



Dates to Remember

February 17th, 2012

Monday, February 20th	President's Day, SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED
Tuesday, February 21st	K-Downtown Sylva, Hot Chocolate at Signature Brew *
Tuesday, February 21st – March 2nd	Re-enrollment period for the 2012-2013 school year
Thursday, February 23rd	3rd- 5th Grade Production Night 6:30 SCC Almond
Friday, February 24th	7th – Diana Wortham Theater, Asheville *
Monday, February 27th	5th to National Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin./ Tour NOAA *
Thursday, March 1st	Kg-2nd Grade Production Night 6:30 SCC Almond
Friday, March 2nd	MS Drama Productions, The Grove Church 9:00-10:30
Friday, March 2nd	11:30 am Dismissal
Monday, March 5th- 13th	SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY
Friday, March 30th-April 2nd	8th grade to Tallahassee , FL, Attend Peace Jam Conference*
Friday, April 20th-23rd	Band Retreat & Concert Tour * (stay tuned for more info)

*** Must Wear MDCS Orange or Turquoise T-Shirt**

RE-ENROLLMENT

Can you believe it is time once again for re-enrollment? Be on the lookout the week of **February 21st** for our annual re-enrollment forms in your child's backpack or online. Please complete the forms with the most up to date information you have because we will be using it as the basis for a new data management strategy for the 2012-13 school year. Please return the forms to the school ASAP so we can save a spot for your child.

CHRISTMAS SHOP UPDATE

This past December, the 8th grade class put together a Christmas sale. Each class got to participate and purchase small items for their family and friends. They raised around \$800 and have in turn sent it to the Hope Community Center in Kenya. Hope CC is extremely grateful for MDCS and is using the money to buy food for the orphanage. Thanks to all the students and families who helped in making this successful. Go MDCS!

INGLES CARDS & BOX TOPS

Don't forget to link your Ingles card. Here is the link. There is still time!
<http://www.ingles-markets.com/toolsforschools/>. Also remember to send in those box tops. We have raised over **\$300.00** in box tops money. The money is going to help purchase things for the afterschool program and the art program. Please get your remaining box tops in by **February 24th**. Thanks so much!

EARTH SCOUTS

Our next meeting will be March 23rd. We are going to plant starters for our plant sale, so please send in some seeds we can use. Our April meeting will be Friday April 27th and we will be preparing for selling our plants at Greening Up The Mountains in Sylva, April 28th. We are also planning a camping trip. The date is Saturday May 26th, we are working on finding the place. Please contact Anne Jeter if you have any questions or concerns, ajeter@mountaindiscovery.org.



BUS Driver Appreciation Week

February 13-17th is SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK. Gov. Perdue has proclaimed this date as (SBDaw) in the state of North Carolina. The proclamation is available online at www.ncbussafety.org. For more info, please contact Derek Graham, NCDPI Transportation Services, at Derek.graham@dpi.nc.gov. We surely appreciate our bus drivers. Thanks, Ms. Lisa, Ms. Faith, Mr. John, Mr. Carter, Ms. Randa and Ms. Donna!

NEWS AROUND TOWN

MDCS is now participating in Girls on the Run! This is a 12 week running event with self-esteem enhancing and uplifting team exercise activities. The first day of Girls on the Run will be the week of Feb. 20th, on Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 and Friday from 2:00 -3:30. There will be 24 lessons over 12 weeks, ending the week of May 14th with the final banquet, where families are invited to join our celebration and pep rally! The coaches will be Sam Morton, Sarah Short, and Ravita Holden. Our practices take place at MDCS. For registration information or questions, please contact Sam at (828) 788-5703.

Swain Youth Soccer Association is having a fundraiser dinner, Wednesday, February 22nd from 5-7 pm located at Pasqualinos in Bryson City on Everett Street. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. For more information call Braden Henry (828) 506-1400.

Youth Soccer Spring Registration at Camp Living Water begins Monday, February 27th and continues through Saturday, March 3rd during normal business hours (9am-5pm). Discounts are available for families with 3 or more players as well as for coaches who have children playing. If you would like to coach, assist a team or be a sponsor contact Josh Sasscer at 488-6012.