



# The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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## And the Guns Fell Silent



Mr. Eric Cook, 8<sup>th</sup> grade history and philosophy teacher, and Mr. Rodney Money, K-12 music teacher, gave a beautiful organ and trumpet concert to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of armistice that ended World War I. The concert featured Mr. Cook on the organ, and Mr. Money on the trumpet. Featured selections were written during the war, related to it in some way, or reflected on important aspects of the experience of those who lived through it. Worked included were written by JS Bach, Edward Elgar, Gustave Hoist, Rodney Money, Hubert Parry, Max Reger, Martin Shar, and Charles Villiers Stanford. The concert was open to the public and very well attended.



At the right, Mr. Cook and Mr. Money look down from the balcony at Central United Methodist church where the concert was held

## Mrs. Dearmin Receives Bright Ideas Grant



Left: First graders engage with the Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Corporation safety officer as he explains precautions to be used around high voltage.



Right: Mrs. Dearmin gets suited up in her safety gear.

The gray skies couldn't dampen the enthusiasm for our first graders when Surry Yadkin Electric Membership Corporation showed up for a surprise presentation of a Bright Ideas grant to Mrs. Jodi Dearmin. As far as everyone knew, SYEMC was coming to MCA to give a safety presentation to our first grade students about the dangers and precautions used when working with high voltage. However, things got interesting when the SYEMC safety officer requested a volunteer from the crowd and selected Mrs. Dearmin. After dressing her in the same protective gear worn by electrical linemen, he and others from the company presented her with a check for \$647.72 as an award of a Bright Ideas grant for which she had applied. Mrs. Dearmin's request was for flexible seating for her first grade classroom. Flexible seating means that students will have access to equipment such as wobble seats, bouncy bands, and exercise discs that will allow them to move around and expend energy without distracting others. Various studies indicate that allowing students to move around more can be beneficial to students' health and thinking abilities. Congratulations, Mrs. Dearmin!



Left: Mrs. Dearmin is surprised by the presentation of a check for flexible seating equipment

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## National Honor Society Donates to Hurricane Relief

Members of the National Honor Society hosted a hot chocolate and flag football event for Upper School students Wednesday before Thanksgiving break, and they were ecstatic to raise a total of \$477 to donate for hurricane relief. Every member of the NHS worked toward the planning and execution of this special service event, and all involved had a tremendous amount of fun. The event ended with a game between the winning high school team and a faculty team, with the faculty pulling off the win in the end (but not without many sore muscles for the following day!).



Upper School students thoroughly enjoyed the time spent outside with hot chocolate and flag football!

