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

As SERVE-A-Thon week approaches, we are again excited to see what the Lord will do in and through the students and faculty of MRCA. We would ask you to 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 of \$48,600.

The money raised during the SERVE-A-Thon will be used for our campus-wide "Technology Makeover." It is our desire to replace all the faculty laptop and desktop computers which will greatly benefit our 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 Funds will be used in the Computer Lab to update the current projector and replace the outdated monitors with flat screens giving students more workspace.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.

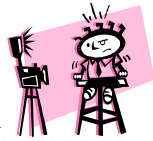
Students received their SERVE-A-Thon packets this past Thursday, October 15th. Throughout SERVE-A-Thon, students have the opportunity to win fun prizes by cutting out and returning the orange drawing coupons found in each student's packet. With each \$30 donation your child receives, he/she may place their orange coupon in the collection containers at the Main Reception Desk (Preschool through 4th grades) or the Middle School Office (5th through 8th grades). Drawings will be held on October 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th. **(Checks should be made out to MRCA and all contributions are tax deductible.)**

We need every student to be involved in SERVE-A-Thon this year - by raising their money and by their excitement about their opportunities to serve throughout our community. This year we will again extend our service projects throughout the school year to better meet the specific needs of many of our agencies. Listed below are some of the 2009 projects our students will be involved with:

Kindergarten	Children's Hospital	Decorate Canvas Tote Bags Decorate Journals Assemble Craft Kits	TBD
1 st /2 nd Grade	Senior Citizen Projects	Outreach Projects	TBD
3 rd /4 th Grade	Meals on Wheels	Food Delivery	Brinson - October 28 th Babb - October 29 th Keck - November 3 rd Williams - November 4 th
5 th /6 th Grade	Salvation Army	Sort toys & clothes for Christmas Gift Packaging	December 9 th
7 th Grade	Miracle Hill Children's Home	Sort Food Donations	December 8 th
8 th Grade	Camp Spearhead	Cleanup/Workday	November Date TBD

SERVE-A-Thon money and blue contribution records can be returned beginning Monday, October 26th. **ALL** money and contribution records will be due by **Friday, October 30th**. **REMEMBER, as incentive and appreciation, if we reach our goal of \$48,600, there will be NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, November 25th so that we can celebrate God's provision for us through our generous supporters and extend our Thanksgiving holiday.**

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES



Picture 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. If you plan to retake your picture, you must return your proof package so we have record of those students doing retakes. **As well, if you are ordering pictures, money and order forms from our first picture day are due no later than Friday, October 30th**

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.

EARLY ED FALL FESTIVAL

The Early Ed Fall Festival is scheduled for next Thursday, October 29th beginning at 9:30 a.m. We look forward to the fun and fellowship with our preschool students and teachers!

WHAT TO WATCH FOR...



Our 8th graders will soon be selling Christmas flowers to raise money for their 8th grade trip. Future ACCENTS will have more details regarding the different flowers available and the cost of each flower. As well, when available, the specifics of the flower sale will be on our website. What a great place to get your Christmas flowers!!!!

GRANDPARENTS DAY DISHES

Don't forget! There are still dishes left over from Grandparents Day that 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.

MRCA Spirit Wear

Friday, October 23rd is the final day to order the new MRCA spirit-wear sweatshirt. Order forms are on the website or at the main reception desk.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Congratulations to our first Boxtops for Education class winners! MRCA collected \$930! WAY TO GO!!! The top classes are Mrs. Fry's K-5, Mrs. Brinson's 4th grade, Miss Williams' 3rd grade, and Mrs. Thomas' 5th grade. Our next big collection date will be in January! Keep clipping those boxtops!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Don't forget to turn you clocks **back** one hour before you go to bed **next** Saturday, October 31st! Daylight Savings time ends Sunday, November 1st! Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

End of the 1st Nine Weeks

Report cards go home today! Please sign and return the envelope to your child's teacher by next Wednesday, October 28th.

"FALL" INTO OCTOBER AT MRCA!



- 27th Picture Retakes 8:30 a.m.
- 26th - 30th SERVE-A-Thon week
- 26th - 30th Basketball Tryouts
- 29th Early Ed Fall Festival
- 30th ALL SERVE-A-Thon money due today
- Nov. 1st Fall Backward . . . Daylight Savings Time Ends



Sports

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

CROSS-COUNTRY – The MRCA cross-country team (7th/8th graders only) will run in the Greenville County Meet at Heritage Park on Saturday, October 24th.

VOLLEYBALL - Congratulations to our girl's volleyball team for taking first place in the CMSC Volleyball Tournament by defeating St. Joe's last Friday. WAY TO GO EAGLES!!!!

SOCCER - Congratulations to our boy's soccer team for taking 2nd place in the CMSC Soccer Tournament last Friday. WAY TO GO EAGLES!!!!

SPORTS CLUB - Here are Flag football scores from this past Monday's games:

Midgets	14	Warriors	7
Panthers	13	Midgets	6
Panthers	20		
Warriors	6		



Monday, October 26th will be the last day of Sports Club for flag football.

GIRLS/BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS – Basketball try-outs are the week of October 26th. Remember, you must turn in the completed 2009-2010 Physical Form, the Liability form, and the Athletic Handbook form in order to tryout. If you turned in a physical form for 2009 Fall Soccer, 2009 Girls Volleyball, or 2009 Cross Country, you do not need to complete an additional physical form. Should you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Department – 268-2210, x310.

GOLF – Golf tryouts conclude today. Everyone did a great job! Watch ACCENTS next week for the names of those students making the 2009-2010 MRCA Golf Team. We are looking forward to a great season!

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



WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM MR. SCHMIDT

The other day as I was reading, a statement I read really caught my attention. It said, "Anxiety is the result of envisioning the future without God."

The statement really made me think as I examined my own times of anxiety. Sure enough, during most of my anxious times, God was not in the picture. No wonder I felt so anxious.

But the truth is God is in our future. As a matter of fact, He has ordained our future and He will always be there -- with us and for us.

One way to deal with anxiety is to remember the promise of our Lord's continual presence. He states in Matthew 28:20, "And surely I am with you ALWAYS, to the end of the age."

Another defense against worry and anxiety is to stay in communication with Him. Bring that anxiety or future "what if" to the Lord, speak to Him, listen to Him; when you do, you will be less anxious and able to think much more positively.

In Luke 12:22-26, Jesus gave us sound teaching on anxiety and worry. I hope you will take time to read this passage and note the phrase . . . "And how much valuable you are."

You may not realize or believe it but you are valuable to God . . . today, tomorrow, and always.

Walk in that Truth today!

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for reminding us of where to begin and where to return in times of confusion, need, and anxiety. Thank you for working in us to create reverence for You and Trust in You. Help us to rest in You and effectively share your love with others. Amen

