

Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message

Around the Ridge this week...



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Important November Dates—

November 4: Teacher Workday/Election Day

November 5 & 6—Progress Reports Go Home

November 11—Veteran's Day Holiday

November 17—Mark Erwin Presentations

November 26—Teacher Workday

November 27 & 28—Thanksgiving Holidays

Reminder: ChromeBook Expectations

- Students must bring their laptops with them each day, fully charged.
- Parents are not allowed to drop off laptops in the front office for student pick-up.
- Students must maintain safe-use and be responsible for laptop storage.
- Students who misuse technology will have laptops confiscated and will face disciplinary action.

The mission of Marvin Ridge High School is to educate all students in a safe, inspiring, and globally aware environment that promotes respect for diversity, lifelong learning, challenging athletics, and extra-curricular experiences that foster successful living.

Ambassador Mark Erwin to speak at Student Leadership Seminar and Community-Wide Events



One of our long-established Student Life traditions each year is the opportunity for leadership training. This year, the administration will again host a session for our students, and we are privileged to have the support of our PTSO in this endeavor.

Please mark **Monday, November 17** on your calendar for two very important events:

Former Ambassador Mark Erwin will speak on our campus in two programs.

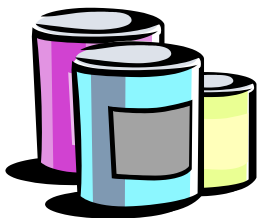
Student Leadership Seminar: We will bring our student leaders together at 12:30, then move everyone into the auditorium at 1:00. Mr. Erwin will speak for 45 minutes to an hour and then host a short Q & A. From 2:00-2:45, student leaders will re-convene in the cafeteria to construct their team action plans for the year and a service project as time allows. Student leadership of all clubs, organizations, and teams are required to attend.

Evening Presentation: We will host a brief reception at 6:30, and then Mr. Erwin will present to students, parents, and community members beginning at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! This is an awesome opportunity for support of many content areas and age groups of students.

Mr. Erwin is a former ambassador, former member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, President of Erwin Capital, Adjunct Professor, minister, and serves on the boards for numerous organizations. An author, his books include Life's Lessons: Lines of Wisdom from a Faithful Stream, which he co-authored with renowned artist Bob Timberlake, and The Practical Ambassador: A Common Sense Guide for United States Ambassadors, which is now part of the curriculum of the Foreign Service Institute at the State Department. His latest book, An Unlikely Journey is based on his personal story of overcoming early disaster to pursue a life filled with adventure and success. Mr. Erwin will be talking about his unlikely life journey and the power of personal success. His life motto is "Make a difference – Do Good – Have Fun."

We are very excited and honored to host Ambassador Erwin, and thank you in advance for your support!

The Marvin Ridge Beta Club and Wrestling Team are proud to sponsor



"Mavs Wrestle Hunger"

A Food Drive to Benefit Loaves and Fishes



November 3-22

- Students who donate will receive free admission to an upcoming wrestling event!
- Club Challenge! Members can donate in honor of their favorite MRHS student organization!
- The club with the greatest participation will receive a free after-school pizza party for members!

Items of primary need right now: pasta (not mac); pasta sauce; canned fruits
Other canned and dry goods are also needed!

It's November – Share Your Thankfulness!

Maverick Athletics...from Athletic Director Tom Jamerson

Last Week's Results:

Football

JV defeated Anson 26-0
Varsity defeated Anson 35-14

Tennis

Lost to Asheville HS 3-6 in the
NCHSAA 3rd Round

Soccer

Defeated North Buncombe 3-0 in
the NCHSAA 1st round
Defeated Jesse Carson HS in 5-3
overtime shoot-out!

Golf

2nd place at NCHSAA 3A State
Championships
Ahra Ko – 5th place; Morgan Laird –
6th place

XC

NCHSAA Regionals: girls first place;
boys 3rd place
NCHSAA State Championships:
girls 3rd place; boys 8th place
*Lexi King – 4th place

Volleyball

Defeated North Henderson 3-1 in
NCHSAA 4th round
Lost to West Henderson HS 3-1 in
the state semifinals (Regional Fi-
nals)
*school record for wins 25

Week at a Glance:

Tuesday – November 4
No Events

Wednesday – November 5

Soccer—NCHSAA 3rd Round @
Fred T Foard H.S. in Hickory—6PM

Thursday – November 6

Home JV Football vs. Weddington—
6:30p

Friday – November 7

Varsity Football @ Weddington—
7:30p

**Reminder—Mandatory
Winter Sports Parent
Meeting—Monday,
November 10—6:30 PM**



Follow the Mavs on
Twitter!
@MavAthletics

Go Mavericks!!



