



# EAGLE NEWS



## It's Time for a New Season! Let's Play Ball!

Welcome back MRMS Eagles! The most wonderful time of the year is finally here..the beginning of a new school year and a fresh start! Hopefully all Eagles had time over the hot summer to relax, enjoy family time, and rest up for the start of school.

This year, MRMS Eagles will be "Hitting it out of the park!" Teachers have been busy incorporating a baseball theme in classrooms. Baseball is not just a game. Baseball teaches many life lessons. Eagles will "hit curveballs", however, Eagles will see that "championships are won at practice." As Babe Ruth said, "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." It take a team to be successful and MRMS Eagles will be successful! Remember, "Teamwork makes the dream work!"

Eagles, get ready for an amazing year! As John Fogerty sings, "Put me in coach, I am ready to play today," be ready to succeed everyday at MRMS!

## Cheerleading Tryouts

An informational meeting will be held for anyone interested in trying out for cheerleading this year. It will be held on August 19 in room A110 from 3:45-4:30. Cheerleading tryouts will be held August 26 and 27. You must have a VHSL physical on file to try out. Questions?? See Mrs. Poulin on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade hallway!



**Go Eagles!**



## The First MRMS Football Team

Tryouts for the first MRMS Eagle football team will begin on August 26. Practices will run 3:45-5:15 Monday through Thursday. The first home game will be on September 25 at 5:30 at RCHS. You must have a VHSL physical on file to try out. If you are interested in trying out for the MRMS football team, email Coach Taylor at: [dan.taylor3219@icloud.com](mailto:dan.taylor3219@icloud.com) and/or visit the team's Facebook: Maury River Eagles Football.



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## First School Dance: Friday Night Lights

Our first school dance will be Friday, September 27 from 6:00-8:00. Students can dance the night away, play basketball, and more. Tickets will go on sale during lunches the week of the dance for \$5. Concessions will be sold, so bring extra money for pizza, drinks, and candy. More information will be on the morning announcements as we near the dance.

### PLEASE REMEMBER:

\*Dances are a privilege to attend. Remember, in school suspension/out of school suspension and multiple absences can cause dance privileges to be taken away.

\*MRMS dances are for MRMS students ONLY!

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is a good  
day here at  
The River!**



**Sweat + Sacrifice = SUCCESS**

## YAS Information

Youth Achieving Success, YAS, is an afterschool program for students to help with completion homework, receive tutoring, and participate in enrichment activities. The program is free of charge! Students **MUST** complete an application to participate. Applications can be picked up in the front office and once parents have filled out the application, students can turn in completed application to homeroom teachers. YAS will start on September 3! Any questions please email the YAS coordinator Mary Lupsha at [mary\\_lupsha@rockbridge.k12.va.us](mailto:mary_lupsha@rockbridge.k12.va.us).

## PTO Fall Fundraiser

Be on the look out about information for a fall PTO fundraiser. Also, JOIN OUR AMAZING PTO!!! Forms will be in student 'back to school' packet of forms. The MRMS PTO support all Eagles!

### Lockers & Bookbags

All students are issued lockers and are **required** to keep bookbags and cell phones in their lockers. Grade levels will have scheduled locker times.

### MRMS Fall Festival

MRMS will host a Fall Festival for the community on October 19, 11:00-2:00. Look for more information in the September newsletter of ways to volunteer.

**Remember to return all school forms! Eagles can turn in school forms to their homeroom teacher!**

### Reminder

\*Be here on time and be prepared daily

\*1<sup>st</sup> period begins at 8:07 AM and the school day ends at 3:28 PM

\*If your student is absent, please call or send a note. (540-463-3129)

\*If your student is absent, they **cannot** attend extra curricular activities such as dances or sporting events.



**Attendance Matters**

Every student. Every day.





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## Cell Phones

\*Must be turned off once student enters the building.

\*Cell phones must be stored in lockers. Students cannot have on their person (in hoodies or pockets). There are medical exceptions to this rule.

\*No cell phones in restrooms

\*Wireless headphones also need to be stored in lockers or bookbags and not on their person.

\*Numerous violations may result in parents picking up the devices or students losing cell phone privileges.

\*Videotaping or photographing other students or teachers and/or posting on social media accounts is strictly prohibited.

