

MRCA Eagles Accents

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SERVE-A-THON - "DOING THE HARD THING"

MRCA is excited about our 6th annual SERVE-A-Thon. The desire of the MRCA faculty and staff is for our students to love and serve others. During SERVE-A Thon this year, our school family will be asked to let go of themselves and grab hold of serving the Lord in our community. 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 serving all year long.

The fundraising efforts of SERVE-A-Thon will take place the week of October 26th. The students will serve during school hours and each student is challenged to ask family and friends for donations toward their service. Each student is encouraged to obtain donations of \$120 or more.

The money raised during the SERVE-A-Thon will be used for our "Technology Makeover." Our desire is to replace all the faculty laptop and desktop computers, greatly benefiting classrooms across the board through up-to-date access to next generation technology. Funds will be used in the Computer Lab to update the current projector and replace the outdated monitors with flat screens giving students more workspace. As well, a portion of the funds raised will help with the annual 8th grade Guatemala Mission Trip project.

Your child should have received their SERVE-A-Thon packet of information on Thursday. As SERVE-A-Thon week approaches, please pray as a family for the service opportunities in which your children and our staff will participate. We would also ask that you pray that God would provide the funds we need to reach our goal.

SERVE-A-Thon is an exciting time in the life of Mitchell Road Christian Academy. We look forward to what the Lord will do through our efforts.

CLEARED ACCOUNTS



Report cards will be sent home next **Friday, October 23rd**. All account balances must be cleared in order for your child to receive his/her report card. Your child's report card will be held in the Business office until all account balances (tuition, CASA, library, and lunch room) are cleared. If you have any questions regarding any of your accounts, please call Cathy Ashmore - 268-2210 x314.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES



Exciting things happen at MRCA all the time. Articles showcasing these events are sent to the Greenville News and the Greenville Journal on a regular basis. However, MRCA does not have control over which articles the News or the Journal chooses to print and/or which pictures they print with the articles. Therefore, we are printing the submitted newspaper articles (with pictures if submitted) on the Home page of our website under the "News Section." Be sure to check out these articles and see what's happening at MRCA!!!!

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock,

~ Matthew 7:24



SAFETY POSTERS

Students in T1 - 5th grade participated in the 2009 Kids Safety Calendar Contest. Three posters are sent to represent MRCA in the statewide competition. The following posters were chosen to represent MRCA: 1st grade - Lincoln Hargrove; 2nd grade - Caroline Tzouvelekas; and 5th grade - Madison Smith. Honorable mentions went to the following students: 1st grade - Daley Barrett, Sam Judy, Graham Lewis, Jacob Peery, and Grace Wike; 2nd grade - Carson Donovan, Mia Hargrove, Wyatt Spurrier, Olivia Umberger, and Anna Yang; 3rd grade - Joe Chapman, Nath Kapoor, and Mackenzie Smith; 4th grade - Anna Kate Harris, Julia Jeffries, Arlena Kiriakides, Andrew Marpes, Rachel Stanley, Iliana Troubetaris, and Anna Zeigler; 5th grade - Rachel Baldree, Roger Harris, Audrey Hill, and Emily Wike.

ANTI-DRUG POSTERS

Students selected to represent MRCA in the Anti-Drug Poster Contest are Alexis Bannister, Emily Carter, Katie Clark, Ali Eastham, Rachel Keown, Walker Moore, Annie Patton, Madison Scott, and Morgan Stewart.

Congratulations to all the MRCA participants in both of these contests!

GREER CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Two of our own students, Allie Hargrove and Samantha Taylor, will be participating in The Greer Children's Theatre production of "The Wizard of Oz" on Oct. 30th & 31st, and Nov. 1st & the 6th - 8th. Performances will be held at the J. Harley Bonds Career Center, 505 N. Main Street, Greer, S.C. Adult tickets are \$13; Student tickets are \$10. Check the theatre website www.greerculturalarts.com for specific show times. Should you have any questions, please phone 864-848-5383.

SCHOOL PICTURES



Proof packages for students K3 through 8th grade were sent home on Thursday, October 15th. Please return your proof order and payment as soon as possible. If you plan to retake your picture, please return your proof package so we have record of those students doing retakes. Retakes will be Tuesday, October 27th for all students who were absent on their picture day or for those who would like a different picture taken. *Please take note that your retake picture will be the one that is used for the yearbook.*

PARENTING SEMINAR

Dr. Brian Simmons, president of the Association of Christian School International, ACSI, will speak at Southside Christian School on Saturday, January 30, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Dr. Simmons will address the complexity of Christian parenting and offer practical information for raising young people today.

Additional workshop sessions will be offered on topics such as spiritual formation, effective discipline, teaching responsibility, and health and nutrition.

We encourage you to invest this time in strengthening your parenting skills and allowing God to fill you with hope and joy for your parenting journey.

