

Messenger

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Mobile Home School Chorus

Premiere Concert

Friday, November 21 • 7:00 pm

Spring Hill Baptist Church Chapel • 2 South McGregor Avenue

Friends, family, interested students - all are invited for an exciting evening, filled with music.



Exercise your
privilege this

Tuesday,

November 4th.

VOTE!

Important Update To Field Trip Policies

Because our enlarged student body has responded to our outstanding field trips, classes, and events in record numbers, we must each strictly follow the updated policies below. **Please do not ask, or expect, to be an exception.** If you have any questions, contact Retta Franklin at 649-3943, 391-4663, or fran503@bellsouth.net.

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November Cell Group Meetings

(You may attend as many cell group meetings as you like; just let the leader know in advance.)

Peaches Fink

We will meet on **Thursday, November 13, at 6 p.m.**, at the smoke-free **Ruby Tuesdays** on Airport Blvd. (in front of Office Depot). We will be enjoying peace and fellowship with one another. Please RSVP by e-mail at peachmail@comcast.net or phone 661-4034.


Tracy Ewing

Thursday, November 13, at 6:30 pm is the time for our meeting and **El Chico Cafe**, I65 Service Rd. S. at Airport Blvd., is the place. Plan now to join us for some encouraging time together. Please RSVP to 679-9202 or email b.ewing@comcast.net.

Wendy Ramsey

Wendy's meeting will be at the **home of Suzanne Ashurst, Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 pm**. Suzanne will be providing refreshments for a wonderful, relaxing Mom's night out (in). **For directions and to RSVP, call Suzanne, 476-2000 or 423-5555.**

Torie Strong

 Our cell group meeting for November will actually be on **Thursday, December 4th, 10 am - 12 noon at First Baptist North Mobile in the Student Center**. All are welcomed to help us make **Gingerbread Houses**. Bring a **butter box** (the long kind, like Land O' Lakes) and a box of **graham crackers** (not the sugared kind) and a bag of some sort of **candy** for all to share (something that would look good on a Gingerbread House). I will supply the icing to stick everything on with. It is a **REAL FUN** time. Come see all the children's creations. Contact Tori at Tories6@aol.com, 679-4647, or 680-9205 with any questions.

Monica Warren

Monica's cell group meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 18 at 1:15 pm**. Bring the kids for an inexpensive outing and join us at **Old Dutch Ice Cream Shop** on the corner of Old Shell Road and Florida Street. We'll fellowship and talk about the challenges and creative ways to stay motivated while home schooling through the holidays. Contact Monica at mon408@comcast.net or call her at 662-7637 with any questions.



<p><i>Mobile Symphony Youth Orchestra</i></p> <p><i>Fall Concert</i></p> <p><i>Sunday, November 16th</i></p> <p><i>2:00 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>Alabama School of Math & Science</i></p> <p><i>Dauphin Street</i></p> <p><i>Free Admission</i></p> <p><i>MRCs Students participating include:</i></p> <p><i>Benjamin Burleson, cello</i></p> <p><i>Deborah Crabtree, violin</i></p> <p><i>Rebekah Taylor, cello</i></p>
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High School Eastern Shore Shopping Trip

When: Thursday, November 6th

Where: Eastern Shore & Spanish Fort Shopping Centers • **Time:** 1 - 7 pm

RSVP Deadline: November 3rd to Lacie Fink, pinkazaleas@comcast.net

Join your MRCs high school friends for an early Christmas shopping spree on the Eastern Shore. Stores include: Aeropostale, Barnes and Noble, Bass Pro, Belk, Best Buy, Penney's, and Kohl's. We will meet at Cottage Hill Baptist Church's parking lot and carpool with chaperones, shopping, having supper at Chick-fil-A, and returning by 7 pm. RSVP to Lacie today!

10th Grade Cookout & Game Night



When: Thursday, November 13th

Where: Mrs. Greenlee's (Savannah Powell's home)

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

RSVP: Cindy Powell, 423-1249 or lanell123@hotmail.com

Dress warmly as we will have an outside fire and smores! Directions will be emailed.