## Important Dates to Remember

### August

Aug. 14 First day of school  
 Aug. 21 Cross Country Meet: Clifton Invitational  
 Aug. 22 Home volleyball game  
 Aug. 26 & 27 Cheer tryouts  
 Aug. 28 Home volleyball game  
 Aug. 30 Cross Country: EM School Kick Off



### September

Sept. 2 No School-Labor Day  
 Sept. 3 After School/YAS starts  
 Sept. 4 Fall Sports Team Pictures  
 Sept. 12 Interims Go Home  
 Sept. 13 Fall School Pictures  
 Sept. 18 2 hr Early Release (1:28)  
 Sept. 24 Picture Retakes  
 Sept. 25 First MRMS Home football game at RCHS  
 Sept. 27 School Dance 6:00-8:00



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## Remember The MRMS Dress Code Policy

MRMS students need to remember the dress code policy. Make sure you are wearing school appropriate clothes everyday. Below is printed in the student handbook regarding the dress code policy.

### School Attire Guidelines

\*You must have tennis shoes every day for PE class.

\*Clothing, which includes jewelry, accessories should be free of messages that are violent, relate to drugs or alcohol, discriminate, or are pornographic.

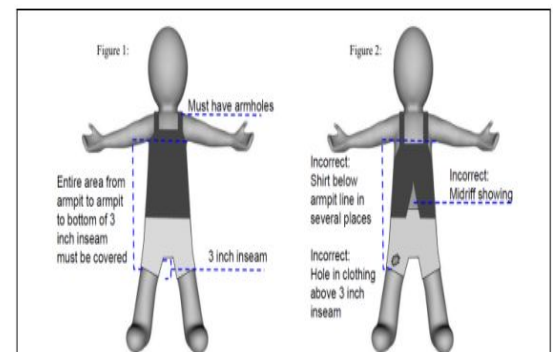
\*Clothing must cover the torso - your belly. Clothing must conceal undergarments and tops must have armholes. Rips and tears must not fall in the torso area.

\*No hats or hoodies/hoods can be worn in the building.

\*Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.

\*Sleepwear, including pajamas, is not allowed.

\*Blankets are not to be brought to school.



## 8<sup>th</sup> grade Poetry PBL in English

Last spring, our 2023-2024 8<sup>th</sup> grade English students used poetry as the vehicle for better understanding of how to analyze and evaluate an author's use of figurative language to determine what the author was really trying to say. Poetry gives a wide variety of examples of figurative language enabling all students to see the importance of each individual word in a short text. So... last March students participated in "The March Madness Tournament of Poetry," where they discovered the meaning and purpose of poetry, culminating in creating their own definition of poetry. Sixteen poems competed for the tournament title, with students ultimately choosing the tournament winner! As part of the project, students were asked to write their own poems, using what they had learned. All of the student poems were submitted to The American Library of Poetry annual "National Student Poetry Contest." Poems were judged based on originality, creativity, and artistic quality. Only twenty percent of the poems submitted in the nation are published. MRMS is proud to announce that three of our previous eighth grade students are being published in the *Empowered 2024 Poetry Collection*. See student poetry below.

### Ode to Appalachia

By: Parker Zollman

From Morning's sky, glazed in orange,  
 to Midnight's thorny crown  
 from the lake laden valleys,  
 to the Mountain's snow mound.

My home of over a decade  
 brings beauty to my eyes;  
 near the patriotic homes  
 where that star spangled flag flies.

You blessed this land from your  
 pointed head,  
 down to your forested feet  
 you crawl your way north  
 like the animals who use you as a bed

You bring beauty to it all  
 I wish to never leave  
 this radiant crystal ball  
 I call home.



### Rainbow Bridge

By: Kayleigh Knick

In the days of childhood  
 With the beautiful memories  
 in the back of my mind,  
 A truehearted canine  
 Sat right by my side.

He truly was my childhood guide.  
 My furry friend who brought me so much joy  
 In the grassy fields on top of the mountain  
 We played chase and fetch together  
 Through all of the laughter and the tears, this dog  
 was always there for me

But as time went by and the seasons changed  
 The twinkle in his eyes soon grew to burn out,  
 and now I could see  
 His final days were creeping in, I held his paw.  
 I then knew it was time to say goodbye.

But the memories cherished will never fade  
 His playful bark echos in the valley  
 As a reminder that our love will never perish.  
 For in my heart, his spirit will reside  
 A beacon of love, Forever by my side.

### Patience Is a Virtue

By: Nate Stemmer

The winds whisper as the thoughts and ideals fly  
 Patience is a virtue of which is out of reach  
 Sun falls to moonless night carrying with it a  
 mournful cry  
 Then follows the silence, gone with nothing but a  
 preach  
 And though the sun will illuminate the dark sky  
 again  
 The night will once again follow in a never ending  
 thread  
 End is near yet so truly far as yet another soul  
 loses its light  
 Flammability of the heart like that of sparks to a  
 fern  
 The silence lies breached again with a  
 disgraceful word  
 Individuality and casualty go hand in hand  
 Leaving those outside of the world with little place  
 to stand  
 Patience is a virtue  
 But in this world, we are desolate of virtue

