

The September ‘26 issue of *Spotlight*, we are excited to welcome everyone back! We checked out the spirit week events and have some volunteering opportunities for those interested. Welcome Back!



Photo By Genia Moretti

Welcome Back!

We are excited to start another school year here at Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts. The *Spotlight* staff look forward to bringing you news and information about MCAA events, activities, and opportunities, alongside news from the world around us. We encourage you to pick up an issue each month and read about what makes us tick. Cheers to another great year and more opportunities to share with you!

-Mr. Fridrich

Back to School Spirit Week

The start of a new school year is always met with the Back to School Spirit Week and Dance! This year was a little different, than past years: instead of a week of dress-up theme days, ASB Leadership hosted events each lunch to get people together on campus. Our writers gave a short rundown of each day’s activities.

Monday--Hula Hoop Contest

By Ellie Fitch

The first day of this year’s back to school spirit week was a hula hooping contest. There were 9 contestants participating, with the final three holding on until the very end being Jeysiah Williams-Raines (12th), Madeline Frey (8th), and Cali Alvitre Gonzalez (7th). After a long session of constant hooping, challenges were added in such as jumping, and one was named the winner. That winner was 8th grader Madeline Frey. Great job, Madeline, and way to go everyone that participated!



Tuesday--Watermelon Eating Contest

By Bailey Spence

On Tuesday, we had the watermelon eating contest at lunch. It was intense and juicy! No hands allowed made it extra difficult but added to the comedy and fun. There was a great turn out: we had a dozen students participate. The first place winners were Chase Binford (9th) and Lukas Miethe Kashikar (9th) and second place was Ixela Muñoz (10th) and Jacqueline Martinez (10th). We asked Danica Giongco, ASB President, why activities instead of dress-ups days this year, and she told us, “ASB this year decided to pivot from dress up days for spirit week to activities because we wanted to encourage interaction with all the grades.” We love it and look forward to more activities through the year!

Wednesday--Volleyball

By Andrea Guerrero

Wednesday we had our Volleyball Day!!! It was a leisurely game day with no competition and a lunch with ASB/Link type of feel. The activity was located on the backstage grass area. The two major teams who took up the most time seemed to be 8th grade vs 11th grade. It was a good game with good players! It was a hot day, so I hope you guys made sure to stay very hydrated and cool. Go dragons!



Photos by Andrea Guerrero

Thursday--Kinetic Sand

By Luis Zavala

Thursday, we had a Kinetic Sand fun day as a part of our Back to School Dance Spirit Week. Students were able to enjoy building sand castles with Kinetic Sand in the quad during lunch, courtesy of our ASB team. A wide array of colors were available and lots of people partook in the fun!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 3-4 - Club Fair
- 7 - No School! Labor Day
- 11 - Picture Day
- 30 - Yuba College Info Day

OCTOBER

- 6 - 9th block class meet
- 9 - End of 1st Quarter
- 15 - Picture Make-Ups
- 16 - Fall Blood Drive
- 19-23 - Spirit Week
- 23 - Halloween Dance
- 30 - No School (Students)

Friday--Beach Day and Dance!



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Let’s Get Soaked!

By Andrea Guerrero

The Sponge Relay was the final spirit week activity that the amazing ASB team put together for our Beach Day dress-up last week! The relay was a competitive, high energy activity that involved a lot of water, so I hope everyone dressed for the occasion. Each class had two buckets and one sponge; each team created a line, the front person would dip the sponge in the bucket and hand it over their head to the next person in line and onward to the end, where it was squeezed into a second bucket. It was a wet mess and a really fun experience watching everyone soaking themselves. Great job everyone that participated! We hope you made it to the dance in your beach outfits!



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Don’t miss the dance article on the next page!



