

THE THUNDER REPORT



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BEGINNING OF YEAR EVENTS

- **September 11**
Family Fun Night
- **September 18**
Grandparent's Day
- **September 20**
Mud Hens game
- **September 23**
See You at the Pole 7th-12th
- **Sept. 30-Oct. 2**
Awake Week 7th-12th
- **October 15th & 16th**
Parent teacher/conferences
- **Oct. 16th No School**



Welcome MRBC Pastor

Join us in welcoming MRBC's new Senior Pastor: Nate Click. We are excited for what his experience and fresh outlook will bring to MRBC and MCA.



New Year, New Beginning

Welcome back, students and families! We are off to a great start to the school year. It has been great to see our classrooms full again and our students settling into their routines.

At MCA, we recognize that what happens during the school day goes far beyond academics. We have the opportunity to help shape young people during some of the most important years of their lives. Our desire is to challenge our students academically, while also encouraging them to grow in character, maturity, and their relationship with Christ.

Our staff theme this year is "**All In**," based on Romans 12:11: "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." It is a reminder that we should approach what we do with purpose and give it our best.

We are thankful for the families God has brought to MCA and for the trust you place in our school each day. We don't take that responsibility lightly.

~Mr. Salazar



Reading Success with Abeka Phonics

At MCA, we use the Abeka reading program—a systematic, phonics-based approach closely aligned with the Science of Reading (SoR) to build confident, fluent readers through clear sound recognition and decoding skills. For parents of 1st and 2nd graders, the Handbook for Reading Abeka Reader is an invaluable tool to keep on hand and reference throughout the year! Explore our [complete reading guide](#) on the school website under Quicklinks in the Family Hub. Want to dive deeper? Contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Musgrove to learn more about training opportunities!



Twenty-Eight Years of Excellence

As we have now commenced our 28th academic year here at Monclova Christian Academy, we look back with gratitude and praise while looking forward with confidence and anticipation. For nearly three decades, MCA has partnered with families in the eternal endeavor of educating students with a biblical worldview.

When I think of excellence, I am reminded of the four young Hebrews mentioned in Daniel chapter 1. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah—better known by their Babylonian names, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—found themselves in a land that was not their own, yet they stood firm in their faith in God. Not only were they strong in their faith, but they were also impressive in their wisdom and understanding. Furthermore, they were kind, respectful, and courteous, even as they boldly stood for what they believed.

All of this led the king to remark that they were “ten times better”—not merely ten times better than the average, but ten times better than all the best of the kingdom. That is quite a compliment. Yet Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah understood that their faith, strength, and wisdom were not ultimately their own, but came from God.

From this account, we draw both inspiration and a challenge. As we strive to follow the Lord’s leading in raising the next generation, we seek to develop their wisdom, strength, skills, and talents, but, first and foremost, to build their faith. In doing so, we are equipping them to shine as lights in a dark place. We are prayerfully preparing them to stand firm in their faith in a society that can sometimes feel foreign and godless.

With this in mind, we recognize that Christian education is bigger than academics, though academics are vital. We humbly pray that God will continue to use MCA, in partnership with our wonderful families, to develop a generation that truly **stands up and stands out for Christ**.

~Mr. Lenentine



Meet Our School Resource Officer



Many of our families have already met Shawn McMahon, MCA’s full-time School Resource Officer. Shawn brings more than 30 years of experience with the Lucas County Sheriff’s Office, including service in patrol and the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART).

He also served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves and the Ohio Army National Guard and is Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trained.

Shawn’s role extends beyond safety and security. He is committed to building positive relationships with our students and being a trusted, approachable presence on campus.

We are grateful to have Shawn as part of the MCA family! If you see him around campus, be sure to say hello—and ask him about his rescue pitbull, Izzy!

Snack of the Month

Your kids may have already mentioned it—we now have a Snack of the Month in the lunchroom! Each month, students will have the opportunity to enjoy something new and fun. Keep an eye out for each month’s featured snack!



September’s SoM

October’s SoM

is sure to be a real popular treat!

