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Mill Springs Mumbblings



We have had an awesome week with all the college acceptances, make sure you read the article **BELOW**. It's been just wonderful!

Hannah Montana (Miley Cyrus) tickets may be hard to come by, but Milton Police Department was just **giving** tickets away this week. The Fast Drivers Award list is long and distinguished. The last count I heard was Parents – 4 and Students – 3, not counting the student that was able to get just a warning. I guess they are learning something in drama!

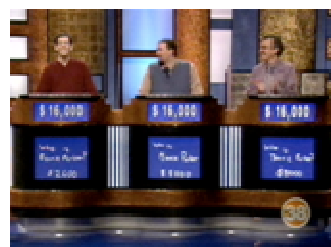
Homecoming week seems to have been a success even though our opposing team forfeited and the players ended up playing the faculty team.

Let's be careful out there!

I'll take "Colleges for \$5,000" Alex!

Ding, ding, ding – that's the Daily Double! The six MSA students that were accepted by colleges this week. Who are Eric Brown, Luke Cunningham, Joe Kushnick, Hunter McCreary, Leah Shepperd, and David Toler? That's correct!

Well, let's start with **Eric Brown**, he was accepted by the **University of North Carolina at Ashville**. That is not his big news though! Here is a quote from an email Eric sent to Susan Day our school counselor: "Um, I'm kinda at a loss for words right now. I just heard back from the **University of Miami**. The words "Congratulations, You're a Cane!" wasn't exactly what I was expecting to see. Never in my life did I see myself getting a yes from a college whose incoming freshmen average 28-32 on the ACT and a tick short of a 4.0 GPA." So I guess he and his family are excited! Eric now has to decide where he wants to go to school in the fall. Then we have **Luke Cunningham** who has been accepted to **Berry College**. **Joe Kushnick** was accepted to his top choice school of **Belmont University in Nashville** Tennessee. **Brevard College** in North Carolina has accepted **Hunter McCreary**. **Leah Shepperd** has been accepted to **Piedmont College**. Lastly, **David Toler** was accepted to



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CONGRATULATIONS to all!

Dimensions of Dyslexia Presented by IDA



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](#).

Varsity Wrestling goes to Regional Tourney!



Our wrestling team travelled to George Walton Academy in Monroe, GA to compete in the GISA Region 1 Tournament Monday. After a long day of competition, six mustangs advanced to the GISA State Tournament which will be held Feb 8th and 9th at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, GA.

Five year veteran and Senior **James Stell** led the team effort with a Silver Medal in his weight class. The other wrestlers to advance were **Scot Perkins** – 4th place at 140lbs., **Doug Seaman** – 4th place at 152lbs., **David Toler** – 3rd place at 160lbs., **Luke Cunningham** – 3rd place at 171 lbs., **Brent Shephard** – 4th place at 215lbs. **James Edwards** and **Alexandra Mail** placed as alternates in their weight classes. There is a multi-team meet Wednesday at Weber School. This will be our final set of Dual Meets before the State Tournament. Beth, Hank, and Chet are very proud of all the wrestlers for their efforts. We have received many compliments from other coaches regarding performance and improvements on the mat, and behavior off the mat! Good luck and Congratulations! (from Chet Burnes)

Winter Learning – College Visits

During the second week of WLP, 24 Upper Students braved the freezing cold weather to visit some local Georgia colleges. We visited **Reinhardt College** in Waleska, **Georgia College & State University** in Milledgeville, **Oxford College of Emory University** in Oxford, **Shorter College** in Rome, **Berry College** in Rome, and the **University of West Georgia** in Carrollton.



Chris Schultz liked West Georgia for its wide variety of majors and activities. **Tyler Morton** liked Berry's campus. **David Toler** appreciated the strong academic focus at GCSU and Oxford, while **Emily Elkind** liked the journalism programs at Berry and Reinhardt.

Overall the students decided that West Georgia had the best food with Shorter as a close second, but Oxford had the best soft serve ice cream. Rumor has it that the girls thought Shorter had the best looking boys. It's good they are evaluating the colleges from all angles! (from Susan Day)

Another Terrific Studio Day



Thanks to the families who came to work on Studio Day! We had twelve families come to work on art for the March auction. It was great to meet siblings and grandparents of MSA students. Lower, Middle, PreUpper and Communication Arts were all represented in the studio. There are still plenty of projects to help complete. **Email Janet Ford** if you would like to be creative with us in the Studio. *Pictured are Lower School student Sam Goldberg and his grandfather painting together.* (from Janet Ford)

New Weather Warning System



Safety of the students, faculty and staff is our main concern at MSA. No weather event is more dangerous than lightning. Because of this threat, we have installed a lightning prediction system. This system can provide advance warning of a lightning hazard, allowing you the time to seek shelter. It continually monitors and evaluates the electrostatic atmosphere and predicts the probability of a lightning hazard in an area up to 15 miles. It also provides information of the risk in the *immediate* area of our campus.

You will be alerted by one loud horn blast that will last 15 seconds and strobe lights on top of the unit will activate and remain active while under a weather alert. Upon hearing the horns, every attempt should be made to seek shelter immediately in permanent buildings or vehicles. Avoid the athletic fields, bleachers, open areas, bodies of water, doors, windows, isolated trees and high elevations.

When conditions are safe to return to your previous activities, three 5-second blasts will indicate that everything is all clear and the strobe lights will cease operation. The horn and strobe light are located adjacent to the tennis courts on the lower athletic fields.

Track and Field Meeting



As you may have noticed...WE HAVE A BRAND NEW TRACK!!! The track team is gearing up for the inaugural season so we need to have a sign-up meeting. It will be held on Wednesday, February 6th at 12:30pm in Victoria's room (PU-304). All interested students should come for a short introductory meeting. There is a possibility that we will have a youth track team as part of the PM program so any student regardless of grade level should come. Youth practice will be held on Monday and Wednesday. Varsity practices will be held Monday – Thursday starting February 19th and their meets will be held on Tuesdays beginning in mid-March. Track and Field includes long distance running, sprint running, high jump, long jump, shot put, relays, and possibly pole vault. There is something for everyone. (from **Victoria Jones**)

Winter Learning Highlights

Transforming the Studio Space was held for two weeks during Winter Learning. The group created four large panels of stained glass that will be hanging in the lobby of

the SAC. The lobby of the SAC now has a colorful ceiling. Each ceiling tile represents an activity that can be done in the SAC. The next time you are on campus take a walk into the Student Activity Center and check out the wonderful work the students have done. *Picture 1: Abby Miles cuts glass for her stained glass panel. Picture 2: Kate Smart paints a ceiling tile for the SAC lobby. Picture 3: Jessica Vosburgh, Dave Friedland, Brian Buxton, and Jake Kamrass are constructing the large panels. Picture 4: Jake Kamrass, Nick Pasquariello, and Jessica Vosburgh are creating paint colors for their paintings.* (from Janet Ford)



Mark Your Calendars!

Lower and Middle Schools ONLY have **Parent Conferences** on **February 7th & 8th** and therefore **Lower and Middle** will have **no school**.

Ground Hog day is February 2nd. Come on Summer!

February 11th is an **Early Dismissal** day for **ALL students** due to a teacher workshop that has been scheduled – **this is a change**. L/M leave at 12:15, PU/CA/U dismiss at 12:30 and the buses depart at 12:45pm.

The school will be **CLOSED** on **February 18th** in observance of President's Day.

PreUpper/Comm. Arts/Upper ONLY have **Student Conferences** on **February 28th & 29th** and therefore **PU/CA/U** will have **no school**.

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

