

# “Notes from the Nest”

**Hawk Ridge Family Newsletter –Weeks of 4/25/16 through 5/9/16**



Old editions are archived at <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/hawkridgeES/Pages/FamilyNewsletters.aspx>

## **Upcoming Dates of Note:**

Thur, 4/28	Beginner’s Night!—New Kindergarteners 2016-17, 6:00-7:00pm;
Sat, 4/30	Ballantyne Chorale Concert (Featuring HRES Chorus, see below!), 6:30pm;
Mon, 5/2—Fri, 5/6	Teacher Appreciation Week!
Thur, 5/5	Muffins for Moms (Kindergarten), 8-9a;
Fri, 5/6	7 Habits Celebration, 7:50am (by invitation);
Tues, 5/10	Mid-Quarter Progress Reports sent home; School Leadership Team, 5:45p (media center);
Fri, 5/13	Hawk Dad Movie Night, 6-9pm;

\*\*\*And much more—check all dates on Hawk Ridge website!

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## **Ballantyne Rotary Cup Volleyball!!!**



Thanks for a great turnout at the Ballantyne Rotary Volleyball Challenge last week! The Hawk Ridge team and fans showed excellent support within the Ballantyne community. Many thanks to the Ballantyne Rotary Club for sponsoring the tournament, and especially for the infusion of technology dollars into our schools. We heard Thursday night that the Rotary Tournament has raised over \$100,000 overall for technology purchases in Ballantyne since its inception. For this year, the tournament raised over \$2200 for technology, which will translate to Chromebooks in classrooms! Although Polo Ridge took the trophy, our kids are the real winners. Thanks again to the Ballantyne Rotary Club!

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## **Kindergarten Registration Is Now Open**

We are now enrolling Kindergarten students for the 2016-17 school year! The link below will take you to the CMS webpage where all enrollment information and documents can be found. Our office staff can be reached at 980-343-5927 and answer any enrollment questions and provide assistance. If you know of a new family with first-time Kinder next

year, please encourage them to enroll their children as early as possible. Our “Beginner Night” for new Kinders is scheduled for Thursday, April 28 from 6:00-7:00pm.

<http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/cmsdepartments/StudentPlacement/Pages/EnrollingYourStudent.aspx>

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## **Media Center Needs EOY Volunteers!**

**The Media Center needs volunteers May 23-27th to help with organizing books and inventory. The shifts are 8-10, 10-12, and 12-2. If you are interested, please email Beth Imseis at [Beth.Imseis@gmail.com](mailto:Beth.Imseis@gmail.com).**

Volunteers will be working on book inventory, organizing books, and getting out over-due/lost book letters to parents. Volunteers will also be alphabetizing the Everybody section for end-of-year processes

Thank you!

Beth Imseis

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## **Camp Invention is returning to Hawk Ridge**

Camp Invention takes summer fun and transforms it from ordinary to extraordinary!

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame, **Hawk Ridge Elementary School** is pleased to offer the nationally-acclaimed Camp Invention program to children entering grades 1st through 6th. It's an exciting, weeklong summer adventure with lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation. Children will work together to seek solutions to real-world problems and sharpen critical 21st century learning skills while rotating through several fascinating modules. The week runs July 18- July 21 2016 with Jennifer Pait (Hawk Ridge Teacher) serving as Director of the Epic™ program!

Here is how young innovators will be spending their time:

- \* Brainstorming product ideas and building original prototypes using real tools and components found in everyday devices
- \* Exploring the lives of giant insects, colorful animals and their environments
- \* Constructing and personalizing a DIY solar-powered cricket with a unique habitat
- \* Discovering the science of slime, demolition, electronic sound, giant squid and coding All activities give participants the opportunity to be a part of something big while having fun!

Local educators will facilitate program modules and enthusiastic high school students will serve as Leadership Interns ensuring that one staff member is in place for every eight children.

Every registration includes a complimentary Camp Invention t-shirt. Availability is limited, so visit [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org) or call 800.968.4332 to secure your child's spot today!

You can also email Jennifer Pait @ [Jennifer.pait@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:Jennifer.pait@cms.k12.nc.us) with any questions!!!

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## **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Run! Ballantyne**

Hawk Ridge Elementary School has signed up again this year to participate in the School Team Division of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Run! Ballantyne (8k/5k race & 1-Mile Fun Run) presented by Bissell, the Morrison Family YMCA & the new Sara's YMCA on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Located in the Ballantyne Corporate Park, this is the perfect race for beginning runners to elite runners and every level in between, making it fun for everyone!

