

Marvin Ridge High School Maverick Message



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Support your Mavericks and Focused on a Cure by wearing Pink and Orange on Thursday and PINK OUT for Friday's home game against Cuthbertson—Cavs and Mavs for The Cure 2014!

Graduation Rate Recognition—We are #1 for schools with a cohort of 300-399!

Marvin Ridge was recognized for a fourth year in a row for our Cohort Graduation Rate, and this is the third consecutive year that we have been #1 for a school our size!



The graduation rate for MRHS Class of 2014 was 99.4 %, an achievement based on the hard work of all of our staff and students during their four years of high school. Union County Public Schools led the state in larger districts with a rate of 92.6%! This represents an increase for both district and school. Congratulations to all!

Ms. Cook was proud to represent our school at the Recognition Ceremony and Luncheon in Durham, along with representatives from UCPS and the other schools recognized: (pictured above from left to right) Joyce Dunlap of Weddington High, Kim Warr of Cuthbertson High, Carolyn White of UCPS, Dr. Mary Ellis, Kim Fisenne of CATA, and Donna Cook of Marvin Ridge High.

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.

Students report to class at 7:50 am. Tardy Bell is at 8:00 am. Please see our website for a full bell schedule.

Parents must utilize the car rider line at the main entrance of the school for student drop off and pickup.

Please help us safeguard student safety. Do not use the back of the school for drop-off or pick-up during the school day.



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

Fall Blood Drive sponsored by Marvin Ridge National Honor Society will take place on Thursday, October 9 in the auxiliary gym. Students who would like to donate must be at least 16 years old and return parental permission form. A sign-up table is available during all lunches. We want to surpass last year's overall total of 157 pints, so let's get started this week!

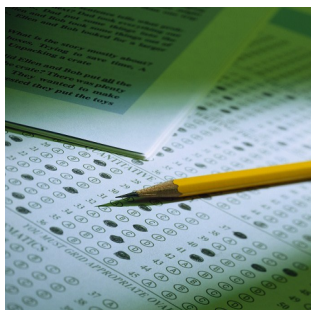
We encourage community donations as well! Please join us on October 9!

Attention Parents of 9th and 10th Grade Students – Two Important Dates to Save!

There will be an informational meeting by the North Carolina School of Science and Math in the MRHS Media Center on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 PM. If you or your student is interested in attending or taking virtual classes through the school, please be sure to come to this meeting.

The Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Programs of Marvin Ridge High School, along with our School Counseling Department, will host an information session regarding all college level course offerings at our school on Monday, October 20 at 6:30 PM in the auditorium. Parents and students are encouraged to attend to learn more about these programs.

Marvin Cluster Families: Are you inundated with paper? Do you have old bills and documents to get rid off? We have a solution! On Saturday, October 11 from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM, Club SS H2O along Marvin Ridge's Interact and FCA will host a **Shred-It Fundraiser** in the student parking lot! Donations range from \$5 for a legal-sized box to \$20 for unlimited shredding. Let us help you clean-up safely!



Important Testing Dates and Information:

Wednesday, October 15: The PSAT (pre-SAT) will be given to all 11th grade students at no charge as well as any 10th grade students who have completed Math II and pay the \$20 registration fee. We will utilize a similar testing process, with students remaining in their second period classes all morning on that day.

Parent Conference Norms—how to make the most of your meeting:

- It is that time of year, with progress reports out and report cards not far away.
- Talking with your child's teacher is always the first and best avenue for concerns.
- Please utilize our One Team, One Mission process of recognizing norms at each meeting.
- Remember that everyone's time is valuable and all stakeholders have a voice.
- Norms: Be Productive, Be Positive, and Be Problem Solvers!

Maverick Athletics...from Athletic Director Tom Jamerson

Last Week's Results:

Football

JV defeated UA 40-6

Varsity lost to Victory Christian 47-19

Volleyball

	JV	Var
Cuth.	2-0	3-0
Indian Land	2-0	3-0
Piedmont	2-0	3-0

Golf

Defeated Ardrey Kell 125-126

Soccer

JV

Lost to Country Day 1-4

Defeated Sun Valley 4-1

Varsity

Defeated Piedmont 4-0

Defeated Sun Valley 5-1

Tennis

Country Day – rain out

Defeated Piedmont 9-0

Defeated Sun Valley 9-0

This Week's Schedule:

Monday—October 6:

Golf @ Charlotte National; Vol-

leyball @ Lancaster; Soccer @

Weddington

Tuesday—October 7:

Golf @ Firethorne; Volleyball @

Sun Valley; Tennis @ Home

(Senior Night)

Wednesday—October 8:

Powder Puff Games 6:00

Thursday—October 9:

Volleyball @ Home (Senior

Night); JV Football @ CHS

Friday—October 10:

Mavs and Cavs for the Cure
Game @ Home; XC leaves for
Disney Classic

Saturday—October 11:

Middle School Volleyball Tour-
nament, hosted by varsity

Lady Mavs!



Go Mavericks!!

Marching Mavericks

A busy Fall season is underway for your Marching Mavericks. On Saturday September 27, they competed at Cutherbertson High School, placing 1st in their class and 2nd overall. This past Saturday, October 6, your Mavericks travelled to the North Lincoln Battle of the Bands. They again placed 1st in their class, and 5th overall. The percussion, drum major, and color guards have placed and received high rankings and awards at both competitions. Way to go, March-



Yearbook News!

Senior Parents, surprise your child and let him or her know how much you cherish the memories of watching him or her grow up. From those adorable baby pictures, to adolescent awkwardness, to young men and women about to start a new chapter in life. Purchase a recognition ad to be published in the yearbook. Go to jostensadservice.com to create your unique ad. The deadline to purchase an ad is January 20th, 2015.