November Field Trip Details:

Please email Peaches at peachmail@comcast.net or phone her at 661-4034 for further information on any field trip and to receive Field Trip E-Flyers, which have more detailed information, pictures, and maps. REMEMBER make checks to MRCS but mail them with a form to Peaches' home address. **Registration form is located at the top of the following page.**

2008 Alabama Frontier Days

DATE: Friday, November 7th • **DEADLINE:** Wednesday, November 5th • **TIME:** 10 am, all day, leave at your leisure
COST: Students - \$6; Adults - \$7 (plus souvenir money) • **LOCATION:** 2521 W. Fort Toulouse Rd., Wetumpka, AL

The most authentic living history event in the state! Alabama Frontier Days is a reenactment of Alabama's 18th-19th century from French colonial times to the early American period. Includes Native American reenactors, period traders, merchants and entertainers. Alabama Frontier Days is a wonderful opportunity to see the unique culture of the South as it was transformed from Creek Indian lands to pioneer settler forts and homesteads during the period of 1700-1820. French Fort Toulouse will be occupied by a full force of authentically-costumed French Colonial Marines and a War of 1812 camp will be set up next to Fort Jackson. We have also scheduled various demonstrations and period entertainments.

Touch the Earth Indian Festival

DATE: Thursday, November 20th • **DEADLINE:** Wednesday, November 19th • **TIME:** 9:15 am (allow 3 hours)
COST: Per human body - \$8; One parent per family— FREE • **LOCATION:** Gulf State Fairgrounds on Ziegler Rd.

Students will see their culture come to life. While speaking and talking with many native people from many different nations, they will witness colorful dances, stories, and songs. They will see some of the beautiful art work, and authentic artifacts the native people make and use. Touch the Earth brings a balance of education, entertainment and a hands on learning atmosphere for children of all ages!

Playhouse in the Park: *The Life & Adventures of Santa Claus*

DATE: Thursday, December 4th • **DEADLINE:** Tuesday, December 2nd • **TIME:** 8:30 am sharp! (1:15 mins. showtime)

COST: Per human body - \$8 (2 and under free, but **may NOT** occupy a seat; they must be in Mom's lap)

LOCATION: Saenger Theater, downtown Mobile

*The author of *The Wizard of Oz* created this whimsical version of the life of jolly old St. Nick.*

Rails to Trails Family Bike Ride

DATE: Saturday, December 6th • **SOFT DEADLINE:** Friday, December 5th

COST: FREE • **LOCATION:** Hwy. 98 to north on I-59 in Hattiesburg. From I-59 take the Hardy Street exit and go east on Hardy Street to 38th Street (second light). Turn left on 38th Avenue and then right at the next light at 4th Street. The Gateway will be on your left at the foot of the water tower at the northern edge of the USM campus.

Bring your whole family for a great bike ride on what was once a railroad track, but has now been turned into a safe and beautiful bike trail. The entire trail is 40 miles long one way, beginning at the Gateway on the University of Southern Mississippi campus and ending in Prentiss, MS. Each family can cover as much or as little of the trail as desired. For a great day's ride, plan on starting at the Gateway, ride about 2 hours to Sumrall for lunch at Lau-Tori's Fine Foods, then bike back to the starting point. View maps, pictures, and

more at longleaftrace.org. You can rent bikes at the Gateway shop, or we will try to arrange bike transportation if you have bikes but don't have a rack. Direct questions to Peaches at peachmail@comcast.net or Retta Franklin at fran503@bellsouth.net or 649-3943.

Mobile Ballet presents: *The Nutcracker*

DATE: December 12th • **DEADLINE:** Wednesday, December 10th • **TIME:** 9:15 am • **COST:** \$5

LOCATION: Mobile Civic Center, downtown • **AGES:** K5 and up, *only ONE adult/family, per Mobile Ballet-No Exceptions.*



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NAME _____

PHONE & E-MAIL _____

Field Trip/Class/Event (include choice of time/day)	# Adults	# Children	Grades of Children	Amount Enclosed
			Total Enclosed	



Spotlighting Our Students.....

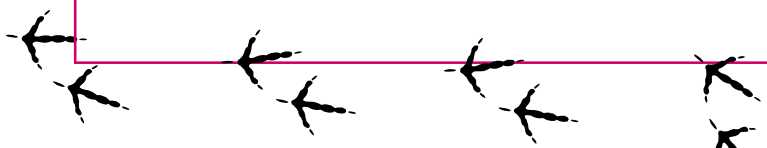
Baxley Stokes recently won second place among elementary students in his district in the Farm-City Poster Contest, sponsored by the Farm-City Committee of Alabama in association with Alabama Ag in the Classroom. He will attend the awards banquet in November and receive his monetary award.



Congratulations to MRCS students, **Olivia Ashurst, Kara Franklin, and Lydia Moore** on being chosen, after auditions, to join the Mobile Ballet Company. Their first production with the company will be *The Nutcracker* in December.