Last year, 12 schools participated representing over 700 runners of the 2,100 participants. It was great to see the school pride amongst students, faculty, and families that made up each team. In 2012, Hawk Ridge Elementary

School won the Division 1: Elementary School Division. In 2013, 2014 & 2015, St. Matthew Catholic School grabbed the title!! Who will take home the cup this year?

Join in the fun and sign up today! Our team coupon code is HAWKRE16— This code is for Hawk Ridge team members only and should not be given to any person outside of your team. All registration is online through the Run! Ballantyne website:

<http://www.ymcacharlotte.org/branches/morrison/socialresp/events/runballantyne.aspx>

The Run! Ballantyne 8K/5K Race & 1-Mile Fun Run is one of many events that benefit the YMCA Community Support Campaign. This race raises funds to support much needed programs within our community, such as Afterschool and Summer Camp, to under-resourced children, teens and families in need of them. By participating in Run! Ballantyne, you are helping to give a child a better choice. If you have any questions please email our team captain, Christine Harabin @ [christine1.difruscio@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:christine1.difruscio@cms.k12.nc.us)

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### **Car Rider Arrival Updates and Reminders**

We have noticed several patterns in the morning car-rider drop-off line that merit attention.

1. Please **be completely “mindful”** (cognitively present!) when driving through the car-rider arrival line.
2. Please **be as early** as possible—7:15-7:30 is best!
3. Please **obey directions of staffers** or volunteers at all times—especially pulling forward till the last available slot.
4. Please **stay off your cellphones** in the drop-off zone—including hands-free devices.
5. Please **say goodbyes BEFORE the drop-off zone** (like at the airport—goodbyes are usually before security checkpoints, not at the gate!)
6. Please don't drive up onto the curb! (See #1 above)
7. Please **avoid the “long wave goodbye,”** and/or talking to your children as they're walking along the sidewalk alongside the vehicle. This is dangerous, as students usually pay attention to their loved ones, but should be attending to getting off the curb, and walking safely into the building.
8. Please **have children prepared to open their own door** and disembark as soon as you're directed to a complete stop within the drop-off zone. We unload about 18 cars each round, but do not have 18 staffers to open doors. Also, most children should be independent in this task by this point in the year. You do not have to wait until your door is opened to disembark.
9. Please remember that students must be **in their classrooms** at the 7:45 bell to avoid being tardy.
10. Please make sure not to park in specially-marked parking spaces when visiting, unless you qualify for those spaces (an active and prominently displayed handicapped tag, for instance).

Please help us to make arrival as safe and efficient as possible. Everyone will benefit. Thanks!

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### **Attendance Line**

Parents, please make sure you report your child's absence via a note to the teacher/office or the **Hawk Ridge Attendance Line 704-849-3500**. We want to make sure we code your child's absence correctly. Thank you for your assistance. Contact Sherry R. Greene, Front Office Secretary if you have any questions.

#### **AM Processes, lunch processes, dismissal processes—status update**

- 2:00 pm dismissal deadline: **Early dismissals are not allowed after 2:00 pm**. After 2:00 pm, students must follow the regular dismissal process.
  - If you walk your child(ren) into the building, we now ask that parents say their “goodbyes” in the main office hallway. This helps students transition to their day of learning, and allows staff to attend to students. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, we ask that you please make an appointment to confer outside student contact hours.
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Presents:

# JOURNEYS

*Featuring: The Hawk Ridge Elementary Choir*

**Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 6:30 PM**

South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church  
8601 Bryant Farms Rd., Charlotte, NC 28277

## **Tickets:**

Online: \$7.50     At the door (cash only): \$8.00



**For event details and ticket information visit:**  
<https://the-ballantyne-chorale-journeys.eventbrite.com>





Welcoming all Parents/ Guardians of  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Students  
to the  
**2016 Summer Learning Parent  
Information Night**

**WHEN:**

April 27th and May 25th from 5:30-7:00 pm

**WHERE:**

Elizabeth Traditional Elementary School  
1601 Park Drive Charlotte, NC 28204

**WHY:**

Information will be provided about summer learning opportunities

**\*\* Refreshments will be provided\*\***

(Representatives from the following programs will be in attendance this year.)