Back to School Dance

By Zoey Dimmett

Hey Dragons! Every year within the first month of school, the amazing ASB team organizes and hosts the Back to School Dance! The dance is open to everyone meaning 7th-12th grade can attend. We had great vibes and fun music playing all throughout the night to match the beachy vibe! The Senior Beach was also a fun part of this dance--seniors only though! There were also snacks and very fun drinks at the concessions stand--only \$1--for all who attended, so hopefully you took advantage of that while you could!

But what did the students have to say about this dance? Well, let's hear from a few of them!

Sephya Jones (9th): "I really enjoyed being here with my friends, the beach theme was really nice and the background music was nice as well. The one dollar concessions were a nice surprise; it should definitely be kept for future dances."

Tiara Grady (7th): "This dance was very fun, especially being able to be with my friends and dancing with them. I didn't expect it to be outside so it was nice to see that we didn't have to be inside one room! However for future dances I would love to see a lot more decorations everywhere,"

Kingston Apperson (11th): "For this dance the weather is a lot better than last year since it's not super hot right now so that's great. The one dollar concessions were pretty cool along with the environment and all the beach attire. I think for future dances it would be cool to see some games that people could play."

It was great to see so many people at the dance, and we look forward to more great dances throughout the year!



→ Scan the QR Code and fill out the form to recommend a song to add to our MCAA playlists! It will be reviewed by our Activities Director, Liz Escobedo, and must be school-appropriate.

Volunteering

By Mila Poje

Hey Dragons! Looking for a fun and easy way to get those well needed volunteer hours? Well you're in luck! It's event season, so a lot of schools in the area are having their annual Fall Festivals, Movie Nights, and more! Schools such as Arboga, Rio Del Oro, and more are in much need of help! Arboga has their Movie Night on September 11th and their Fall Festival is on October 29th. If you wanna get a head start on your volunteering, the office is a great place to start as they have volunteer sheets ready to grab! For any questions on where to sign up, ask: Mrs. Batchelder or Mila Poje!



The Club Fair

By Luis Zavala

Dragons, get excited for this year's club fair! It will take place on September 3rd and 4th in the quad during lunch. Established clubs will have tables set up, information available, and sign up sheets ready for members. Clubs are a great way to get more involved with the school. Whenever you meet, you will be surrounded by people that you share a common interest with. It's a great way to get out there and make friends. You could even make a real impact, through fundraisers or volunteering opportunities with clubs like the Excel Club. If you miss it for whatever reason, there are still ways to join clubs. Talk to the leaders of the club for more details.



Excel's First Blood Drive

By Kayden Myers

Hey Dragons! If you weren't already aware, our school's Excel Club collaborates with Vitalant twice every school year to host a blood drive on our campus. This year, our Excel leadership is working towards Vitalant scholarships as they prepare for college. For the first time ever, we are hosting a third drive to reach more of our community and help our graduating seniors accomplish their goals.

Our first drive this year will take place on Thursday, September 24th. The new drive we are opening up will be on a weekend during December, and will be announced later into the year. Our last blood drive will happen closer to the end of the year around April.

Someone in the world requires a blood transfusion every 2 seconds, and every 1 of 7 people that enter a hospital need a blood donation. 700 donors are necessary everyday to meet the standards of patient needs. A single donation can save up to three different lives. All that said, if you are 16 or older, and eligible to donate, don't miss this opportunity and please consider showing up for our community! If you cannot donate, volunteers are always needed for the week of and day of the blood drive. Consistent donors or those who coordinate blood drives throughout high school have the opportunity to receive the Vitalant graduation cord along with scholarships. Whether it's a basic donation, super donation, or volunteer work, blood drives are super important and require active participation among the community. On behalf of Excel Club and Vitalant, all your help and support is greatly appreciated!

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of vessels inside you, enough
to wrap around the earth's
equator roughly 2.5 times



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throughout the
body and must be
transfused within
42 days

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PLATELETS
promote blood
clotting and must
be used within
five days

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percent water,
carries nutrients
throughout the
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frozen up to 1 year

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