Tickets will be available on November 2, 2009. For more information please contact Stephanie Hopkins at shopkins@southsidechristian.org, or phone 864-234-7575, x1319.

MRCA SPIRIT WEAR

Don't forget to order your 2009/2010 MRCA Spirit Sweatshirt. Orders for the new sweatshirt continue through next Friday, October 23rd. Order forms are available in both school reception areas or may be downloaded from our website under "Parent Info - Downloads and Forms." Please return your completed order form and money to either of the school reception desks.

LOST AND FOUND



The Lost and Found is quickly getting full. Please remember to put your child's name in all their belongings, even non-MRCA things. This will aid in getting lost items returned to their rightful owner in a timelier manner. Also, please double check your child's jackets, coats, sweaters, etc. to be sure THEIR name is in the clothing and NOT another person's name. If you have anything that does not belong to your family, please return it to the Lost and Found so that the correct owner can claim it. **ANY NON-MRCA ITEMS NOT CLAIMED AT THE END OF EACH QUARTER WILL BE DONATED TO MIRACLE HILL.**

8TH GRADE AD REMINDER

All 8th grade Yearbook Ads are due Wednesday, October 21st. If you have any questions, contact Julie Spurrier at 268-2210 or jspurrier@mrpca.org

GRANDPARENTS DAY DISHES

There are several dishes left over from Grandparents Day that still need to be picked up. If you brought food for Grandparents Day and have not gotten your dish, platter, or bowl back, please stop by the main school office and claim them.



"FALL" INTO OCTOBER AT MRCA!

- 19th - 23rd M.S. Golf Tryouts
- 23rd Report Cards Go Home
- 27th Picture Retakes 8:30 a.m.
- 26th - 30th SERVE-A-Thon Week
- 26th - 30th M.S. Basketball Tryouts
- 29th Early Ed Fall Festival
- 30th All SERVE-A-Thon money due today



Sports

I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

CROSS-COUNTRY – The Eagles won their meet against St. Mary's. Michael Glass received a first place award and Wesley Fry a third place award; Grace Northcutt received a second place award and Mary Frances Jordan received a third place award. Personal records were set by Michael Glass, Wesley Fry, Benjamin Wilder, Robert Bayliss, Grace Northcutt, Mary Frances Jordan, Faye Kelly, Danae Ferguson, Riley Cook, Mary Kate Richardson, and Eleni Troubetaris. The MRCA team (7th/8th graders only) will run in the Greenville County Meet at Heritage Park on Saturday, October 24th.



SPORTS CLUB – Sports Club will resume on Monday, October 19th – the last scheduled day. However, there will be a make-up date for Flag Football on Monday, October 26th.

REC SOCCER - MRCA's Team Harris played CESA Team Lyons to a 1-1 tie on October 10th. Ansley Robinson made the only goal! Congratulations Team Harris!!

SOCCER - MRCA plays tonight at 7:30 p.m. on for the CMSC Soccer Championship. Admission to the CMSC Tournament is \$5 for Adults and \$3 for students. Games are at Shannon Forest.

VOLLEYBALL - MRCA plays tonight at 7:30 p.m. for the CMSC Volleyball Championship. Admission to the CMSC Tournament is \$5 for Adults and \$3 for students. Games are at Shannon Forest.

GOLF TRYOUTS - Golf Try-Outs are next week – the 19th, 20th, 22nd, and 23rd of October for all 6th – 8th graders. Should you have any questions about Golf try-outs, please contact Coach Schmidt at 268-2210.

GIRLS/BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS – Basketball try-outs are the week of October 26th. Should you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Department – 268-2210, x310.

For directions and details regarding any of MRCA's sporting events, please visit our school website – www.mitchellroadchristian.org - Athletics Link

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Have you ever felt like God was silent? In the midst of your struggles you can't hear God's voice? Could it be that we can't hear His voice because of all the noise our worries are making? What would happen if we followed the advice of IPeter 5:6-7? Casting all our anxieties on Him, why? Because no matter what you are facing, He cares for you.

Because of that truth, we can release our cares and worries into His care. This enables us to seek His face unhindered by all the "obstacles that so easily entangle us."

No matter where you are or what you are going through, God cares so deeply for you. So today, let go of your worries and trust Him . . . don't be afraid: thank Him for each day and rest in the truth that He is sovereign over your life.

I leave you with the verse our faculty was challenged with at the beginning of this school year – I Thes.5:16-18.

"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for that is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

May you be encouraged today!



How silently they tumble down
And come to rest upon the ground
To lay a carpet, rich and rare,
Beneath the trees without a care,
Content to sleep, their work well done,
Colors gleaming in the sun.

At other times, they wildly fly
Until they nearly reach the sky.
Twisting, turning through the air
Till all the trees stand stark and bare.
Exhausted, drop to earth below
To wait, like children, for the snow.

~By Elise Brady

