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## MA Students Participate in SCISSA Fall Conference



Elected student officers from Marlboro Academy recently participated in the South Carolina Independent School Student Association Fall Conference at the State House. MA students are Chandler Creech, Emma Wells, Chelsea Stroud and Cutter Boyles.

## Dining with Dragons Cookbook By Elise Sanders & Taylor Parrish

Marlboro Academy is publishing a cookbook called *Dining with Dragons*. It includes over 400 recipes from students, parents, grandparents, alumni and dragon friends. The cookbook is also full of colored artwork by students. An art contest was held with all students to decide the cover and dividers. The winning cover design is by Amilee Bigham, a ninth grade student. The cookbook committee worked long and hard on this important project. The committee chair person is Mrs. Kim Haltiwanger. Be sure to support this fundraising effort and order cookbooks for yourself and for gift giving! All proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the BB&B.

## MA Members Participate in "Fiddler On The Roof"

By Taylor Parker



This past month the Marlboro Players performed a reenactment of Hollywood's performance of *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Marlboro Civic Center. Several students and staff were included in this performance. Denise Jones, Raffie Santo Domingo, Joseph Knight, and Chris Sweeney played roles of villagers. Francis Santo Domingo played the role of a Russian, Mary Steven Goldberg played the role of a daughter, and Emmie Beck directed the performance. *Fiddler on the Roof* is a play about a Jewish man and his four daughters whom he attempts to marry off one by one. Love and broken vows stand in the way of a happy and peaceful life for him and his wife. To make matters worse, they are housing another Jewish man who is trying to force his beliefs onto the family and who falls in love with the daughter of his host. (Mrs. Denise Jones on right in photo)

## Fire Prevention and Safety Program

By Taylor Coxe & Brooke Simmons



On October 8, grades PreK through 2nd were visited by Mr. Allen Taylor and Mr. Steve McDaniel from the Bennettville Fire Department. They brought a “smoke house”, a fire truck, and lots of goodies. Chase L. was our volunteer to jump into the “big guy” uniform, and it was a hit with his classmates. Students were excited to “shoot” the fire hose! We should all be proud that our MA students are very knowledgeable when it comes to fire safety & prevention. However, every family in every dwelling should have its own emergency plan and meeting place. Thanks again to our Bennettville Fire Department for making learning fun!

## Gut Busting Giggles

By Taylor Parker



### Signs You Are Too Old For Halloween

1. You get winded from knocking on one door.
2. Someone else must chew the candy for you.
3. You ask for high fiber candy only.
4. Your dentures come out when you try to eat your chewy candy.
5. When someone drops a candy bar in your bag, you lose your balance and fall over.
6. People say, "Great Santa Claus mask!" and you're not wearing a mask.
7. When the door opens, you yell, "Trick or..." and you can't remember the rest.
8. By the end of the night you have a bag full of restraining orders.
9. You have to carefully choose a costume that won't dislodge your hair piece.
10. You're the only Power Ranger in the neighborhood with a walker.
11. You have to ask for directions to get back home.
12. You have to find a costume that matches your cane.

## Annual Giving

By Nicholas Perakis

Annual giving is a fundraiser that assists with the school budget and is held very year in October. It is headed up by the Development Committee with Mrs. Gray Covington as the Chairperson. Any monies contributed are used for the school's benefit. The goal for this year is \$30,000 which is planned to be spent on updating the entrance to the gym, purchasing two smart boards, and supporting the operating budget. [Engraved bricks](#) are being sold for the new sidewalk. Parents and grandparents are asked to donate money for these causes. The sidewalk will provide a more attractive and safer walk to the gym. More smart boards will enhance the students' learning. The engraved brick form is on our school web site at <http://www.marlbوروacademy.com/>

## Soccer

By Ryan Alderman & Walton Calhoun



In recent news, MA's 2010 soccer team is the first to go undefeated by winning all its season games. Supposedly the team was going to play in the playoffs, but SCISSA said they were going on to state. It was a tough loss of 4-1 against Oakbrooke. The Dragon's head coach is Kevin Williams. The seniors on the team are Waylon Cooley, Samuel Clark, Chris Andrews, and Clay Bruner. Even though the team lost the state championship, they had a great year!

