

The Husky Howl



MCI CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



MCI Clubs have had a very active winter season! We are proud to report the accomplishments of our students both in and out of the classroom. We certainly have many gifted students on our campus who continuously amaze us through their volunteerism, creativity, enthusiasm, and involvement in school and community. Thanks for an amazing winter season everyone!

Student Council

Student Council is in full swing with 6 adventures ahead of them.

Miranda Kuespert is heading a committee to organize the annual Fast Blast and the Staff v. Students volleyball game. Proceeds from the game and pledges from the 24-hour fast will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. SC has a committee headed by Sophie Flynn and Linh Ho who are working on a survey designed to gather student input which can be used to direct endeavors by the StuCo to make every student's experience better. Another committee is working on a pair of events for next year, one to take place in the fall and one in the spring; the goal is to foster community and understanding by

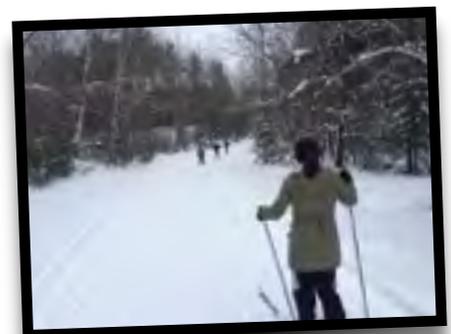
bringing students from all our clubs and activities together. This committee is directed by Jacklyn LaRochelle and Jane Marina. A fourth committee headed by Leah Carron and Cassie Miller is working on the video which SC does every year about / for the senior class, which will be shown during the May Campus Coffee. Lastly, Shelby Dunton is leading a group working to put together a great May Campus Coffee. Student Council always welcomes your input, so feel free to contact anyone mentioned above, or Mrs. K, with ideas!



Art Club



SLC



Outdoor Adventure Club

Masardis Coffee House



Hip Hop Dance Cub



Captains' Club

The MCI Captains' Club continues to work on a fundraising project for a new wireless scoreboard for the athletic field. Gavin Dugas is acting as a tournament director for a golf tourney that will take place in May. The Captains' Club will work with Gavin to plan, fundraise and administer the golf tourney at J.W. Parks Golf Club.

Outdoor Adventure Club

Outdoor Adventure Club has been--and will be--busy!! Students participated in a biathlon in early February; this required them to cross-country ski and shoot targets. They'd been in the rifle range before, but they'd never been on skis! They were great sports taking healthy risks on a very cold Sunday! On March 1st the group went to Mt. Abram to ski/snowboard. Again, the majority had never skied before, so they took lessons and had a blast! Lots of adventures planned for the next few months, including another ski trip, hiking, canoeing & camping.

Science & Outing Club

Science & Outing is planning a trip to the Maine Science Festival on Saturday, March 21st to view Maine State Science Fair submissions, participate in workshops, and hear a presentation from a Pixar scientist.

Aomori Travelers

The club will be selling candy during the month of March to fundraise for their trip to Japan next November. Hope you all have a sweet tooth!

Engineering Club

Engineering Club has been working on the body of their rocket for the past few weeks. So far, they have the payload and propulsion sections finished and need just a few more parts including the transition and tail fins. Their planned launch dates are the 21st and the 28th of this month. Hopefully, they will meet the TARC goals of 800 ft in altitude and 48 to 50 seconds in duration. The closer they are to this target, the better the chances that they will be of making the finals and a trip to Washington, DC!

Model UN

The MCI Model UN group has now been assigned their countries for the upcoming conference at the University of Southern Maine May

11-13th. This year's group will focus on the countries of Mexico and Namibia. Each student will serve on a different committee at the conference, ranging from the World Health Assembly to the Organization of American States. The group is starting a fundraiser this month selling Little Caesar's products to pay for the conference registration fees. Each week the students are learning more about parliamentary procedures, background research on each country, and how to debate effectively.

