

MRCA Eagles Accents

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FESTIVAL OF TREES

Don't forget to go see the MRCA Christmas tree at the new downtown Marriott Greenville! **Mrs. Thomas needs volunteers to help take down the tree on January 4th or 5th. If you can help with the dismantling of our tree, please contact Mrs. Thomas as soon as possible.**

ROPER MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CARD AWARD

This year the 4th and 5th grade Art students created a giant Christmas card for the Roper Mountain Christmas Lights display. They chose as their theme - **“Jesus Came to Recycle Lives.”** In the voting this year, **MRCA's card won the 3rd place “People's Choice Award.”** Congratulations to Mrs. Thomas and the 4th and 5th grade students for their dedication and hard work on this project! The Roper Mountain Christmas Lights continue through December 30th, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. nightly.



END OF THE YEAR GIFTS

As 2011 comes to an end, please remember MRCA when making your year-end gift plans. Feel free to mail your contributions; drop them at the school office or at the Academy receptionist desk. Remember, all gifts to MRCA are tax deductible and must be postmarked on or received before December 31st to receive credit for 2011. Should you have any questions, contact Cathy Ashmore, 268-2210, ext. 314.



CHRISTMAS LIBRARY OPPORTUNITY

The MRCA Library is offering parents the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy in the library for that special person, graduate, or current student. Mrs. Carnell has an extensive catalogue of high quality, library-bound volumes that can be ordered for \$20.00/book and placed in the library either **“IN HONOR OF”** or **“IN MEMORY OF”** that special someone. The appropriate bookplate will be affixed to the inside front cover of each book along with the name of the person being honored and the donor's name. What a great Christmas gift a book to the MRCA library would make in honor of that special someone! For more information on book titles, please contact Mrs. Carnell at fcarnell@mrpca.org or 268-2210. Thank you for considering this meaningful way to honor and celebrate a special loved one while supporting the MRCA Library



MRCA OPEN HOUSES

Mitchell Road Christian Academy will hold (5) Open Houses in January for those interested in Christian education. Open Houses will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **every Wednesday during January** beginning with Wednesday, January 4th. As well, MRCA will hold one exclusive evening Open House on **Thursday, January 26th**, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Please encourage family, friends, and neighbors who may be interested in enrolling their children at MRCA to attend one of these Open Houses. It's a great time for them to learn about MRCA and a great way for us to showcase MRCA! Any questions regarding our January Open Houses should be directed to Gail Simmons, x305.



WINTER WEATHER POLICY

As the winter months loom ahead, we want to remind you of our inclement weather policy. MRCA follows Greenville County's **initial call** on the **first** snow day. After this initial call, MRCA will make its own snow day calls independently of Greenville County. The closing/opening of MRCA will be posted specifically on WYFF TV-4 and FOXCarolina. As well, you will receive a message from Alert Now via the mother's cell phone number (unless you have given Gail a different contact number). School opening/closing announcements will be made by 6:30 a.m. **Should there be a delay in the start of school, there will be NO Early Stay.** As well, should the start of school be delayed, the **kindergarten program WILL** be in session, unless otherwise noted.

PRAYER VIGIL

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2) MRCA is more than just a school we choose to send our children to; it is a Christian community, and we are all family. As a community of believers, it is important for us to surround and support each other. On **Thursday, January 5** the sanctuary of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church will be open during the school day from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for students, teachers, and parents to come by to pray for the Muncy family – one of our very own families that need our prayers. Jannetta Muncy, the mother of three of our students, has been battling cancer. This is an opportunity for everyone to show their love and support by praying for her, Mark and the children. Stop by the sanctuary during school hours to pray for them and to sign a prayer journal for them. Spend a moment . . . spend an hour . . . please just join us in prayer. For more information, please contact Jen Newton at bnewton67@gmail.com. Let’s lift this family up with our prayers!



LUNCH ROOM “NEW MENU STUFF”

Effective the first of January, **Fried Green Tomatoes will no longer** be our vendor on Wednesday. The **Spice Diner** (Woodruff Road in Simpsonville) **will now be our Wednesday vendor**. The menu will include hamburgers/chips (\$3.75), cheeseburgers w/chips (\$3.75), whole club sandwiches w/chips (\$6.50) , ½ club sandwich w/chips (\$3.75), Plain hotdog w/chips (\$2.50), Hotdog with chili w/chips (\$3.00) and a Greek salad, chef salad, or grilled chicken salad (\$4.50). Sides include Mac and Cheese, Green beans, and Mashed potatoes and gravy – all \$1.50.

Please make this adjustment to your lunch menus and plan your Wednesdays accordingly. All other vendors and their offerings will remain the same for the remainder of the school year. Should you have any questions regarding this vendor change, please contact Cary Hargrove, 268-2210, x311.

