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**Monthly Calendar**

March 1	Spelling Bee Edgewater
March 3	Bok Kai Parade
March 7, 21 & 28	Minimum Days
March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29	9 Blocks
March 14	Showcase Auditions
March 16	Sadie Hawk's Dance
March 2	Blood Drive
March 30-April 9	Spring Break
April 12	Walk for the Arts

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# SIBLINGS

By: Alexis Sumahit

Have you ever wondered what it was like to go to the same school as you're siblings? Well if you have, DON'T! The reason why I say this is because you don't have to. I wondered this myself until it happened a couple of years ago, but that's another story. I decided to ask a couple of the students at our school what it is like to have one or more siblings attend the same school. Here are the questions asked and the responses of a pair of sib-

lings, Miranda and Jonathan Xiong.

Q: Do you like going to school with each other?

A: Miranda: Sort of depending on the day.

Jonathan: Eh.

Q: Is this an advantage or disadvantage? Why?

A: Miranda: Advantage for partner up on projects.

Jonathan: Advantage because I can bug her.

Q: Do you have a lot in common?

A: Miranda: Not much, but gaming in a way.

Jonathan: Share the same parents.

Q: How many classes do you have together?

A: Both: 4

Q: Do you like being the older or younger sibling?

A: Miranda: (younger) NO ABSOLUTELY NO!!!

Jonathan: (older) Kind of.

Q: Would this change if you changed schools?

A: Miranda: Nope.

Jonathan: I don't know.



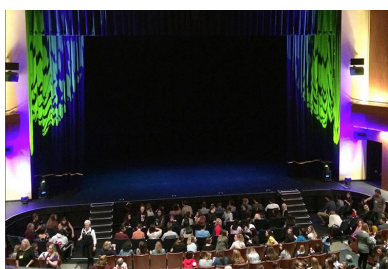
Here are just a few of the many students that have siblings attending MCAA.

Betsy Lopez & Brendan Xiong (missing sibling Heidi), Lennox and Meloni Mitchell, Lena Gudikunst, Kaelyn Smith (both have Senior sibling that already left school for the day, and Ethan and Jaeden Barmettler

# LENAEA 2018

By: Ben Hendrix

Lenaea this year was great. The advanced drama students travelled to Folsom College, staying two nights and seeing multiple one acts, monologues, musical solos, and workshops. Along with the performances, students were able to participate in the competition to earn medals. This year MCAA students brought home multiple medals for the one act plays, and multiple monologues. The workshops this year were amazing as always. I went to a movement and motion workshop and a improv workshop. The movement workshop was a great experience using motion in acting and focusing on how you hold yourself in character. The improv class by far is the best workshop, its lots of fun jumping in scenarios and just having fun. The overall experience and trip to Lenaea was amazing, I definitely recommend it to anyone interested in going next year.



# JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

By: Montia Green

James and the Giant Peach, Jr., which was put on by beginning drama, was absolutely amazing! The story follows a young, orphaned boy names James who is forced to live with his cruel aunts. However, when James discovers a giant peach, he goes on a voyage, accompanied by insect friends. The production was filled with great humor, cute moments, and wonderful choreography. The energy the cast gave the audience was phenomenal. Kudos to the director (Molly Enderton), choreographer (Pippa Fuschich) and the entire cast for putting on such a stunning show!

# TEACHERS, THEY'RE JUST LIKE US!

By: Robert Keith

Have you ever wondered what it's like being a teacher? Well as it turns out, they're just like us. They have normal lives and do normal, everyday things. Here are some examples of teacher sightings:

Mr. Tejada was seen teaching Kuk Sool Won at his studio on February 10.

On January 29 Mr. Yocum was seen at Walmart grocery shopping.

Ms. Ramirez was seen at the gym on February 2.

Bonny was seen walking her dog around her block on February 16.

Mr McBride was seen dropping his kids off at school on January 19.

At the Costco in Chico on January 25, Mr. deVlaming was seen buying a new toaster.

Mrs. McDowell was seen shopping at Marshalls earlier this month, on the 3rd.

So now you, a normal, everyday student, know exactly how similar your simple life is to the illusive lives of teachers. They might be looked up to at school as some miraculous figure, but it turns out you have more in common than you might have originally thought.



# FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

By: Ivette Barriga

February 2: Groundhog Day  
Groundhog day is holiday celebrated in the U.S and Canada.

Folklore says that if a groundhog sees its shadow when it emerges from its burrow, than winter will last another six weeks.

**February 12: Lincoln's Birthday**  
In honor of Abraham Lincoln, there was no school on Monday the 12th. Did you know that Lincoln lost five separate elections before he was elected president?

**February 14: Valentine's day**  
Valentine's day as we all know is, a sweet holiday to share treats or gifts with your loved ones, but did you know that it originated from Saint Valentinus (a Roman saint who performed weddings for soldiers who were unable to marry.)

