



November, 2015

# Marvin Ridge Matters

## Marvin Ridge Middle School

### Developing each student through...

**C**ollaboration  
**A**chievement  
**R**espect  
**E**xcellence

### Grade Scale Change

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction has instituted a 10 point grade scale for all high schools across the state. Additionally, we here in the Union County Public Schools have made the decision for our middle schools to also convert to the ten point scale. This means that the grade scale used by all teachers at Marvin Ridge Middle School will be as follows:

90-100 A  
80-89 B  
70-79 C  
60-69 D  
0-59 F

### Upcoming dates to remember:

**November 25** - Optional Teacher Work Day—no school for students

**November 26-27** - Holiday—no school

**December 2**—Report cards go home

**December 21**—January 1—Holiday—no school

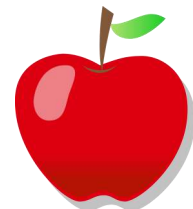
**January 4**—School resumes

**January 15**—End of 3rd 6 week grading period

*The MRMS staff would like to thank the MRMS PTSO for the wonderful treats we received in our mailboxes this week!!!*

*Best wishes for a safe and happy*

*Thanksgiving!*






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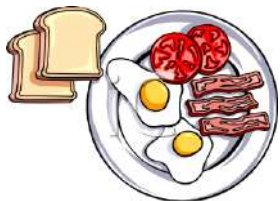
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Then, select our school—Marvin Ridge Middle School—and when prompted, enter the following password - MRMS16.

Please understand that photo selection for the yearbook is at the discretion of the yearbook staff and advisor.



Did you know that a hot breakfast is available every morning in the cafeteria from 8:15am – 8:45am for only \$1.15?

Check out our new website for menus at <http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=1305151850267381>

## WINTERGUARD

The award-winning Winterguard program at Marvin Ridge is comprised of students from both Marvin Ridge Middle School and High School and is looking to kick-off its competitive season. There will be auditions for any middle school student (*not just band members*) who may be interested in joining on **November 30th and December 1st from 6:00-9:00 PM in the MRHS Auxiliary Gym**. Please know that no prior experience is necessary! Interested students should make plans to attend both sessions and should wear comfortable “work-out” type clothing that you can easily move in (no jeans).

Please contact the Band teachers, Mr. Mallery or Mr. Hardesty if you have any questions.

## LET ME RUN

A big shout out goes to the “Let Me Run” team who represented our school with amazing spirit and strength last weekend as they participated in a 5k run. Although this season is at an end, “Let Me Run” will reopen for enrollment again in the spring. Watch for more upcoming announcements about this fun running program for boys.

## Congratulations

**to the following students who were the top scorers on the Battle of the Books qualifying quiz and were invited to join the BOB team!**

Isabelle Bay	Sarah Motteler
Alex Fountain	Megan Murphy
Emma Frieze	Kerry O’Neill
Rachel Griffin	Kira Polchow
Xavier Gorman	Sid Sivaram
Will Gross	Keshav Srivenkatesh

## Lego Team

Mavbots, the first MRMS Lego league team is made up of 10 boys. The team builds a Mindstorms robot, and then on December 5, the team will compete to qualify in the state championship. There are three elements to the program - the Robot Game, Project, and FLL Core Values - these make up the yearly Challenge. Teams also fundraise, create a team identity, and talk to experts in the field. This year the challenge is called Trash Trek, so the team is researching ways to better manage trash in our local community. Please wish the team "good luck" in their December competition.

## SPELLING BEE

Kudos to the following students were winners of their classroom spelling bees! These students will represent their classrooms in the school-wide spelling bee which will be held on Thursday, December 3 in the media center beginning at 9:15 am.

Afrifa-Akwamoah	Leanne	King	Drew
Baia	Mickey	Lee	Nate
Bronz	Alec	Lloyd	Avery
Benson	Macy	Mai	Justin
Bigham	Lyndsey	Mattis	Emily
Budds	Sarah	Mazzarell	Landry
Daino	Nathan	Navanjo	Nicole
Dallis	Anastasios	Neal	Abby
Dixon	Meghan	Nowak	Michael
Dunker	Lucas	Orloski	AJ
Ford	Glenn	Papaleo	Frankie
Fortney	Harrison	Pezzo	Nick
Freeman	Jonathan	Ragone	Marco
Garcia	Garrett	Sgan	Abigail
Gondi	Anusha	Sivaram	Siddarth
Hansen	Tim	Smith	Audrey
Hassig	Gianna	Smith	Nick
Holder	Erin	Srivenkatesh	Keshav
Kavedakar	Charvi	Taylor	Brooke
Kerry	Elliot	Thompson	Madelyn
Kim	Nicolette	Travers	Nathan
		VanGlabeek	James

## CAR RIDER LINE

Many of you utilize the car rider line to drop off and/or pick up your children from school. As frequent users of the car rider line know, an efficient and smooth car rider line requires drivers to pull up in the line as far as possible when dropping off and/or picking up their kids. Please make sure that when you're dropping off and/or picking up your kids, even when it's raining or cold, you pull up in the line as far as possible so that we can have as many kids dropped off at a time as possible. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation with this procedure.



Ms. Culicerto applied for a LIFT grant and the PE department was awarded \$500.00 for PE equipment.