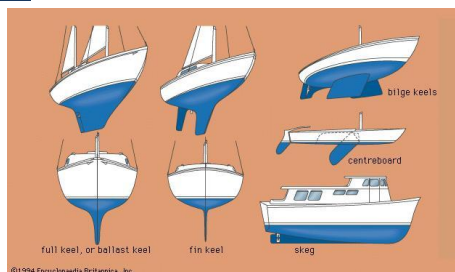
Maritime industry news that guides our students towards understanding

Keel Laying Ceremony Takes Place at Aker Shipyard

"Kneel" is an action that you do on your knees, but do you know what a *keel* is? For those unfamiliar with the maritime word, it is the beam around which the hull (or frame) is built. On Friday, a ceremony took place at **Aker Philadelphia Shipyard** that placed coins on one of the keel blocks before it was placed in the dry dock. This is meant as a sign of good fortune and safe travels for the vessels that will finish being built at the Philadelphia location.

The lucky people who were able to place the ceremonial coins were the apprentices who will soon be graduating from their three-year program. These skilled shipbuilders in essence provide the foundation of a new set of maritime workers who will begin in entry-level positions and one day take on a managerial role as they acquire additional manufacturing roles.

An event such as this not only points out the tanker products that will be constructed alongside the Delaware River, but also highlight one of the many fields in which a hardworking cadet could achieve. To learn more about the apprenticeship program at Aker Philadelphia Shipyard, visit <http://www.akerphiladelphia.com/text.cfm?path=219,244&id=3-1469>.



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Week

A short week in school still includes important events:

- Our MS CLC programs continue this week with many programs beginning for the first day. Those who are still interested in registering for a free before or after school program should contact **Mr. Walsh**.
- The middle school hosted their Back to School Night with much success! Our Home & School Association welcomed attendees with light concessions that were for sale. We also hope that all of you had time to see our display that introduced our "crew." Many thanks to **Mrs. Wassel** and her helpers who took time to design the pirate ship and include so many of our administrators, teachers, and staff!



- The high school will have their Back to School Night this Tuesday, September 22nd from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

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