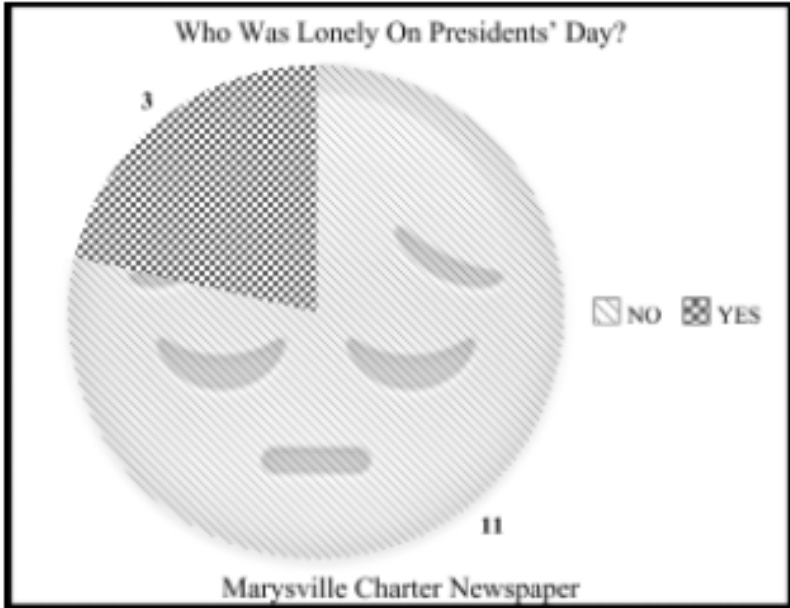
**February 19: Presidents Day**  
On Monday the 19th, there was no school in honor of Presidents day. Did you know that Presidents Day became an official American holiday in 1885, in recognition for George Washington.

# ROMANCE DAY SPECIAL!

By: Coconut Head (Anna Campos)

Hey y'all, it's that time of the year again. I think we were all looking forward to this lovely occasion, full of romantic, spontaneous boat trips, money, and a red and white color scheme, as far as the eye can see. I'm talking about Presidents' Day, ladies and gents. Bust out that stash

of miniature American flags that you have under your bed (for safekeeping) and take your special other out to your nearest Red Robin (yum). If you don't have a special other this time, don't fret—the spirits of our forefathers are with you. Happy holidays!



# VALENTINES DAY: LOVE OR LOATHE?

By: Grace Rose

Opinions on Valentine's Day can be very diverse. In my opinion it's lovely and festive day but it can be celebrated it other ways besides with a significant other such as showing love for family and friends. It also doesn't have to be celebrated with material items. If you've bothered to read this far and find my opinion to be irrelevant, well I asked a few people for their opinions and this is the feedback I gathered. 1) "I like it. It is very cute and festive. I plan to go home and cry because my boyfriend lives in Canada and we celebrate Valentine's day on Canada Day Instead ;)"-Mrs.Keisha. 2) "I think Valentine's Day is pretty lit. I'm gonna go home and listen to Lil Pump."-iCarly. 3) "Valentine's Day is the worst day of the year. We should replace it with a second halloween. For starters, it's a waste of money, it's government endorsement and I don't have a boyfriend so."- Regina George the 2nd. (Everyone who was asked requested to remain anonymous.) As you can see, there are many interesting opinions on holidays such as Valentine's Day at Charter.



# HAMILTON

By: Mrs. McDowell

Over the President's Day weekend I had the privilege of attending the play *Hamilton* in Tempe, Arizona at Arizona State University's performing arts theater, The Gammage that was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The play was very good, and as most of you know, about the life of one of the founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton. The play covered his adult life, but also told the story of his childhood being born in the Caribbean to an unwed mother who died during his childhood. He came to the colonies to study law and became involved in the Revolutionary War, serving under George Washington. His story was a sad one, his son was killed in a duel and he later was killed by Aaron Burr in a duel. Burr challenged him to a duel (and you did not say no) because Hamilton supported Thomas Jefferson for president and not him. The music, singing and dancing were excellent. It was a very enjoyable time for me and some of my sisters.



Mrs. McDowell & sisters

# Lunch: What's Your Spot?

By: Lucey Magana

I was curious as to why people choose to sit at a specific spot to eat almost everyday, so I decided to go around and ask. The first group I asked was the 7th and 8th graders who sit outside of Yocum's class. They said "Well we've been sitting here since 7th grade and it's sort of become a tradition that we sit here all together." I decided to ask a group who I often see move around and not sit in a specific area, their reasoning for where they sit depends on the weather. The last group I asked was my own friend group, grades 10-11. We've sat in that same table since the first day of our 7th grade year and we simply feel comfortable sitting there.

# THE BACKPACK ESSENTIALS

By: The Chupacabra (Ethan Bland)

There are always those things that everyone has in their backpack that people claim are "Absolutely needed." Though to a more trained backpack packer there are more important things that should go in the sack on your back than binders, pencils, and paper. If you are trained in the packing craft than you probably know that you'll need double sided scissors so that you can cut two pieces of paper at the same time. There's also the half empty bag of goldfish that your mom packed for you that was forgotten about. Another handy tip is to bring little

slices of rubber tires from your little brothers hot wheel cars to protect the webbing between your fingers from paper cuts and double sided scissors. One of my favorite essentials is the pure stick of glue, without the casing to save money. The final essential is the old shoe box. This is for any forgotten projects, so at lunch you can glue down the goldfish with the stick of glue and trim two sides of the box at once with the double sided scissors to make a diorama. Remember to grab these pro packs when you go back to school shopping.



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