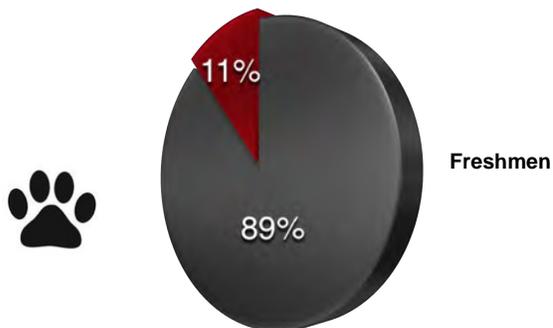
Creative Writing Club

The club is bigger than it's ever been--about 16 regulars! People write, read, share, enjoy it, and keep coming back with new material.

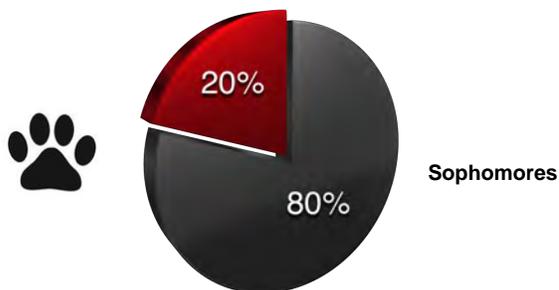


Club Participation By Class Through February 2015

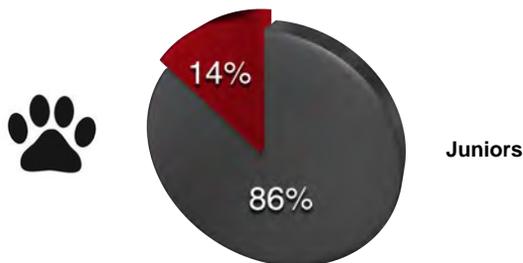
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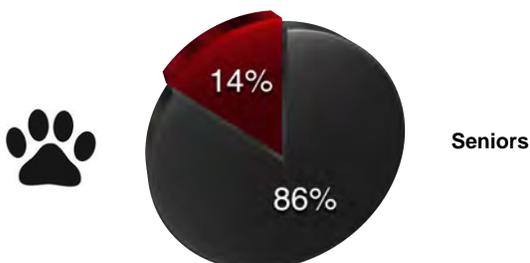
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SLC

Members of the Student Leadership Committee have been mentoring their 3rd- and 4th-grade buddies at Vickery since the start of Semester 2; this will continue through the beginning of May. In addition, members participated in Project Sticker Shock, a Maine state program designed to raise awareness about providing alcohol to minors. Members are currently working on the details of a few charity fundraising events and bridging-the-gap activities to promote stronger relationships between boarding and day students. These will be launched in the next couple weeks. SLC is also looking forward to working with HealthySV on the 3rd annual High on Life 5k on May 9th.

Coding Club

Coding Club kicked off in February with a large amount of student interest. After our inaugural meeting, students logged into their accounts at Code Avengers and began to learn HTML or Javascript. This month they learned the basics of coding through setting up sample websites and creating

simple games. In April the club will tackle more projects as groups master different concepts. Excitement remains high as students are helping each other earn digital badges and level up. For many students who are interested in the field of technology, this club is their first introduction to coding. The members hope that through working together to master coding basics, they will be prepared for tomorrow's jobs.

Ping Pong Club

The Ping-Pong Club continues to fill five tables with fun and exciting competition each Wednesday. Recently, Ron Hicks, a local ping pong expert and former minor league baseball player, stopped in looking to play our best. We matched him up against Jason Song and Chris Trang, our #1 and #2 players. Ron made short work of Chris, and defeated Jason 3-2 in five games. After the matches Jason confidently declared, "I can beat him." We are all looking forward to the coming rematch. Jason had never before been beaten in an MCI ping-pong match.



Alexis Caldwell '16

"I like Key Club because it is the perfect combination of community service and pleasure." —>

←—"This is my first year being involved with Kindness Krew and I'm happy that I decided to join. I enjoy helping people in our community and around the world through the activities that we do, like 6 hours of Kindness. It is a good feeling knowing that your actions, even if they're small, can help someone or just brighten their day. I am also in the Junior Leadership committee and serve as the Junior Class Treasurer. By being in this role, I am able to connect with my classmates more than I have in the past and



Xantel Dufasne '16

develop leadership skills that I wouldn't have developed if I wasn't on this committee."

