



"Students use courage, responsibility and perseverance for success in college and beyond."

Scholar Profile of the Week: Alanna Clark by Miss Wilt



Alanna Clark is an eighth grader in homeroom USC. Her favorite activities at Match are the school-wide Spirit Days. She says, "You can see how everybody expresses themselves through their clothes." For this week's Spirit Day, Alanna dressed up as one of the characters from Pretty Little Liars. Alanna is interested in clothes and fashion because she wants to be a fashion designer when she grows up. She takes sewing class outside of school to learn skills she will need to be a designer. Alanna also dances outside of school. She explained, "Out of school, I like to dance. I do every genre of dance – hip hop, tap, jazz, ballet, modern, and contemporary." This year at Match, Alanna is excited to participate in the dance style of Step, as well

as track and field. When asked her favorite track and field activities, Alanna said, "I am a long jumper and I also do long distance sprints." Alanna has two siblings – one older sister and one younger brother. Her family is excited to cheer her on at Mountain Lion basketball games this season!

Birthdays:

- Thursday, January 1 -- Jaiden Coren & Huberthe Honore
- Friday, January 2 – Sofine Seekins
- Saturday, January 3 -- Franceska Desauguste & Blasmiry Villalona
- Sunday, January 4 -- Enyonam Gakpo
- Tuesday, January 6 – Mr. Borchard
- Thursday, January 8 -- Loren Harty
- Friday, January 9 -- Caleo Aguirre & Angel Johnson

Learning Lion in the Classroom:

We are so excited to have this time with you to kick off the new year!
 We are also glad that you will be able to do it in the comfort of wherever you may be!

Here's what we have for you (all-staff members):

1. Agenda Page 1– this will take you through each of the items you are doing for the training and suggested times.
2. Agenda Page 2 – this is your list of deliverables to be turned in at the end of the day on Friday.
3. Go through the agenda in order, since it will make the most sense.
4. The videos should be easy to open. If you are having trouble, use firefox instead of explorer and download them if you need to. We checked them multiple times, so they should be good to go.
5. When watching the videos, don't worry about them being perfect, but use an open mind about what you can see/find in them. Also, they each hold examples of multiple things, so try to look for thrill during positive framing, etc. (this will make more sense soon).
6. For the Launch Powerpoint – read and enjoy this with some good music. Suggestion: It's a Beautiful Day by U2.
7. The modeling cycle is the subject specific work for Math and the subject specific work for History, English and Science is the annotations reflection. Science and History can extend this work to subject area.
8. When you are done with everything, email Lisa and Megan with an email that says "deliverables" and attach each deliverable. For teachers, it would be great if you attached the LP's in there too, but they can also come in separate cover. Please email them rather than just putting them in google doc.

Learning Lion in Tutorial will be sent separately.

Lion Pride Announcements:

NEW! Mountain Lion on Staff

We are pleased to welcome Ayisha Minot to our staff this new year. Ayisha will join the Academic Resources Department as an Instructional Aide. Ayisha graduated with a BS in Community and Regional Development from the University of California, Davis and has extensive experience working with students at the middle school level. Most recently, she was a Corps Member with City Year in Boston. Welcome to the team, Ayisha!

REMINDER! Visitor Protocol

We love having visitors in the Lion's Den. When you expect to have a visitor for the upcoming week, please let Cherisse know by the Thursday before the visit. You will need to send the following visitor information:

- Visitor Name (Organization name if applicable) and Destination (where they will be visiting)
- Expected Day and Time of Arrival
- Who should be contacted upon arrival and method of contact (ex. email? Text? Call?)
- Purpose of visit (ex. tour, interview, observations, etc.)
- For safety purposes, all visitors must check in with Brenellys Acevedo, at the Front Office. Visitors will sign-in and wear a badge. ALL VISITORS MUST WEAR A BADGE. The visitor(s) will wait in the front office until the contact arrives. When the visit is complete, please escort the visitor back to the Front Office to sign out.

Visitors for January 5-9

Mon., Jan 5, *Lauren Carson (MC)* earned her Bachelor's degree from SUNY-Brockport in Sociology and Political Science, and is finishing her MSW at Tulane. *Sadie Schlabach (MC)* is a Biology major at Ithaca College.

Wed., Jan 7, *Deanna Nappi (SGSE/MC)* is a Geoscience major at Hamilton College. She will also graduate with a certificate in teaching English as a Second Language. *Marlee Burns (MC)* is from the Austin, TX area and attends Univ. of Texas in Austin, where she is in the Honors Program for Middle Eastern Studies and International Relations & Global Studies.