Turkey Dash High School Challenge

HELP MARVIN RIDGE EARN \$1000 FOR OUR ATHLETIC PROGRAM

- Use code **TDHSChallenge** and save \$5 on registration for the 4-mile run
- Code expires on 11/16

Marvin Ridge jumped out to an early lead, but Ardrey Kell's big push last week puts them in front.

You can see full results at:

<http://turkeydashcharlotte.com/high-school-challenge/>

The school that has the most supporters registering for the 4-mile run receives a \$1000 donation to the Athletic Program.

Congratulations to...

- Members of our Theater Department participated in a North Carolina Theatre Conference event in Charlotte on Saturday, November 1. They presented a one-act play called "The Birthday Present." The group came away with four awards:

*"The Birthday Present" – Rating: Superior
Excellence in Comedic Timing – Lexi Reynolds
Excellence in Physical Comedy*

*Barbizon Lighting Award for Excellence in Student Design and Production – Carrie Burkhart, Assistant Director
Barbizon Lighting Award for Excellence in Student Design and Production – Steffen Haugsted, Props Master*

- Our Marching Band for their performance at Carolina Crown's Band Beat contest at Rock Hill: Our Band won the **Grand Championship!** In addition to this, they won their class, and swept the awards in all categories!

-Our Band Boosters will host a special fundraiser this Saturday, November 8, hosting comedian and hypnotist Nelson Papucci will be coming to MRHS to perform a hypnotist show for the school on November 8th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 but limited in availability; they will be available from October 31 through November 7, as well as at the door!

Maverick Senior and Guidance News

Class of
2015!

College Acceptances and Scholarships should be reported to Guidance. Your counselor is excited to hear your great news. The previous graduating class earned over \$19 million in scholarship dollars. Please turn in copies of your scholarships as we are sure you can surpass that total!!

Recommendation requests should be directed to the staff member and any required forms should be provided to the staff member at the time of the request. Please be sure to give staff members ample time so that they can fulfill your request.

Senior Breakfasts occur each month in the media center. The next breakfast is this week, Friday, November 21.

Check out the New Updates to the [School Counseling](#) Tab on the MRHS website!

- Course offerings
 - Scholarships
 - Testing dates
- Online requests to see your counselor

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines of Note:

November 7 – Eugene McDermott – University of Texas at Dallas Priority Deadline
 November 12 – Intel Science Talent Search
 November 15 – University of South Carolina Top Scholars
 November 15 – Emory Scholars Program
 November 15 – Goizueta Scholars Program – Emory University
 November 15 – Yvar Mikhashoff Trust for New Music Scholarship
 November 15 – Mesothelioma Memorial Scholarship
 November 15 – Erskine College Presidential Scholarship
 November 15 – The Robertson Scholars Program – UNC Chapel Hill & Duke University



All members of the Class of 2015

November 10-14

- Through Senior English Classes or by appointment in guidance
- Establish your CFNC account and complete online applications to a variety of private colleges, community colleges, and state universities

IT'S FREE!!

Planning ahead...Preliminary First Semester Exam Schedule

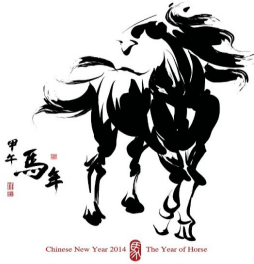
(A more detailed schedule with times and review sessions will be published and available on our website in the coming weeks).

Monday, January 12—First Block Exam
Tuesday, January 13—Second Block Exam
Wednesday, January 14—Third Block Exam
Thursday, January 15—Fourth Block Exam
Friday, January 16—Make-up Exams

**Exams include all EOC, IMS, NC Common, and Teacher-Made tests. All exams must be taken by Friday, January 16 and no exams can be given early.

**Please be aware of the UCPS calendar for the week after exams. We have a holiday on Monday, January 19, and two teacher workdays on Tuesday, January 20 and Wednesday, January 21. Second semester will begin for students on Thursday, January 22.

Reminder: Community Read—Summer Reading 2014



As part of our school's mission, our community comes together to discuss a global topic in the fall during an event called Community Read Day. The aim of this program is to empower our students with global knowledge and a respect for diversity that will help them be successful citizens in a changing global community. This year we will be using the following five books to explore Chinese culture. Please select one of the following books to read over the summer.

**** Community Read Day and Activities will take place in February, during Chinese New Year and the student visit from our sister school in Nanjing, China.**

1) *Iron and Silk* by Mark Salzman

2) *Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People* by Helen Zia

3) *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang

4) *Driven Out: The Forgotten War Against Chinese Americans* by Jean Pfaelzer

5) *The Hundred Secret Senses: A Novel* by Amy Tan

Students, what should you do?

