

## SERVE-A-Thon

**Big on Learning. Strong in Spirit.**

October 14, 2009

Dear Students and Parents,

This year we are celebrating our 6<sup>th</sup> annual SERVE-A-Thon and will again trust God to provide for MRCA through His people. The theme for this year's event is based on the theme for our middle school retreats "Doing the Hard Things." True serving isn't about what I get out of it, rather it's about giving of myself so Christ's name can be exclaimed and exalted. Our goal this year is to raise \$48,600—each student will be asked to raise \$120 for their service.

The funds raised this year will allow for a "Technology Makeover." Our desire is to replace all the faculty laptop and desktop computers, greatly benefiting classrooms across the board. Funds will be used in the Computer Lab to replace the current overhead projector and outdated monitors with flat screens giving students more workspace. Students are encouraged to obtain donations from family and friends in our community as well as family and friends who may live in other communities. Enclosed in this information packet is a letter which can be used in requesting donations from family and friends. Extra copies of this letter are available if needed by asking your child's teacher or stopping by the school office.

With each \$30 donation commitment your child receives, he/she may place their orange coupon in the collection box at the Main Reception Desk (Preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grades) or the Middle School Office (5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades). Drawings will be held throughout the two week collection period. **The Contribution Record and envelopes containing donations are due beginning Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and must be turned in by Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The collection envelopes will be collected by the classroom or homebase teacher. Please be sure all monies collected are placed in the collection envelope provided in this SERVE-A-Thon packet. All checks are to be made payable to MRCA with 'SERVE-A-Thon' noted on the memo line along with the student's name. All SERVE-A-Thon donations are tax deductible and a thank you letter will be sent to each donor confirming their contribution to MRCA.**

We are in the process of finalizing the specific work schedules with many of the local agencies. This year our service projects will be extended throughout the school year to meet the specific needs of many of our agencies giving our students opportunities to continue loving and serving all year long. Below is a listing of some of the service assignments for each grade which are in process of being determined. Also, so that each class will be properly supervised, parents are encouraged to be involved by helping chaperone alongside MRCA faculty and staff during your child's service time.

Kindergarten	Children's Hospital	Decorated Canvas Tote Bags Decorated Journals Assembling Craft Kits
1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades	Senior Citizen Projects/TBA	Outreach Projects
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Meals on Wheels	Food Delivery
5-6 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Salvation Army	Sorting Toys & Clothes for Christmas Gift Packaging
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Miracle Hill Children's Home	Sorting Food Donations
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Community Outreach/TBA	Hands On Project

Thank you for your continued support and generosity through your participation in this year's SERVE-A-Thon.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Schmidt  
Headmaster

*John 3:30 He must become greater; I must become less.*

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