Your Yearbook captures it all—memories of high school adventures and achievements. To purchase your yearbook, go to jostensyearbooks.com or call 866-282-1516.

Maverick Senior News and Updates

Class of
2015!
ZingerBug.com

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 will be October 17.

If you missed Senior Night by Guidance on September 2, please find important information on our website, including an electronic copy of the Senior Planning Guide.

http://mrhs.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/for_seniors.php

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines of Note:

October 15 – Deadline to express interest in being nominated for NCSU Centennial Scholars Program

October 15 – Deadline to express interest in being nominated for Davidson Belk Scholarship

October 15 – UNC-Chapel Hill's Thomas Wolfe – Writing Scholarship

October 17 – National Young Arts Foundation

October 25 – Horatio Alger Association Scholarship

October 25 – Deadline to self-nominate for NC State Park Scholarship

October 31 – Coca-Cola Scholars Program

Latest MRHS Scholarship Newsletter

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINES AND RESOURCES

www.cfnc.org www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.wsfoundation.org www.fastweb.com
www.schoolsoup.com
www.finaid.org www.studentaid.ed.gov
www.appex.com www.scholarshipplus.com
www.actstudent.org www.myrichuncle.com
www.wiredscholar.com www.scholarships.com
www.collegeboard.com
www.scholarshiphelp.com
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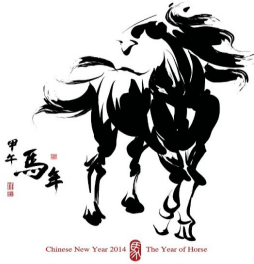
Seniors!

The rumors are true! We are planning to go the Renaissance Festival in Huntersville on Wednesday, October 15!

The cost of \$30. Permission forms and money are due to Ms. Every by Thursday, October 9.

Parents: We need volunteer chaperones! Please email Ms. Every—debbie.every@ucps.k12.nc.us—if you are available! You must be a UCPS registered volunteer, and travel with us that day.

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 October. A final date will be chosen by our administration and site-base team members.**

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.

Keeping Our Kids Safe Online—Part II by Casey Zvanet



For the second year, Union County Public Schools has rolled out over 24,000 Lenovo Chromebooks to students for classroom use. While it is important that students have fair and equitable access to technology, it is also extremely important that students know how to be safe and responsible with their devices. UCPS adheres to certain laws and policies in order to keep students safe online, but our students must also assume personal responsibility in being good digital citizens. Here are some ways parents and teachers can help our young men and women make good decisions in their use of technology:

Be Kind Online

It's a bit of a paradox, but because the internet is such a public place with such a high volume of information swirling around, we become more anonymous. Anonymity makes it easy for us to say things online we wouldn't say in person. Our online conversations, if we aren't careful, become frank, even rude, and sometimes downright mean. Encourage kids to be as honest and kind in their online conversations as they are in their personal ones. Good communication skills are always important no matter the platform.

Separate Work and Play

If you have a phone or a laptop or even an email that is for work, you are expected not to use that device for personal activities. The Chromebooks UCPS has purchased are meant for students to access information and complete activities and create projects for school. It is extremely important that parents and teachers work together to drive this concept home for our kids, that the device they are issued is for school use only. Understanding and adhering to this very simple rule not only mitigates discipline issues, but it also helps cultivate good working habits for our young men and women as they transition into the working world.

Know Their World

Who are your kid's friends on Facebook? Do they have accounts with Reddit, Tickld, or Tumbler? Whom do they follow on Twitter? What are their favorite channels on YouTube? Who are they connecting with while they are playing video games? When we were kids, our parents knew the people we played with in our neighborhood, but our children are members of a vast and mostly invisible community. It is vital that we ask them to share the details of that community with us, so we can help them be safe within it, and knowing where they go when they're online is crucial.

Lead by Example

The very best thing we can do to teach children to be good digital citizens is to model good citizenship. This means that we make sure our work and our personal accounts are separated, even if it means doing personal things on a different device. We strive to be diplomatic and positive in our online communication. We talk and talk and *talk* with our kids about the importance of privacy, responsibility, and kindness. We keep reminding them that they are building, even at this age, a permanent reputation with every keystroke.

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Mavs Crushing for the Cure !



October 6 – October 10

Join the Mavericks in Crushing Cancer during the Mavs Crushing for the Cure Week—

- ◇ Key Club will be raising funds by selling **Pink** bows and bracelets at lunches.
- ◇ Wearing **Pink** to school all week to show your support!
- ◇ Come out to the Powder Puff Game on Wednesday, October 8 @ 6PM! Games will include grade level contests and a special finale between a teacher team and the winner of the junior-senior game! A portion of the proceeds will be donated!
- ◇ Thursday is **Pink and Orange** Day! Show your spirit and support by wearing orange and pink to school! (Friday is a teacher workday)
- ◇ Build Our *Celebration of Life* Wall—Complete a paper memory brick to build a Maverick Monument to Celebrate the loved ones who have been touched by cancer. Memory bricks will be available at lunches all week and prior to the varsity football game. There is no charge for this community activity.
- ◇ Friday night's varsity football game will be a **Pink Out!**
- ◇ Second Annual *Mavs and Cavs for the Cure Game* between Marvin Ridge and Cuthbertson. Pre-game festivities will include face-painting, taking a bite out of cancer, selling of pink bracelets, bows, t-shirts, and even lemonade! Half-time will include a special presentation on behalf of the *Focused on a Cure Organization*.