## Volleyball

By Kristen Crowley

The Marlboro Academy volleyball team is made up of ten girls. Lizzie Stricklin is the only senior who hits outside. Junior, Charlotte Jackson, is returning as libero. Sophomore, Jena Pate, has gone from setter to middle hitter. The two main setters in the program are freshman, Kellie Crowley, and sophomore, Bailey Jacobs. Freshman, Kristen Crowley, is a right side hitter and strong player. Freshman, Maghan Belcher, plays back row and is a good passer and a good server. Junior, Emma Wells, is a middle hitter and the team's most spirited player. Sophomore, Bailey Dixon, is a great defensive player and has progressed a lot over the year. Freshman, Amilee Bigham, is a libero in training.



## Tennis

By Ella Grace Owens & Rebecca Blackmon



*Tennis is an exciting sport of skilled players. You have to have good footwork, you have to be fast, and you always have to keep your eye on the ball. It can be played in singles and doubles. It was invented by the French in the 12th century and is played in almost every country in the world.* Marlboro Academy offers tennis to Varsity girls and boys. Girls' tennis is played in the fall, and boys tennis is played in the spring. The girls who played this fall season are the following: Seniors: Ruth Lawson Fowler and Deanna Lowery. Juniors: Kathryn Grant. Sophomores: Ellie Fowler and Briana Williams. Freshman: Ella Grace Owens, Rebecca Blackmon, Emily Fournier, and Ashlyn Murray (Pictured left to right: Seniors, Deanna Lowery & Ruth Lawson Fowler)

## Does MA Need a Mascot?

By Emily Fournier

Mascots have been around since caveman times, and since then they have become ultimate entertainers at games. The question is, does Marlboro Academy need a mascot? To answer this question I asked Coach Myers what he thought of the idea.

Coach Myers says, "Marlboro Academy does need a mascot, but have it come to home games only." He also said, "Having a student dressed in a dragon suit couldn't hurt." I asked him what he thinks it takes to be a mascot and he answered, "Guts." I then asked him what he thought would be the perfect name for the mascot (besides MAD Dragon). He answered, "Fire Beast." He also thinks that it could help with fundraisers. He told me that he went to David Millard JR. High whose mascot was a Scottish Terrier. He then went to Ashville High School whose mascot was the Fighting Maroon Devil. After graduating from high school, he went to the University of North Carolina whose mascot is Rameses, the ram.

Then a question popped into my head, "Who would make the perfect "Fire Beast"?" The ninth graders voted that Clay Bruner would be the perfect "Fire Beast" for Marlboro Academy.

So, do you think Marlboro needs a mascot?

## Interview with Mrs. Leslie

By John Rhett Covington and Rob Cribb



Mrs. Leslie proudly says that she has been teaching at Marlboro Academy for “only” thirty-five years. Her favorite subject has always been math which is the reason she teaches this subject to students. “ I enjoy my job here because I enjoy seeing the kids grow up and learn.”

Mrs. Leslie has worked with nine headmasters over her years at Marlboro Academy. She says, “I do not plan on retiring and will probably stay here as long as they will let me.”

Mrs. Leslie has a total of six grandchildren and enjoys spending time with them and playing ball with them.

When we asked Mrs. Leslie if she could beat the high school math teacher, Mrs. Hamilton, in a math competition, she said, “If it was under seventh grade math, I could , but above that I could not!”