**CMS Sponsored Programs**

Rising 2nd and 3rd Grade Extended Learning Camp  
Rising 4th Grade Read to Achieve  
Rising Readers  
ESL Language Discovery Camp  
Summer Graduation Program  
Math I & Biology Bonafide  
High School Credit Recovery  
9th Grade Transitional Academy ( STEM/Literacy Internship )  
High School OCS Credit Recovery  
EC Extended School Year at Metro School  
CMS ASEP Summer Camp

**Outside Summer Providers**

YMCA  
YWCA  
BELL  
Above and Beyond  
Freedom Schools

**Also:**

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library  
Online Learning ( Edgenuity, Raz Kids , Compass Learning)  
CMS Summer Feeding Program



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Game Date: June 3, 2016

First Pitch: 7:05PM

Gates Open: 6:00PM

Price Per Ticket: \$18

*Proceeds will benefit Hawk Ridge PTA*

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED! PLEASE PURCHASE BEFORE April 25, 2016**

- National Anthem Performance by Hawk Ridge Choir
- School Spirit Night with Friends and Family
- Fireworks Show after the Game

*Tickets will be sent  
home with the oldest  
student the week of  
May 23rd*

Please contact Denise McCammon at [tanwitmc@yahoo.com](mailto:tanwitmc@yahoo.com) with any questions

Oldest Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Oldest Student Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$18 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_







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## 2016 RUN! BALLANTYNE – SCHOOL TEAM INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION

- All registration is online through the Run! Ballantyne website: **"Special School Team Prices expire on April 30<sup>th</sup>"**  
<http://www.ymcacharlotte.org/branches/morrison/socialresp/events/runballantyne.aspx>
  - 8k race **\$25** Jan 1– April 30
  - 5k race **\$20** Jan 1– April 30
  - Fun Run **\$10** Jan 1 – April 30
- Please use the school team coupon code provided by your team captain to receive the lower school team pricing.
- The coupon code is for your school team participants only and should not be shared with anyone who is not running with your school team.
- You can participate in any race (8K, 5K, or Fun Run OR Volunteer) to earn points for your team.
- Parents, family members, and friends can all sign up to be part of the team as well.
- Remember to select your school from the drop down team menu on the registration site.
- If you would like to volunteer instead of run for your team: you also need to register through the website in order to earn points for your team. At the payment screen: type in VOLUNTEER in the coupon code spot.
- Registration deadline to count toward Awards & School team shirts is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### SCHOOL TEAM SHIRTS

- Once a team has 20 people signed up to run, you have earned your school team shirts (Run! Ballantyne tech shirt in your school team color with your school name on the sleeve.)
- School team members must register by the **April 30<sup>th</sup>** deadline in order to receive the **School Team Shirts**.
- Volunteers will receive a YMCA volunteer shirt vs. the school team tech shirt runners will receive.
- You can still register to participate with your team up until May 7<sup>th</sup>. However, you will receive the regular race shirt instead of the school team shirt. (School team shirts are ordered at 8am on May 1<sup>st</sup> per vendor deadline. No exceptions can be made.)

### PACKET PICK UP

- School team packets will be delivered to the school c/o the team captain on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Team Captains will determine a plan to assemble and distribute the packets out to the team members.
- Your team captain will communicate when/how you will receive your individual packet (containing your race shirt, bib/chip, Runner's Guide, goodies etc.)
- Chips are distributed to 8K & 5K race participants only and are located inside the race bib.
- Fun Run participants do not receive a chip.

### RACE DAY SCHEDULE

**Race Day: Saturday, May 14, 2016**

- 5:15am Volunteer Check-in at Race Site
- 5:45—7:15AM Registration & Packet Pick-up
- 7:00 AM \*Team Photos
- 7:15 AM Opening Ceremony
- 7:30 AM 8K Race
- 7:50 AM 5K Race
- 9:15 AM 1 Mile Fun Run
- 9:25-9:45 AM \*Team Photos
- 9:45 AM Presentation of Awards

**Start/Finish: Sara's YMCA (Ballantyne Corporate Park)**

**15490 Brixham Hill Avenue CLT, NC 28277**

### PARKING

- Maps & Directions are located in the Runner's Guide you will receive with your packet on May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Information will also be available on our race website.

### TEAM ZONES – WHERE TO REPORT ON RACE DAY

- Report to the School Team zone upon arrival.
- The Runner's Guide will contain the event layout with team zones labeled.
- Your school will have a sign in the team zone so you can locate your team captain & team members on race morning.
- Team captains will organize your team and communicate a time for everyone on your team to gather for the picture.

### COURSE MAP

- Please refer to the Runner's Guide or Website
- Participants will run on the right side of the road throughout the entire race for all 3 races.
- Look for directional signs & volunteers to guide you.
- If you plan to walk the event, please note there is a time limit and police will ask anyone remaining on the course to move onto the sidewalks at that time.

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING  
IN THE TEAM DIVISION OF RUN! BALLANTYNE!**

**GOOD LUCK and HAVE FUN!!**

Hawk Ridge PTA

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