

MRCA Eagles Accents

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MRC Christmas Programs

K4 and K5 Christmas Program

The K4/K5 Christmas program will be next Wednesday, December 16th 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.

School-wide Christmas Program


MRCA's Christmas Program will take place next Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the MRPC Sanctuary. Mrs. Carter, the students in T1 through 4th grade and the 5th/6th grade girls have been hard at work preparing for this festive evening. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. **No nursery will be provided.**

We hope you will plan to join us for these wonderful programs.

December... at MRCA

16th *K4/K5 Christmas Program - 8:30 a.m.*
Reception in the Fellowship Hall

17th *MRCA Christmas Program - 7:00 p.m.*

18th *Early Dismissal*
2nd Grading Period Ends 

21st *NO SCHOOL*
Christmas Break through January 1st

January 4th Classes Resume

The MRCA Office will be closed December 22nd through January 1st.



H1N1 VACCINE CLINIC

The H1N1 Clinic at MRCA sponsored by Parkside Pediatrics is next **Wednesday, December 16th beginning at 3:30 p.m.** Parents are **required** to be with their children when the vaccine is administered and must complete the consent form before the vaccine will be given. Cost of the vaccine and/or booster will be \$19.00. Anyone 2 to 49 years old (non-asthmatic) are eligible for the vaccine. Siblings of students, any parent/caregiver of a child that is under 6 months old, and all pregnant mothers are eligible as well. Also, this clinic may be used as the booster vaccine for anyone under 10 years old who has already received the H1N1 vaccine as long as the first vaccine was more than 28 days before this clinic. Attached to ACCENTS are the H1N1 Informational page and the Consent form. Please have the consent form completed and your **cash** (change will be available) ready when you arrive. **Please let the office know by Monday, December 14th if you will be coming to this clinic.** If you have any questions, please contact the school office, x302.

CHICK-FIL-A SING ALONG

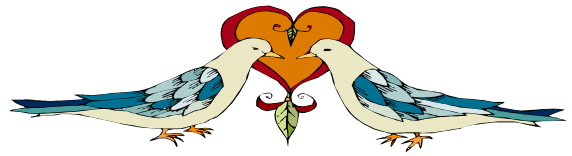
Monday night, December 14th, our 5th and 6th grade girls will be singing and 'kazooing' at 6:00 p.m. at the Chick-fil-A on Pelham Road. Come join us for a wonderful sing-a-long. A portion of the proceeds from food sales that night will be returned to MRCA! Make plans to join us – you don't want to miss this wonderful night of fellowship and singing!



END OF THE YEAR GIFTS

As 2009 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 or received before December 31st to receive credit for 2009. Should you have any questions, contact Cathy Ashmore, 268-2210, ext. 314.





MRCA ON-LINE SURVEY

The winner of our second drawing for the \$100 gift card to Outback Steak House, sponsored by Outback Steak House of Greenville, was David Reader, the father of 8th student, Camille Reader. Congratulations to the Reader's.

Thank you all for your participation. We look forward to sharing the results of our survey with you in the near future.



FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Annual Festival of Trees has begun at the Hyatt Regency downtown. 1st through 5th grade students created ornaments for our tree which is themed "Jesus is the Light of the World." Panera Bread Company is the sponsor of this year's tree which is located on the second floor. What a great holiday outing to do with your family. Admission is free so head to the Hyatt and check out all the decorated trees, all with different themes. It is a beautiful scene.

Mrs. Thomas will need volunteers to help take the ornaments off the tree on December 26th. If you can help, please let Mrs. Thomas know as soon as possible.

GREENVILLE BALLET

The Nutcracker will be presented by the Greenville Ballet on Saturday, December 19th at 3:00 p.m. at Furman University's McAlister Auditorium. Two of our own MRCA students, Molly Hester and Laura Workman, will be performing in this production. Tickets are available at the Timmons Arena Box Office or at the Greenville Ballet School. For more information, you phone 864-0234-5677.



CHRISTMAS GRAMS

Middle School MOMS will sell Christmas Grams to parents and Grandparents before and after the MRCA Christmas Programs on Wednesday, December 16th and Thursday, December 17th. Christmas Grams will be delivered to students and teachers on Thursday, December 17th (for K3 through K5) and Friday, December 18th (for T1 through 8th grades). Christmas Grams will also be sold during lunch on Wednesday and Thursday, the 16th and 17th. The cost of each card is \$1.00 and will include a candy cane. If there are questions, please phone Lisa Cain, 879-0999.