The many children that Mrs. Leslie has taught says she *is and was* one of their favorite teachers! ~We Love You, Mrs. Leslie!~

## NEW! DRAGON SINGERS

MA has a new singing group called the Dragon Singers who will be singing our National Anthem at home basketball games. Current members are (left to right) Mackenzie English, Cameron Calhoun, Emma Covington, Jena Ridge, Destiny Day, Mary Steven Goldberg and Gibson McLaurin. We are always looking for new members. You may sing alone, with a partner, or with our current group. If interested, contact Mrs. Kathy Jones at [kjones@marlboroacademy.com](mailto:kjones@marlboroacademy.com)



## BOX TOPS COMPETITION

By Andrew Burroughs

### Where can we find Box Tops?

You can find them on all of General Mills Products. Some examples are Fruit Rollups, toilet paper, Betty Crocker Mixes, Jolly Green Giant, and Pillsbury. Some products offer double box tops!

**What will be done with the Box Tops?** In the past we have bought books for Accelerated Reader and we’ve purchased playground equipment. Every Box Top is worth ten cents.

**Mrs. Beck says,** “Seventh through twelfth grade students can turn box tops in to their homeroom teachers. Pre-K through sixth grade students have a contest each year. At the end of the year the class who wins the contest has a pizza party. The leading class at the end of the month will get a homework pass or extra credit.”

### What are the current standings of the grades as they collect the Box Tops?

1st: Kindergarten, 649	5th: 5th grade, 190
2nd: 4th grade, 288	6th: 2nd grade, 187
3rd: 1st grade, 226	7th: 3rd grade, 177
4th: 6th grade, 207	8th: Pre-K, 170

**TOTAL: 2094 box tops x .10 = \$209.40**

## Class News



The Day of the Dead is a Latin American celebration. Attendees honor their dead friends and relatives by putting their favorite foods, drinks, and flowers on their graves. On this day the people burn incense and candles to welcome the spirits back. November second is the main day of celebration. ~Mrs. Denise Jones

### Seventh Grade Visits Carolina Renaissance Faire-

On October 13, 2010, the seventh grade travelled back in time to the Renaissance Period. Mrs. Covington, several parent chaperones, and the seventh grade students enjoyed a day of feasting, jousting, and attending royal court at the Carolina Renaissance Faire outside of Charlotte, North Carolina. The two events that students enjoyed the most were the jousting tournament and the falconry exhibition. Actors in period garb both demonstrated and explained how these were a part of a village fair or festival during the Renaissance period. Students and parents alike enjoyed the food which included roasted turkey legs, steak on a stick and other fair favorites. Games and booths were also a hit with the kids. The young ladies enjoyed face painting and hair braiding, and the young gentlemen tried their skill at sword throwing and archery. ~Mrs. Gray Covington



Pictured left to right: Jacob O'Tuel, Kyle Blair

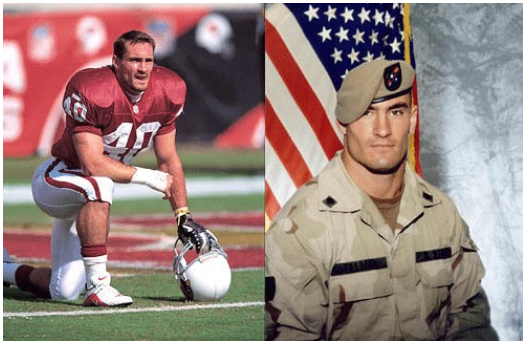


On October 27th, Mrs. Stanton's **6th grade class** participated in the "Read Now" live webcast with Taylor Swift, hosted by Nick Cannon

## SENIORS' HAUNTED HOUSE



MA Seniors had a ghoulishly successful haunted house during the school's Halloween carnival. All construction was done by the students, which included a blacked out room with pathways lined with black plastic. A maze confused the visitors as they left the main room. Then they were met by a "white room" full of ghouls and bloody hand & foot prints. Our visitors were frightened by gory scenes, scary masks, creepy music and special lighting. A great time was had by all. A special thanks to Mrs. Erin Blair who sold our tickets and took care of crowd control! ~Mrs. Kathy Jones



## PAT TILLMAN

By Regan Stubbs

English IV Honors Teacher: Mr. Litchford

In the world today it seems as if everyone is seeking one thing, pleasure. Today's society appears to be all about looking out for oneself. This is no surprise due to the fact who people are choosing to idolize. Celebrities are being mistaken as heroes, when they really shouldn't even be role models. It takes an exceptional person to stand apart from this society, a true hero.

