



MSA Weekly News

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[Galapagos Islands](#)
Check out some of the sites at this beautiful location

[Spirit Wear Sale](#)
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Learn what is going on with your PVA

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Whew!! What a Ride!

No, I'm not talking about the resident Mustang (4 wheeled-kind, not the 4-legged kind) drivers, nor the one that owns the Harley. I am speaking of this week – between the weather and the winter learning trips things have been crazy. Next week will be short, but will get us back on track and in the groove. There is lots going on and there are some **cancellations**, make sure to read all the news below. The only thing this hometown girl has left to say is GO GREEN BAY!

Studio Day is Coming Up



We will be having our 2nd **Mill Springs Academy Studio Day** on **Saturday, January 26th** from **9am – 3pm**. This is a great time for parents and students to work on artwork for the auction that will be held during the Family Dinner in March. All are welcome Community service hours can be earned by students. Bring your creative energy and wear clothes that can get messy! RSVP to **Janet Ford** please. (from Janet Ford)

Winter Learning Highlights

The Upper School students had the opportunity to work out while having fun during the first week of Winter Learning. The students went to the Woodstock Aquatic Center, where they were able to swim in a heated pool while the weather was not so warm outside. Then they learned kickboxing and Jiu Jitsu at Knuckle Up, followed by speed, strength, stability training and yoga at BodyPlex. On Friday they visited the Silver Comet Trail, where they biked for a few miles and enjoyed the beautiful day. We had a group of students go to the Galapagos Islands, near the equator and a part of Ecuador for an awesome creature-filled trip. There was a dude ranch trip, a S.C.U.B.A trip and more cooking school this week. I am sure more pictures will come soon. Pictured are PreUpper students **Destiny Jones** and **Michelle Bonin** working on Lasagna in Cooking School – nice job girls! (from Carolina Ayerbe, Will Turner and Judy Martin)



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Homecoming is Coming!



Beginning on **January 28th** there are daily events in the following order: **Monday** - door decorating contest, **Tuesday** - Crazy Hat/Hair Day (no hair coloring), **Wednesday** – College/Pro Sports Team Day, **Thursday** – Spirit Day with a Pep Rally (Spirit wear tops are OK with uniform bottoms, **Friday** is Homecoming with basketball games and announcement of the King & Queen (PU/CA/U) and Prince & Princess (M) at 4:00pm before the games. On Homecoming, **Friday, February 1st**, students may stay after school **supervised from 3:15 – 4:00pm** in the Assembly Room but **parental supervision** is required **after 4:00** at/during the Homecoming Game. There will be a cook out which begins at 3:15pm with **combo meals of a hamburger or hotdog with a drink, chips and cookie for \$5.00**, additional snacks will be available (prices range from \$0.25 - \$2.50). Parents you are always welcome to join us, the games begin at 4:30. (from Jennifer Kramer)

Looking like it might Snow?



In the event that we have to close school or start late because of **severe weather**, you will be advised in a couple ways. First of all you should **expect** to receive a **phone call from your homeroom advisor**, but **ONLY** if school IS closed. Secondly, as soon as the decision is made the **school's voicemail system** will hold that information (extension 1700). And lastly, it will be **announced via** the following **television stations** – WSB Channel 2, WXIA 11 Alive, Fox 5 Atlanta, and the following **radio stations** – 94 FM, 95.5 FM, 97.1 FM, 98.5 FM, 104.1 FM, WGST 640 AM, and WSB 750 AM.

Booster Club is having a Spirit Wear Sale



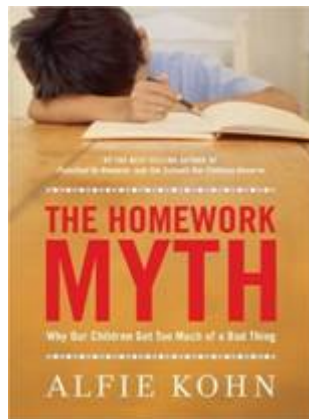
The Booster Club has some inventory that they would like to get rid of and you can help! There are **green and navy hoodies as well as white polos** that were \$25 and are now **\$20**. They also have **grey spirit shirts** that were \$10 and are now on sale for **\$7!** There are many sizes in all items available, but quantities are limited. So get with **Jennifer Kramer** as soon as possible – tell her you heard about it here in the Weekly New. (from Jennifer Kramer)

IDA Presents...Dimensions of Dyslexia



Gordon Sherman, Ph.D. will speak on cerebrodiversity in the classroom. He has over 25 years of research experience related to the development of the brain and the understanding of developmental dyslexia. His address will focus on the implications of the research for teaching and learning, with an emphasis on dyslexia and other diverse learning styles. Join him on **Saturday, February 9th** at the Loudermilk Center at **Georgia State University**. For additional information and registration click [HERE](#).

The Homework Myth



What if homework turned out to be all pain (frustration, exhaustion, family conflict) and no gain? What if claims that after-school assignments promote higher achievement or better work habits were contradicted by research and experience? Alfie Kohn explains why homework persists despite the lack of benefit and invites us to rethink our broader assumptions about children and education. On Thursday, **January 24th** at 7:30pm **Alfie Kohn** will be presenting in the McCain Chapel of Pressly Hall at **The Westminster Schools** (1424 West Paces Ferry Rd, Atlanta, GA 30327). This event is open to all parents, teachers and any other interested individual. Alfie Kohn writes and speaks widely on human behavior, education, and parenting. Please contact The Westminster Schools at **404-355-8673** if you have any questions or www.alfiekohn.org.

Important Dates and Cancellations

Girls Basketball for this afternoon has been **canceled** due to a forfeit by Devereux.

Boys Basketball for Saturday has been **canceled**.

Wrestling tournament for this weekend has been **canceled** because of the uncertainty with the weather this weekend. Wrestlers will be dismissed at regular carpool today.

Mill Springs will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, January 21st** for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

There is an **Public Open House** being held on campus on **Wednesday, January 23rd at 9:00am**. If you know someone that is interested in MSA as an option for their student, this is a great chance for them to see the school.

The **Lower and Middle** schools will be holding their annual **Donuts for Dads** at **8:00am** on **Friday, January 25th** in your respective schools. This is a great opportunity for Dads.

Play IT Safe seminar is being held this weekend on **January 27th** from **6pm – 8pm** at **Alpharetta First UMC** if you missed the opportunities we had here on campus.

See the entire calendar by clicking [HERE](#).

