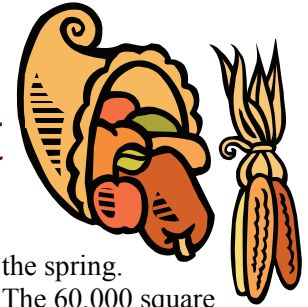




# MVA Spotlight: Science Department



Students have been enjoying the new technology in the Science Department this year. A new SMART board has been set up. The SMART technology allows the electronic chalkboard to be a touch screen monitor for the classroom computer. Anything that can be done on a computer is also now done on the big touch screen in front of the class. Students do virtual labs where they touch the screen to move and manipulate lab equipment, etc. Students also use the interactive board to make concept maps and review exercises.

In October, students in Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, and Health had the opportunity to visit the "Bodies" exhibit in Columbus. Specimens were preserved by a unique process allowing the study of many intricate details. Some individuals were able to hold a lung or kidney in their hands for a truly extraordinary experience. Students were awed and amazed at the order and complexity of the human body and came away with a new appreciation for life.

Plans are underway to visit the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky in

the spring. The 60,000 square foot museum has a special effects theater to introduce the creation/ evolution controversy. Time is devoted to explaining why God exists and showing our need for Him. Exhibits include the Garden of Eden and the ark punctuated by multimedia. A planetarium presentation completes the tour and leaves one feeling truly awed at the Creator's greatness and humbled by His love for such a tiny speck in the midst of a vast and unending universe.

## SmileSafe Kids Program



Included in this mailing you will find a sheet with two SafetyID Cards for your student. These cards exhibit their recent school picture. The ID cards are provided through the SmileSafe Kids® program, a new child safety program developed in partnership by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and Lifetouch National School Studios. *(Note: Several families received these cards at Parent Weekend and, therefore, will not have the IDs in this mailing.)*

## Search the WWW and Support MVA

Our school is participating in a program called **Search and Give**. This program is offered through Microsoft. For every search you do on their website, Microsoft will donate one cent to your preferred charity. They will also donate points or pennies for playing some of their websites games. We have been involved with this program for about a month and have raised over 27,000 points with only 65 supporters. We are currently ranked fifth in the nation for charity support. *See the enclosed flyer to see how you can get involved.*

### Month at a Glance

Sunday School	Nov.8
Thanksgiving Break—starts 1pm on Sunday	Nov. 18-25
SA Christmas Party	Dec. 2
ACT Testing/Sunday School	Dec. 9
Semester Exams (no pre-arranged absences allowed)	Dec. 11-13
Christmas Concert	Dec. 15
Christmas Break—starts after concert	Dec. 15-Jan. 1

### Special points of interest:

- *Italy Trip* will be leaving November 16.
- The *English department* will be taking a field trip on November 27.
- Girls'/Boys' Basketball seasons have begun. A game schedule is located on our website.
- *Up-to-date MVA Calendar* information can be found on RenWeb or on our website.