Today, people are easily confused about what a hero should represent. Materialism seems to be taking over and celebrities seem to be setting the examples. Between Britney Spears' vulgar lyrics, Paris Hilton's "get out of jail free" cards, and Lindsay Lohan's substance abuse, young people seem to be steered in the wrong direction. Young people are growing up idolizing these types of people, when they should be looking up to and wanting to possess the qualities of a hero.

Pat Tillman is a prime example of a hero today. He is an exceptional person that stands apart from such a materialistic society. Tillman had the opportunity to live the lavish lifestyle of a celebrity, but he chose reality over fantasy. Instead of choosing the privileged life of a NFL player, Tillman chose the life of a soldier dedicated to fighting for our country. What set Tillman apart from society was the fact he had the chance to live the type of life many fantasize about having, but he chose differently. Ironically, he gave it all up because he felt there was something greater calling his name. Although Pat Tillman may have lost his life, his heroism still lives on and inspires.

It seems as if heroes are becoming more and more scarce, but celebrities are in abundant numbers. Money and fame have come to replace true character and values. Humanity is counting on the Pat Tillmans of the world. After all, "only a life lived for others is worth living".-Albert Einstein

# Kids Say The Darndest Things

By Stephen Andrews & John Beaty

Following Art Linkletter's example from his television show in the 50's and 60's, we asked our Pre-K pupils the following questions:

- Q:** How many baths do you take a year? **A:** Gunner & Josh-1 Grey- 28 Ben & Evan-7
- Q:** What is the proper age to get married? **A:** Ben- when you are dead Berkley J.- at least 5 Joshua-2
- Q:** What would you do if you were invisible for a day? **A:** Grey-nothing Ben- break windows, eat candy and burp
- Q:** How many stars are in the sky? **A:** Ben-all of them Grey-12 Evan- a zillion
- Q:** Who is the president of the USA? **A:** Gunner-God Joshua-Obama
- Q:** Do you have a belly button and why? **A:** Ben-yes, it keeps the food in when you eat Joshua-yes, because it's stinky
- Q:** Why do people dress up for Halloween? **A:** Ben- they are silly and they scare people
- Q:** Who does all the work at your house? **A:** Ben- Gi Gi
- Q:** Who gets you in the most trouble at your house? **A:** Gunner- my dog because he poops on my bed
- Q:** How deep is the ocean? **A:** Gunner- berry deep Evan- 37 deep
- Q:** What is fertilizer? **A:** Ben -a laser gun
- Q:** What is a Cyclops? **A:** Gunner-a clock
- Q:** What is the encyclopedia? **A:** Ben- a video
- Q:** What is Wikipedia? **A:** Gunner- a pinano (piano)
- Q:** What is a convertible? **A:** ALL- a mustang
- Q:** What is a car without a top? **A:** Ben- a Honda



## COLLEGE INFORMATION

By Miranda Williams

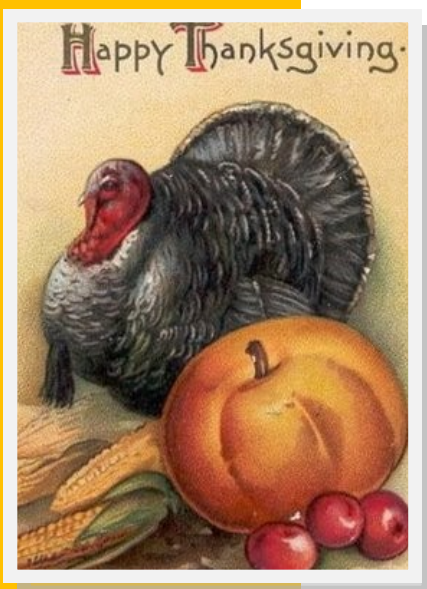


Clemson university was found in 1889. Its setting is suburban and the campus is 1,700 acres. Clemson's ranking of best colleges is 64th. In-state tuition and fees are \$11,958 and out of state tuition is \$27,470. Its 2009 endowment is \$115,894,402. There is a \$60 application fee. It is a 4-year public school. For more information visit [www.clemson.edu](http://www.clemson.edu)