- 1) *Select at least one book from the list to explore.*
- 2) *As you read, keep an open mind and consider what you are learning from the book. Practice all the great reading strategies you have learned in school like questioning, summarizing, annotating, predicting, inferring, visualizing, connecting, and evaluating.*
- 3) *Use the website above to learn more.*
- 4) *Be prepared to participate in the Community Read Day events in the fall including class discussions and writing assignments in all of your classes.*

Parents, how can you get involved?

- 1) *Using the list of options, help your child choose a book that you think best meets his or her needs intellectually and emotionally.*
- 2) *Help your child find a copy of the book by purchasing a copy or checking one out from a library.*
- 3) *Feel free to join the community read by reading one or more of the books on the list. You will even have the opportunity to participate in book club discussions with other parents and staff on Community Read Day.*
- 4) *Talk with your child about the book. See the suggestions below.*
- 5) *Encourage your child to pick up other books that interest him or her.*

- If you'd like to help your child practice effective reading skills in alignment with the Common Core Curriculum, consider asking him or her the following questions. Always follow up their answers to any questions with "What makes you think that?" or "How do you know?" Citing evidence that supports their knowledge or arguments is an important life skill.
- Community Read Day in the Fall, and a follow-up activity in the Spring, give parents opportunities to volunteer as well as promote the global perspective and goals of Marvin Ridge. Stay tuned for more information in future newsletters and on our website.

Hello Friends of Marvin Ridge High and Middle Schools!



The roundabout at the entrance of the Schools creates the “first impression” to the families, staff and visitors to our campus. The PTSO has been working with the High School and the Middle school to improve and develop the roundabout with an exciting new initiative.

“PASSPORT TO THE WORLD” is more than just a motto; it’s a Mission! From the first graduation class in 2008 and continuing today, Marvin Ridge has been providing its students with the tools to pursue careers and endeavors on a global basis. We are proud of this tradition!

Therefore, we have created a plan to develop the roundabout as a statement of this continuing tradition, aspiration and inspiration. We plan to install a metal sculpture of a globe that is held high in the air by students, which will be secured on a concrete platform. The words, “PASSPORT TO THE WORLD” will be proudly displayed. The area around the globe will then be beautifully landscaped.

To make this project a reality, we need your support! Our goal is to raise funds for this project primarily through sponsorships from local businesses. Sponsorships can be in the form of monetary pledges, or donated or discounted services (in-kind). If you are willing to donate or discount any of the following construction services, please let us know.

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| - Concrete Pad | - Landscaping design |
| - Landscape service | - Landscape supplies |
| - Sod | - Lighting |
| - Electrical | - Signs |

If you are willing to pledge a donation to the project, please let us know! We have set up a tiered structure to formally recognize sponsors for their generous contributions. We look forward to meeting with companies interested in supporting Marvin Ridge Roundabout Development Project!

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AVAILABLE (note that references to amounts include values of in-kind contributions)

Platinum Sponsor (\$2,500)

- Dedicated Company Signage placed on the Roundabout facing the entrance (most visibility) for the school calendar year 2014-2015. This sign will also have your company logo!
- Sponsorship exclusivity within your business type
- Company name inclusion in the press releases to local media partners
- Inclusion in a letter of recognition of sponsors from Ms. Cook and Dr. Jones to all MR families
- Special recognition on the PTSO Website for the 2014-2015 school year

Gold Sponsor (\$1,000)

- Dedicated Company Signage placed on the Roundabout in a premium spot for the calendar year 2014-2015.
- Company name inclusion in the press releases to local media partners
- Inclusion in a letter of recognition of sponsors from Ms. Cook and Dr. Jones to all MR families
- Special recognition on the PTSO Website for the 2014-2015 school year

Silver Sponsor (\$500)

- Dedicated Company Signage placed on the Roundabout for the school calendar year 2014-2015
- Company name inclusion in the press releases to local media partners
- Inclusion in a letter of recognition of sponsors from Ms. Cook and Dr. Jones to all MR
- Special recognition on the PTSO Website for the 2014-2015 school year

Bronze Sponsor (\$250)

- Company name inclusion in the press releases to local media partners
- Inclusion in a letter of recognition of sponsors from Ms. Cook and Dr. Jones to all MR families
- Special recognition on the PTSO Website for the 2014-2015 school year

To secure your sponsor package, complete and return the Sponsorship Commitment Form to: Marvin Ridge PTSO

Sponsor commitments are requested by November 15, 2014.

Thank you for your support of this important project!! Please contact Katherine Billingham at Kathy@kbillingham.com for any questions.