

# MRJH NEWSLETTER



The Mission of Mountain Ridge Junior High: To Ignite a Spirit of Discovery and Empower Our School Community

## A Note From The Principal:

It never ceases to amaze me how fast a school year passes. This year we hit the ground running and haven't slowed down a bit!

Our theme for this year is "Failure's Not an Option/Learning Guaranteed" which led to the implementation of our new ZAP (Zeros Aren't Permitted) program. In this intervention, teachers submit names of students who have not completed assignments to our ZAP Coordinator. The students are then assigned to attend a ZAP session either during Channel One or DEAR time and part of their lunch time where they spend 30 minutes making up missing work. We have been pleased with the results from this program thus far and have included the following data collected from first quarter's ZAP sessions and Super ZAP session (end of quarter after school session).

Number of Assignments Completed (Regular ZAP)	Number of Assignments Completed (Super ZAP)	Totals
7th 384	7th 44	7th 428
8th 654	8th 86	8th 740
9th 289	9th 120	<u>9th 409</u> 1577

Beginning second term (October 26, 2009) we are implementing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade completion requirements. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders must pass their core classes for the rest of the school year. Any student failing a class will be required to make up the lost credit. We will be sending details of this program within the next week via email and U.S. mail.

Our entire staff is dedicated to the success of every student. As you can see, we have added several new interventions and fine tuned existing interventions for students who are at risk of failing. We also have available extra-curricular activities for all students interested in academic excellence. These include: Knowledge Bowl, Math Counts, and Odyssey of the Mind.

Thank you for your support. We are truly committed to our two-part goal – "Failure's Not an Option/Learning Guaranteed!"

Paula Fugal  
Principal

**Hi from the Counseling Department!** We hope this new year has been a new beginning for you and a good one at that. A lot of exciting things are happening and here are just a few of them that are coming up:

- Nov. 5- 8th grade Career Day
- Nov. 9,11, 12, 16-20, 23- 8th Grade SEOP's
- Dec. 7-11, 14, 15, 17, 18- 9th Grade SEOP's

## PTSA CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 9-13 VETERAN'S WEEK
- 11 VETERAN'S ASSEMBLY
- 19 JR. PTSA @ LUNCH
- 19 SCC 1:30
- 25-27 NO SCHOOL

### DECEMBER

- 9 PTSA MTG 7 PM
- 17 JR. PTSA @ LUNCH
- 23-1 NO SCHOOL

### JANUARY

- 4 SCHOOL STARTS
- 13 PTSA MTG 10 AM
- 18 NO SCHOOL
- 19-22 SAFETY WEEK
- 20 JR. PTSA @ LUNCH
- 28 SCC 1:30

## MRJH PTSA Executive Board 2009-2010

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### MRJH BAND NOTES:

#### HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT

Come and get into the holiday spirit this season! Attend our annual holiday band concert on December 10<sup>th</sup> and see our amazing band students perform holiday selections that will surely get you in the mood. Beginning and Concert Bands perform at 6:30 PM. Jazz and Symphonic Bands perform at 7:30 PM. Admission is free!

#### MRJH BAND SOLO/ENSEMBLE NIGHT:

It's a good time to start planning for the annual MRJH Band Solo/Ensemble Night which will be held February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each band student from the Symphonic Band and Advanced Percussion (all band members are welcome, too) will be performing either a solo or an ensemble piece for an adjudicator where they will receive feedback on their performance. 9<sup>th</sup> graders who do well may be selected to continue on and perform at the high school level. From there, they may progress to Region and then State. Last year, MRJH sent four band students all the way to State! Students who choose a piece early and work on it now usually do really well. If you are taking private lessons, ask your teacher for a good piece to learn.

#### MRJH BAND UPCOMING EVENTS:

##### HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT

December 10<sup>th</sup> MRJH Auditorium  
 6:30 PM Beginning and Concert Bands  
 7:30 PM Jazz and Symphonic Bands

##### SOLO/ENSEMBLE NIGHT

February 3<sup>rd</sup> MRJH  
 Students will sign up for performance times

##### GRAND CONCERT

March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> MRJH Auditorium  
 7 PM

### The Star Society

The Star Society is up and running again this year at Mountain Ridge. It is a club that gets together once a month to do activities, service projects and provide positive experiences to make our school a better place. Our schedule for the next few months is this:

#### November 4

Get ready for our service project

#### December 2

Service project set-up

#### January 6

Book review Every Soul a Star - get your copy from Mrs. Bullock today!

#### February 3

Yoga and heart cookies

Everyone is welcome to attend!

\*\*\*December Service Project\*\*\*

The Star Society is sponsoring a service project at the first of December this year. Please urge your student to take a star off our tree and buy the gift on the tag. They don't need to wrap it, just put the star on the bag or the item and put it back under the tree. Our donations are going to some very needy families. Items will vary from very inexpensive to moderately expensive. Thank you for your support.

## "ONE FOR THE POT"

The British comedy by Ray Cooney and Tony Hilton

**November 11-14 at 7 pm**

It's a story of romance and complications claiming \$10,000 amidst mistaken identities and chaos. The cast features Jared Monson portraying four different roles, Matt Hansen, Sydney Mower, McKenna Hunt, Addy Baird, Sarah Ogden, Jacob Burnham, Baylee Dodge, Eric Babb, Courtney Ostrom and Collin Hoggard.

Tickets \$6 adults, \$5 students.