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

By Jessica Freeman

- 4th-Crazy Hat Day
- 5th- Student holiday
- 11th- Interact Club trash pickup
- 13th-Miss Marlboro Pageant 8pm  
Interact club March of Dimes
- 15th- 2nd mid quarter ends
- 17th- Mid quarter reports sent home
- 19th- Kindergarten Thanksgiving feast  
Senior bingo night
- 24th—Alumni Basketball Game  
Spaghetti Dinner
- 24-26th— Thanksgiving holidays



## POP MUSIC'S TOP 15

By Anna Norton

- Eminem- Love The Way You Lie
- B.O.B- Airplanes
- Katy Perry- Teenage Dream
- Rihanna- Only Girl
- Train- Hey Soul Sister
- Bruno Mars- Just The Way You Are
- Selena Gomez- A Year Without Rain
- Lady Gaga- Telephone
- Lady Gaga- Bad Romance
- Katy Perry- California Girls
- One Republic- Secrets
- Jay-Z- Empire State Of Mind
- Nelly- Just A Dream
- Shontelle- Impossible
- Jay Sean- 2012



*"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."*

- Elizabeth Lawrence



# MOVIE REVIEW

By Ashlyn Murray



Everybody loves movies right? Well, check out *Diary Of A Wimpy Kid, the Movie!* It's based on the bestselling book series by Jeff Kinney. It's about a wimpy boy named Greg Hefley and his best friend Rowley on their first day of middle school. They sign up for wrestling and Tigris is beaten by the wimpiest boy in school. Then Greg causes Rowley to break his arm. Then they sign up for the safety patrol. You get the picture... many adventures! This is a good movie for children and for families.

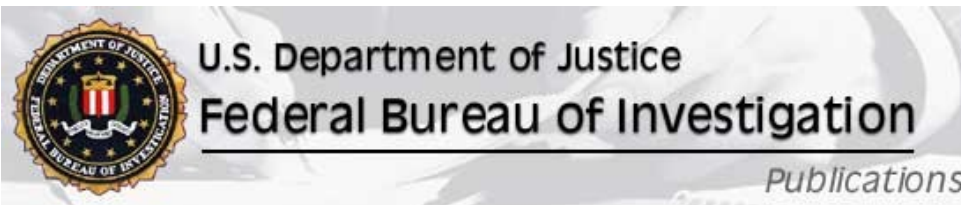
# HOBBIES: Classic Cars

By Wallace Odom



This is a 1975 Camaro Z28. Back in '75, and even today, this car outpaces them all on the track. For a long time people underestimated the power inside the Z28 so everybody wanted the Camaro SS. The Z28 has 245 HP of pure muscle. This is my favorite car because the factory registered the car as 245 HP when it has a lot more. It is closely related to the Pontiac Firebird, but it out-powers it. So if you're looking for a good muscle car, choose the 1975 Camaro Z28!

# INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FROM THE FBI



## Dear Parents:

*Our children are our Nation's most valuable asset. They represent the bright future of our country and hold our hopes for a better Nation. Our children are also the most vulnerable members of society. Protecting our children against the fear of crime and from becoming victims of crime must be a national priority.*

*Unfortunately the same advances in computer and telecommunication technology that allow our children to reach out to new sources of knowledge and cultural experiences are also leaving them vulnerable to exploitation and harm.*

*I hope that this pamphlet helps you to begin to understand the complexities of on-line child exploitation. For further information, please contact your local FBI office or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-843-5678.*

*Louis J. Freeh, Former Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation*

**\*\*The FBI encourages reprinting their safety articles regarding children. Please visit their website for further information: <http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/parent-guide/parentsguide.pdf>**