Remember, if you need to know your lunchroom balance, how much your child is spending each day, or when you made your last lunchroom payment, you may check these all out on online. Just go to our website - mitchellroadchristian.org - click on the PARENT INFO tab, click on INFO-DIRECT and then log-in with your password. Look under FAMILY SERVICES on the left side and click on VOUCHER.



CHRISTMAS GOODIES THANK YOU!

The Administrative staff and Faculty would like to sincerely thank all of you who brought Christmas goodies and gifts during the Holiday Season. Your generosity is overwhelming and greatly appreciated! May you have a very blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

eember at MRCA

- 16th *Early Dismissal*
- 2nd *Grading Period Ends*
- 19th *NO SCHOOL*
- Christmas Break through January 2nd*
- MRCA Offices closed Dec. 20th – Dec. 30th*

January MRCA

- 2nd **NO SCHOOL, Teacher Workday**
- 3rd **Classes Resume**
- 4th **Open House 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- 11th **Open House 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- 13th **Report Cards go home**
- 16th **Martin Luther King Holiday**
- NO SCHOOL**
- 18th **Open House 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- 19st **K3/K4 Report Cards go home**
- 25th **Open House 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- 26th **Piedmont Women’s Center Baby Shower**
Chapel - 9:30 a.m.
- 26th **Open House 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
- 30th **Skate Night @ RollerSport 6:00 p.m.**



CASA NEEDS A MICROWAVE

The CASA program is in need of a microwave. They would like one that is at least 1000 watts and is **no larger** than 16”H, 22”W, and 20”D. If you have a used microwave you do not need, please contact Vera Huston, 268-2210, x307.



UPCOMING MRCA EVENT . . . MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

MITCHELL ROAD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S
Head of School Bob Schmidt and CASA Director Vera Huston

Present

A 7-week Love and Logic® Curriculum Seminar
“Becoming a Love and Logic Parent®”

What is Love and Logic® all About?

The Love and Logic Institute is dedicated to making parenting fun and rewarding, instead of stressful and chaotic. They provide practical tools and techniques that help adults achieve respectful, healthy relationships with their children and help them prepare their kids for the real world. All of their work is based on a psychologically sound parenting and teaching philosophy called Love and Logic. This parenting program is designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately!

Love and Logic is easy to use, raises responsible kids, and changes lives.

Classes will be held at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church beginning on Wednesday, February 1st and will continue each Wednesday for 7 consecutive weeks, ending on March 14th. Classes begin at **6:30 p.m.** and will conclude at **8:00 p.m.** Cost (to cover the material costs) of the 7-week seminar will be \$15.00/person; \$25.00/couple. Registration for this seminar will begin in January and is open to the MRCA and MRPC community as well as anyone else interested in learning about Love and Logic. **Nursery will be provided.** Any questions regarding this seminar should be directed to the Academy office.

Watch future ACCENTS for more information regarding this important event.



SPORTS CLUB

Watch Accents in January for information regarding the next sports club. Any questions should be directed to the Athletic Office at 268-2210, x333.

MRCA/MRPC GYM CLOSURE

The MRCA/MRPC Gym will be closed (and off limits) from December 19th through January 2nd due to the floor being refinished.



BASKETBALL NEWS

The girls won their game and the boys lost their game against Shannon Forest on Friday. Both teams won on Tuesday at OLR. Their next game is Tuesday, January 10th at OLR. The girls play at 4:00 p.m. and the boys play at 5:15 p.m. Admission to all regular games this season is \$3/adults, \$2/students. Make plans to come out and support the Eagles!

SPIRIT WEAR

The Athletic Department has two XXL hooded ZIPPERED sweatshirts (\$25/ea) available for sale due to an overage from the apparel company. Please contact Andrea Wilder in the Athletic Office, x333, if you are interested in purchasing one of these items.

JANUARY REORDER OF SPIRIT WEAR: The Athletic office **WILL BE PLACING** a spirit wear order the second week of January. If you are interested in ordering spirit wear, please complete the order form, attach a check made payable to MRCA (noting "spirit wear" in the memo line) and return to the school. Forms can be found on the school's web site under "Parent Info/Weekly Newsletter/September 30) and at both reception desks. Please call Andrea Wilder in the Athletic office at x333 with any questions.



2012 SPRING REC SOCCER

The 2012 Spring REC Soccer season begins in February. Online registration will open on December 12th for returning players and on December 15th for new players. The cost is **\$90 until December 25th**. **Any sign ups after December 25th will have a late fee of \$25.** Online registration closes January 2nd. After January 2nd, we will no longer allow registrations for the spring season. If your child needs a uniform, please contact Heather Karr at coachkarr@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of the MRCA soccer club and we look forward to the spring season!



"... This will be a sign unto you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
to men on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:12-14

