

# MRCA Eagles Accents

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## MRCA CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

### K4 AND K5 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The K3/K4/K5 Christmas program will be Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the MRPC Sanctuary. There will be a reception for the preschool families in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the program.

Please check your email and/or your child's folder/backpack for a letter from Mr. Wharton with specific information regarding this program on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>!

### SCHOOL-WIDE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

MRCA's Christmas Program will take place on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the MRPC Sanctuary. Mr. Wharton and the students in T1 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and the MRCA Chorus have been hard at work preparing for this festive evening. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. **Nursery will NOT be provided.**

Please check your email or your child's folder/backpack for a letter from Mr. Wharton with specific information regarding this program on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>!



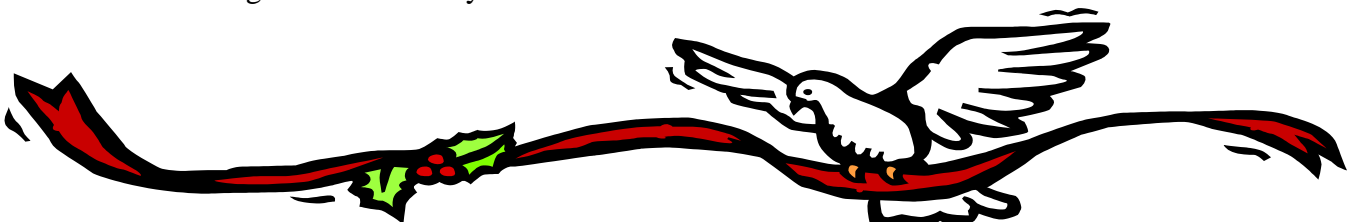
### CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT AND CHORUS SING ALONG

MRCA's 1<sup>st</sup> Chick-fil-A (on Pelham) night and sing along will be Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Dinner hours are 5:30 until close of business. Mr. Wharton and the MRCA Chorus will be singing at 6:00 p.m. that evening. Come join us for dinner and this wonderful sing-a-long. A portion of the proceeds from food sales that night will be returned to MRCA – should you go through the drive-thru, just let the cashier know you are with MRCA for Chick-fil-A night and a percentage of your purchase will go to MRCA! Make your plans now to join us on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>! You don't want to miss this wonderful night of fellowship and singing as well as the opportunity to support one of our vendor families! See you there!

### SERVE-A-THON 2011-2012 "BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR"

This past Tuesday and today, December 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students served at the Salvation Army helping to sort toys and clothes for their Christmas gift packaging. It was a wonderful learning experience for our students as they showed Christ through their willingness to give generously and for their service efforts to the Salvation Army.

Please remember to pray for our students as they travel off campus and show others His love through their service. As well, do not hesitate to contact Cathy Ashmore if you know of any local agencies that could use our assistance throughout the school year.





## 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 31<sup>st</sup> to receive credit for 2011. Should you have any questions, contact Cathy Ashmore, 268-2210, ext. 314.



## ROPER MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

This year the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Art students created a giant Christmas card for the Roper Mountain Christmas Lights display. The card is set up in an open outdoor amphitheater where you can park your car, get out and see the cards, and then enjoy some hot chocolate! The Art Club spent time in prayer over their idea and how they could shine for Christ. They chose as their theme this year - “**Jesus Came to Recycle Lives.**” It is their desire that God would use MRCA’s card to reach people with the love and hope that God give us and to point them to the ultimate gift of Jesus. Thanks to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students for their dedication and hard work on this project! The Roper Mountain Christmas Lights opened on Thanksgiving Day and continue through December 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. nightly.



## FESTIVAL OF TREES

Every year our students make ornaments to decorate a Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees. This year the Festival of Trees will be held at 3 downtown locations with our tree being at the new downtown Marriott Greenville. MRCA’s tree will be put up on the 27<sup>th</sup> and decorated on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November. The theme this year is “Jesus Recycles Our Lives.” All the Christmas ornaments for the tree were made from recycled materials. With almost 50 different trees this year, what a great event for the entire family to see. Please pray that this event and our tree will be an encouragement and witness to the many people who will visit the Marriott this year to see the trees. **Mrs. Thomas will need volunteers to help take down the tree on January 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>. If you can help with the dismantling of our tree, please contact Mrs. Thomas as soon as possible.**



## 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](mailto: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.



## CHRISTMAS GRAMS

Middle School MOMS will once again be selling Christmas Grams for purchase by parents and grandparents before and after the MRCA Christmas Programs on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Grams will be delivered to students and teachers on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> (for K3 through K5) and Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> (for T1 through 8<sup>th</sup> grades). Christmas Grams will also be sold during lunch on Wednesday and Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The cards cost \$1.00 and will include a candy cane. If there are questions, please phone Beth Ware, 325-4106.



## LUNCH ROOM STUFF

The end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Don’t forget you can check your child’s lunchroom balance, see how much your child is spending each day, or determine when you made your last lunchroom payment - all online. Just go to our website - [mitchellroadchristian.org](http://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. By utilizing this link, you can be assured of having your account cleared when report cards go home.



## **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 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue each Wednesday for 7 consecutive weeks, ending on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 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. Any questions regarding this seminar should be directed to the Academy office.

**Watch future ACCENTS for more information regarding this important event.**



## **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.





## December at MRCA

- 12<sup>th</sup> Chick-fil-A Night and Sing-Along @ Pelham Road
- 14<sup>th</sup> K4/K5 Christmas Program - 8:30 a.m. Reception in the Fellowship Hall
- 15<sup>th</sup> MRCA Christmas Program - 7:00 p.m.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period Ends
- 19<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL  
Christmas Break through January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- January 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes Resume

## 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.



## 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 4<sup>th</sup>. As well, MRCA will hold one exclusive evening Open House on **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

## SPORTS CLUB

The last Handball Sports Club was Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Game scores are listed below!

Lightning Bolts tied The Unknowns  
Panthers beat Lightning Bolts (6-5)

Tigers beat Panthers (5-4)  
Tigers beat The Unknowns (8-3)

Watch future accents for information regarding the spring sports club. Any questions should be directed to the Athletic Office at 268-2210, x333.



## BASKETBALL NEWS

Both teams won their games against St. Joe’s on Tuesday! As well, both teams won their games against Langston Charter on Thursday! They both play Shannon Forest at Shannon, **today** - the girls at 4:00 p.m. and the boys 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 12<sup>th</sup> for returning players and on December 15<sup>th</sup> for new players. The cost is **\$90 until December 25<sup>th</sup>**. **Any sign ups after December 25<sup>th</sup> will have a late fee of \$25.** Online registration closes January 2<sup>nd</sup>. After January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will no longer allow registrations for the spring season. If your child needs a uniform, please contact Heather Karr at [coachkarr@gmail.com](mailto:coachkarr@gmail.com). Thank you for your support of the MRCA soccer club and we look forward to the spring season!