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS . . .

Do French hens, gold rings, and milking maids have anything to do with the Christian faith? During the 16th century, England proclaimed an official state church; any other religious teaching was strictly forbidden. So for the next three centuries, those who refused to join the state church developed creative ways to teach children their Christian beliefs. One way was through this cheerful song, about a generous benefactor who loved to give. It could be freely sung without ever using God's name because "my true love" referred to God.

- THE FIRST DAY...**The gift of Jesus (John 10:14-15)
- THE SECOND DAY...**The sacrifice offered by Mary and Joseph (Luke 2:22, 24)
- THE THIRD DAY...**The three valuable gifts given to Jesus - gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Matthew 2:10-11)
- THE FOURTH DAY...**The four Gospel writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (John 20:30-31)
- THE FIFTH DAY...**The first five books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy (Deuteronomy 34:10, 12)
- THE SIXTH DAY...**In six days, by his Word, God brought forth life on earth (Genesis 1:1, 31)
- THE SEVENTH DAY...**The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:6-8)
- THE EIGHTH DAY...**The unique teachings of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12)
- THE NINTH DAY...**A reminder of the nine different fruits that the Holy Spirit produces (Galatians 5:22-23)
- THE TENTH DAY...**God's ten basic laws, known as the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17)
- THE ELEVENTH DAY...**The apostles who were chosen by Jesus and remained faithful to him (Mark 3:16-19)
- THE TWELFTH DAY...**The twelve vital Christian beliefs as stated in the Apostle's Creed.

The next time you hear this song, notice the repetitive pattern and remember the special meanings - as the verses repeat over and over, so God's ongoing gifts and blessings continue to flow forth to us - over and over and over again. May you and your family have a blessed Christmas.



Sports

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

SPORTS CLUB – Monday will be the last day of Handball for Sports Club. Forms will go home after break for the next sport – Ultimate Frisbee. Should you have questions, please contact Coach O’Leath at 268-2210, x310.

SPRING REC SOCCER REGISTRATION – On-line registration for spring Rec soccer begins at 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 12th. Registration will remain open for (4) weeks and will close at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, January 9th. To register, go to www.mitchellroadchristian.org and click on the Athletics link, then the Rec Soccer link and follow the steps for registering. Registration is \$90 with a late fee of \$25 for anyone who signs up after December 25th.

ANOTHER U-8 BOYS COACH IS NEEDED. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Heather Karr at coachkarr@gmail.com. Any questions should go to Coach Karr as well.

BASKETBALL – The girls’ basketball team beat Spartanburg Day 28-18 on Monday; the boys also defeated Spartanburg Day 38-22. Both MRCA basketball teams will play St. Mary’s on Tuesday, December 15th. The girls play at 4:00 p.m. and the boys play at 5:00 p.m. Their next game will be Monday, January 11th. Come on out and watch the MRCA Eagles in action!

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

ATTENDANCE & TARDY POLICY

As the first semester quickly comes to a close, we thought it would be helpful to remind you of one aspect of our Attendance and Tardy policy.

- In order for K5 and T1 students to be counted present for the entire school day, they must arrive at school **BEFORE** 9:30 a.m. and must not **LEAVE** school before 10:30 a.m.
- In order for 1st through 8th grade students to be counted present for the entire school day, they must arrive at school **BEFORE** 11:00a.m. and must not **LEAVE** school before 12 noon.
- On Early Dismissal days, all students K5 through 8th grade must arrive at school **BEFORE** 9:30 a.m. and must not **LEAVE** school before 10:30 a.m.

In managing your **12 absences for the year**, please be aware that an absence incurred due to the above circumstances will be counted as one of your child’s 12 absences.

MRCA TARDY POLICY

Students are allowed 20 tardies per year. It does not matter whether these 20 tardies are excused or unexcused. The 21st and all subsequent tardies will result in a \$5.00 charge per tardy per child.

Remember, at any time, you may check your child’s absences and tardies on Info-Direct under the ‘Day at a Glance’ link. By keeping a periodic check on the number of absences and tardies, you will be aware of where your child stands as far as the number of both absences and tardies they have incurred to date.



“...and there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:8-12