High School Debate Club First Meeting

Date: Monday, November 10th
Time: 2:30 pm until "4 ish"
Place: The Fink Home (address in directory)
 Parents may drop off their high schoolers
Bring: *An Introduction to Argumentation & Debate*, by Christy L. Shipe (HSLDA, \$11), notebook & pen
Sponsors: Douglas & Peaches Fink
RSVP: Lacie Fink, 661-4034 or pinkazaleas@comcast.net
 We will cover the fundamentals of formal debate, including logic, research, affirmative case construction, negative strategies, evidence, delivery, and more. You will need to order the book from HSLDA (www.hslda.org/bookstore/items/DEBATE.asp?PID=7595839750) as soon as possible!



November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 PE Class 2 pm Mobile	5 PE Class 3 pm Bay Minette	6 High School Shopping Spree	7	8
9	10 High School Debate Club	11 Ramsey Cell Group	12 PE Class 3 pm Bay Minette	13 Ewing & Fink Cell Group	14	15
16	17	18 Warren Cell Group	19 PE Class 3 pm Bay Minette	20	21 Home School Chorus Concert	22
23	24	25	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving	28	29
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“If we work on marble, it will perish; if on brass, time will efface it; if we rear up temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of GOD and the LOVE of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity.”
Daniel Webster - American Politician

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Has been collected so far this school year for BoxTops!

Thanks & keep on clipping!



Please deliver newsletter information to Teresa Stokes no later than the 20th of each month: MRCS office or tbstokes@comcast.net or 331-3914.

Low resolution digital pictures, 3.5 pixels or less, are welcomed!

FYI.....

We would like to give you information in this section each month about various classes available to enhance your homeschooling experience. This is a section where you can find out about music, art, and other opportunities available in our area through private or group instruction. Please keep in mind that MRCS does not endorse any particular teacher or class; we encourage you to seek out references for those particular teachers or classes that interest you.

Save the date - Thursday, December 4th, for our annual MRCS Christmas Party. There are more details to come in our December issue.

TeenPact Early Bird Registration remains open through December. For more information, visit their website, www.teenpact.com and click on Alabama for state class information. Also, let Retta know if you plan to attend.

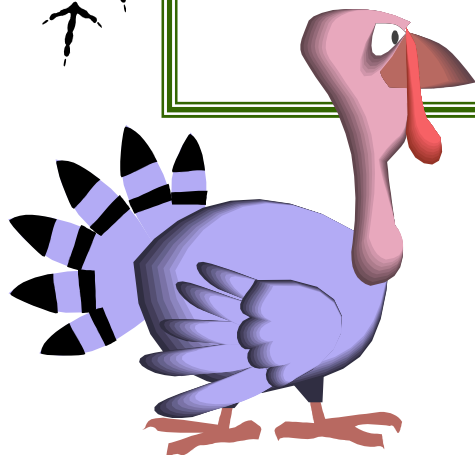
Home School Culinary Class B still has openings, 6th through 12th grade. Class B will meet Wednesday, November 12, 12 noon - 3pm. Class A, which is closed, will meet Thursday, November 20, 12 noon - 3 pm. Cost is \$20 for each monthly class. While teaching kitchen and food prep skills, Chef Stacy oversees the design of a delicious but simple gourmet meal, cooked by teams of our students. Contact Peaches Fink, peachmail@comcast.net.

A Home School Art Exhibition at the University of Mobile will be featured in the Martin Hall Gallery on the university campus November 17-25. Homeschooled high school students are eligible and may submit two- and three- dimensional artwork in a variety of media. An entry form is available at www.umobile.edu/homeschoolart or by calling 442-2283. Submissions are due by noon on **Friday, November 14**. Prizes include \$100 for first; \$50, second; \$25, third.

The 2008-2009 To Kill a Mockingbird Essay Contest, sponsored by The University of Alabama, has a theme of how life has changed in the South from the time period depicted in the book. The statewide winner as judged by The Honors College will receive \$500. The deadline for submissions is **December 12, 2008**. An entry form is available in the MRCS office. For further information, contact Dr. Fran Oneal, (205) 348-5554 or foneal@ua.edu.

The Mobile Regional Science & Engineering Fair will be held Friday, **March 27, 2009**, at the Mitchell Center, University of South Alabama. Sixth through twelfth grade students participating will compete for many awards and prizes including four-year, full-tuition scholarships to USA. The registration deadline is Friday, **February 27, 2009**. More information is available at the fair website, www.southalabama.edu/mrsef.

The KFC Colonel's Scholarship for graduating seniors offers \$20,000 in scholarships to qualifying seniors. The online application, www.kfcscholars.org, will be available from December 1, 2008 - February 10, 2009. Two other helpful financial aid websites include www.fafsa.ed.gov and www.act.org.fane.



***A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving
to all our MRCS Families!***

***"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and
power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."***

Revelation 7:12