Thurs., Jan 8, *Lauren Mirzakhali (SGSE/MC)* is a senior at Swarthmore College majoring in Psychology and Educational Studies.

NEW! Detailed January Calendar

At the start of each month, we will email all staff members a copy of the OPS-MMS calendar which captures all school culture events/activities (homerooms/class meetings/ all-school meetings/ auctions, perfect attendance breakfasts, unexpected rewards, etc.), athletics practice sessions/games/activities, Friday PD schedule for the month, and all the in-house meetings for the month. The February calendar will be out on January 30.

The calendar will come to you in two forms. Use the format that works best for how your brain processes information. First, all activities will be in a list form, in the body of the email. If lists are your jam, then use the email as your all-school events calendar. Second, the attachment to the email is in a calendar format for those who need a visual format. Once opened, you can select to see the monthly calendar in a daily, weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly format. Up to you.

When the calendar is updated or changes, Cherisse will send an update to all. Please contact Cherisse if you have not downloaded the OPS-MMS calendar onto your Outlook or Gmail calendar. We have taken out the "School-wide Schedule" portion of the ROAR so as not to increase redundancy. You can expect an email titled, "Monthly Calendar: January 2015" shortly after the ROAR package.

Growing Area of Focus: Bullying Prevention

We are seeing an uptick in bullying across various areas of the school – buses, bathrooms, and classrooms. Specifically, there are reports of students making stereotypical comments about gender. We will start PD on bullying prevention and response upon our return. In the meantime, read the **attached documents: Bullying and Welcoming Schools Be Prepared to Answer**. Please answer the following questions:

ROAR Questions:

- What does information on the bullying sheet make you think of?
- What form(s) of bullying have you witnessed this school year?
- What do you think is your role in preventing bullying at school?

Winter Dance is on the way!

As you scroll through the January calendar, you will find that the Winter Dance is scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 5:00-8:00pm. Student Council is taking the selecting the theme with student input and nailing it for the special evening. The dance will be held in the school gym. Thanks to all the lovely people who signed up for this event back in the summer!

January Dance Chaperones

- Christina Bernal
- Gillian Reid
- Nicole Ramoutar
- Ryan Riley
- Steve Gamache
- Jess Donovan
- Theresa Connolly
- Mel Hackett
- Steph Faas
- Kait Beaudoin

Tutors, if you'd like to join the chaperoning party, please let Lisa know.



This Week's Morning Announcements

ROAR Question for all Staff: Are there any morning announcements you need to make this week? Please share your script and the day you would like for the announcement to be made.

NEW! Scholastic Book Fair at Match Middle School

The adult Mountain Lions in the Den are so thrilled about the Scholastic Book Fair. Eyes filled with nostalgia at the last staff meeting coupled with "I remember when I was a kid and loved the Book Fair..." Please see the **attached fliers** to understand how the Book Fair works as a fundraiser for the School Library program.

- The Scholastic Book Fair will start on March 30 and end on April 2.
- We will have a Book Fair Parent Night on Thursday, April 2, 4:30-6:30pm. Parents can purchase books with students. Students can also purchase books on any one of their Book Fair visit days.
- The Book Fair will be located in the Annex during the week.
- Students will make two visits up to the Book Fair that week as the counterpart to their Fitness Day – half of the period will be in Fitness and the other half for a perusal through the Book Fair.
- Posters go up this week to start the fundraising hype!
- If you signed up for the "Reading Night" back in the summer, we are counting on your zesty participation in the Parent Night for Book Fair!

Sarah Dell is leading the Book Fair dream. Please reach out to Sarah if you'd like to be a part of the dream!

NEW! Advisory Spirit Dress Follow-up

- It's time to pay out for the Trimester 1 Spirit Dress Competitions. All winners of the Advisory Spirit Day back in 2014, please respond to Lisa's email to nail down the awesome prize!
- "Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character" Spirit Dress Day Winners are... we understand December was a whirlwind. Please upload your advisory's picture to the google drive. All photos are to be uploaded into Yearbook/Photos14-15/Book Character Day 12-16-14. We need some more 7th and 8th grade photos up in there!

REMINDER! Zero Period Assignments

To best serve a variety of student needs, we are working to capture all the zero period "assignments" accurately. This allows everyone to support individual student needs and ensure safety for all. If there are any edits to be made, please place them in your response to the ROAR question below. Here is who we currently have going into the new year.

