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OUR MISSION:
We foster the dreams of all children by providing an outstanding and dynamic education in a nurturing environment.

OUR VISION:
We will continue to be an educational center of excellence and become a community pillar of support where students excel, families are engaged, teachers are empowered, and alumni flourish.

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THE MACS GREAT DEBATERS

You don’t need to travel to Oxford to hear a debate. Just ask a few seventh and eighth graders from MACS! The Fall 2014 MACS Jr. High Debate seemed more like watching political commentators on the news than it did a classroom project. The students presented arguments on whether the government should regulate healthy eating or if individuals should be able to make their own choices concerning dietary habits. Point Park University and the BOLD Program sponsored the debate. The panel of judges consisted of community members, mentors, and event sponsors.

Students took the debate seriously and started practicing in September. They also controlled their own event promotion. Larry Berger featured student representatives on Saturday Light Brigade radio show to promote the debate. Students also served as ushers, moderators, and MCs.

Their arguments were both eloquent and articulate, defying several stereotypes about today’s youth. Mr. Henderson, director of the debate team and middle school social studies teacher, is well aware of the talent of his students. “I’d rather

MACS AT PPG PLACE

Every December MACS students in 3rd-8th go iceskating at PPG Place. Despite the freezing temperatures and snowfall, the elementary students were enjoying themselves. The rink was packed with joyful children.

Some students glided like pros on the ice. “Most of the students have been coming here since 3rd grade so I’d say they’re pretty good,” said Mr. Kuban. However, other students were clinging to the rails. A few of the beginners fell, but they laughed and got right back up. Some of the older students helped the younger skaters but not before teasing them first.

Once students were tired they had the opportunity to visit a Santa Claus exhibit inside the PPG building. There was live music, gingerbread houses, and Santa’s dressed in costumes from different cultures. MACS students also made friends with children from other schools that also came to ice skate and to see the exhibit.

All of the excitement made the children restless. That made the jobs of a parent chaperones a little difficult. Nonetheless, the parent volunteers were having just as much fun because the children were happy. One parent explained, “This is such a great tradition for the children. It’s nice to see them have so much fun.”

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