



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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Just Bursting with our Lion Pride!



If you've driven by the school on Riverside Drive, you've surely seen our MCA lion pride literally bursting out of the new gym. Dennis Brecher of Duneland Signs in Hope Mills, NC, was contracted to put the MCA lion on the outside of the gym. He did not disappoint. Mr. Brecher also painted the huge lion from the MCA crest in the middle of our new gym floor, while his wife did all the lettering. Obviously making a great team, they've been married for forty-nine years, and painting gymnasium floors is how they make a living.

Brecher attended art school in Chicago, and he has completed many gymnasium floors since then, including MCA's. He currently works with Floor Action, out of Wilson, NC, which is the company that installed the floor in the new MCA gym. After working with MCA to determine the desired designs for the floor and the outside wall, Brecher freehanded them onto the surfaces. The gym floor took about two days to complete, and the lion on the outside wall took approximately a day and a half. Brecher will be coming back to MCA soon to complete more artwork in the gym.

To see more work completed by Brecher, you only have to go to local universities, including Duke, Virginia Tech, University of NC at Asheville, University of NC at Wilmington, and High Point University. His portfolio is quite stunning. When asked if he had advice for students, Brecher said, "If you're good at something, practice it. Practice it very hard, and you'll get really good at it, and then you'll never be without work anywhere in the world. Be the best at whatever you set your mind to, and that will keep you young."



Top: Dennis Brecher pauses for a moment to talk to The Lion's Roar about his work. Middle: Working only from a small drawing made on notebook paper, Mr. Brecher literally freehands the lion on the outside of the gym wall. Bottom: The finished product looks very strong and fierce.

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MCA Sports Are Off to a Quick Start

Under the direction of Athletic Director Rodney King, MCA hosted the 2018 Volleyball Classic recently, as well as the River Run Cross Country Invitational. Both events were well attended by other schools, and they also turned out to be great fundraisers for MCA athletics, netting just over \$2000 for our athletics program.

Eight schools, most of which are in our conference and state association, participated in the Volleyball Classic, with teams coming from as far away as Raleigh. Using the new gym, which can be converted into two volleyball courts, along with our original gym, three games were played at once. The athletic department sold tee shirts and concessions, and a great time was had by everyone in attendance, which was an estimated four hundred people. Many of the visiting team members and their families commented about how beautiful the MCA campus is, and many of the teams committed to coming back to play at MCA in the future.

Fourteen schools were represented in the River Run Invitational which was held at Fisher River Park in Dobson, NC. About three hundred runners participated in the event. The Surry County Parks and Recreation Department was very complimentary to MCA about how much revenue these events pulled in for the area in general. Special tee shirts were also available at this event.



Above left, the MCA Lady Lions play in the original gym, while, above right, two teams make use of the divided new gym for simultaneous play. Below, **Katie Brintle**, one of MCA's great cross country runners, completes the course at Fisher River Park.



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