Destination Imagination

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MCI's Destination Imagination competitive team has taken on a challenge that consists of three 100% improvisational skits. Everything that is presented to the judges is completely created on site with four randomly determined elements for a theme, a setting, a situation and an incorporated art form. For each skit, the team is given one minute to plan their performance with the randomly assigned elements and then two minutes to present. It's fast paced and students must think outside of the box in order to tie all of the details together!

On February 28th, the team attended the regional competition where they excelled in their division and age level. Judges were particularly impressed with the creativity, theatrical performance and the teamwork exhibited by our MCI students! Next, it's on to the state competition on March 28th at UMO where our team will take on others from all over Maine with hopes of advancing to the national competition held in Tennessee in May!

Fencing Club

This month's update for the fencing club is very similar to the previous ones. The fencing club is continuing to teach new fencers and improve the performance of the more experienced ones. We have been experiencing some difficulties with the fencing students being involved with multiple activities and being unable to find time to fence. However, learning how to manage time and make commitments is part of their education, and the fencing club is for individual recreation so is generally of lower priority. In spite of this we have both new and returning fencers and we continue to make progress. We had hoped to make arrangements to fence with the John Bapst fencing club or the newly formed Mt. View fencing club but so far the other schools have been unable to manage.

Student Ambassadors Club

The club has been a great addition to our school and community! For several months, the student ambassadors have filmed, blogged about, and promoted MCI in very positive ways! This has included covering events like Homecoming, Community Service Day, Cultural Heritage Day, Winter Carnival, Math Competitions and Club trips. They have also created virtual MCI campus tours for interested international students. Their films and blogs have been a tremendous addition to MCI clubs, and the students involved are eager and happy to promote the school in such a positive way!



Math Team

In just a couple of days from the composition of this article, the MCI Math Team will complete the fifth and final league meet of the season. We have been improving throughout this year and have reason to expect that our standing will improve again this meet. Currently MCI stands at 40th out of 129 teams in the state and 9th out of 39 in our league. At the end of this meet we will know our top scorer for the year; currently Michael Zhang and Quinn Dang are tied for this honor. After this week we will prepare for the State Meet in April.

Role-Playing Game Club

Snow days caused them to miss a couple of sessions, but the Role-playing Game Club continues to meet. Previously, our intrepid fictional characters traversed a rain forest and climbed a mountain to negotiate with a powerful wizard, incongruously named Billy-Bob Jones. Now they venture out onto the Plane of Embers, the most scorchingly hot desert on the world of Eos, in search of

Lightbringer a sword of incredible power. As before, the players must combine imagination with reasoning and problem-solving skills to traverse a hostile environment and achieve their goal.

Art Club

Whew! This has been a busy winter for the members of Art Club, as they were invited to conceive of and paint the mural for the Sno-Ball. As we all know, the theme was Alice in Wonderland, and if you did not attend the dance or otherwise have a chance to see the finished mural, you really missed out! (There are photos of the mural if anyone is interested in seeing them) When all was said and done, Art Club -with the help of the Advanced Art students (and a certain slightly haggard art teacher) turned out a mural stretching 32 feet long and 8 feet tall. It showed various classic scenes and characters from the Alice in Wonderland story collaboratively re-imagined into not just a beautiful decoration for the dance, but a truly well done piece of fine art!



Key Club

The MCI Key Club has also been very active through the winter season. Recently, the club organized and planned the SnoBall with the help of the Parent Decorating Committee and Art Club. For those that were able to see the SnoBall decorations, many would agree that it was the best decorated SnoBall to date. A great job by everyone involved! Throughout the month of March, Key Clubbers will be raising money for Pennies for Patients (The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society). They will raise money through a "Clean out your Console" event, a bake sale, a 3 vs. 3 basketball tournament, and more! They are also anxiously awaiting the opportunity to help with the annual Easter Egg Hunt, which is held in Pittsfield each year. Lastly, the club will begin preparing for the Spring Community Service Day, which will take place on Wednesday, June 10th starting at 8:00 a.m.



Key Club: "Clean out your Console"



Great Job,
Husky Nation!