Binder Club <i>Hackett et al (105)</i>	Binder Club <i>Armijo (107)</i>	Running Club <i>Ojimba (MPR A)</i>	Drawing (M/W) <i>Whipple/Granata (MPR B)</i>	Drawing (T/TH) <i>Whipple/Granata (MPR B)</i>	Writing (T/TH) <i>Pearl (106)</i>
1. Angel B 2. Anthony F 3. Yariani M 4. Rafael P 5. Re'Shon P 6. Gabe Q 7. Nigel S 8. Malyorix 9. RahKeel 10. Imani (M/W) 11. Josue R	<u>Wednesday</u> 1. Jaiden C 2. Faith M 3. Gladmya <u>Thursday</u> 1. Don'Tae 2. Anthony B <u>Friday</u> 1. Jayden J 2. Guy 3. Ivan Q	1. Hamlet 2. Dalen 3. Elliot 4. Khary 5. Michael M 6. Anthony D 7. Alberth M	1. Adner Pierre 2. Delgino Maxis 3. Abdias St. Leger 4. Tazhon Montiero 5. Eidith Rivera 6. Max Castillo 7. Caleo Aguirre 8. Whitney Beauvoir 9. Albert Moreta 10. Hamza Mahamud	1. Marc Dely 2. John De Los Santos 3. Mia Espaillat 4. Maceo Lilly 5. Lanis Rowell 6. Ny'lasia Brown 7. Guy Laguerre 8. Nigel Best 9. JD Sanchez 10. Elvins Artiles	1. Jaeden Hernandez 2. Jervell Williams 3. Imani Rushin-Brown 4. Alanna Clark 5. Zanaida Sepulveda 6. Lacrishia Vilarson 7. Bermariecer Linares 8. D'avieon Buissereth 9. Astrid Paulino 10. Mia Gonzalez

ROAR Question for all Staff: What do the Lion Pride Announcements and the Bullying document make you think of?

Lion Den Announcements:

Our Team ROCKS! We work together to solve problems. We have much to celebrate in the way of meal counts, Mountain Lions! **We knocked \$5,000 off last month's meals bill because our counts were super accurate.** Let's keep it up! If you need/want to streamline your system, please take note of efficient meal count system Bethany uses in her classroom.



Let's keep that kitchen door closed at all times.

****New Items****

Keep all your shades UP during the school day. Bring your external facing shades down before you leave at the end of the day. We keep the shades UP during the day so we can let the sunlight in and to ensure that we have our collective team eyes to see, say, and support each other.

Revised SUPPLY CLOSET and Laptop Cart Policies and Procedures. We have purchased a second laptop cart. This one is filled with new chromebooks for school use. Please read the procedures by clicking on the link below.

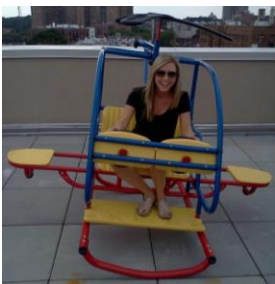
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ROAR Question for all staff: What is something new the Lion Den Announcements make you think of?

Student Profile of the Week: Glodie Labunga

Meet Wisco 7th grader Glodie Lubunga. This is Glodie's first year at Match and she is excited to be a mountain lion. Her family is originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo. While at school Glodie enjoys participating in advisory. She says it gives her the opportunity to be open about how she feels about things. When she is not in school she enjoys playing and watching football with her family. Glodie's goal off the soccer field is to pass the seventh grade with good grades. She says, "I know it will be tough but I am ready to try my best."

Educator Profile of the Week: Miss Bueger



Hey mountain lions! I'm Ms. Bueger and I am one of the Co-Directors of Match Corps XI. I was born and raised in Pleasantville, New York, where I grew up with my parents, two younger brothers. From there I traveled to St. Louis to study at Washington University. I stayed in St. Louis for a year after college to help a friend open a non-profit coffee shop that raised funds to support after-school arts programs for urban youth. While it was an amazing experience, my exposure to the conditions in many public St. Louis schools made me realize that I wanted to be a part of education reform by being directly involved in the schools themselves. This decision led me to Boston and Match, where I was part of the second middle school Corps (MC VI). I completed MTR and stayed on working as both Corps Staff and in the ARD departments for 4 years before returning to the Corps this year. I love working at Match because it's been an amazing learning experience to watch the school grow and change every year. In my free time, you can find me out for a run or at a dance class, baking, reading or catching up on such stellar shows as Parks and Rec, Nashville and The Walking Dead. I also love traveling and can't wait to head to Argentina this summer!