



MSA Weekly News

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Learn what is going on with

Mill Springs Changes School Color to **Red**

Well OK, maybe not. But you should have been here on Thursday! It seems that everyone got "the memo" about wearing red to school on Valentine's Day. When the students were out walking from one building to another it looked like the Red Sea! Valentine's, little gifts, and candy traded hands and the Booster Club passed out red, white, and pink flowers. Aside from having a chilly start, Valentine's Day seems to have been a success! I hope you had a good day too.

Make sure you check out the latest issue of **Kickin' It** – the Upper School student written newspaper – for their Valentine's Issue. There's lots of great reading inside.

College – Bound Students

Once again we have some really terrific news on the college acceptance front! The following is a list of students and the prospective school that have accepted them.

Molly Dobos – **Andrew College, GA**

Chris Lamb – **Berry College** along with an academic scholarship – Congratulations Chris!

Tyler Morton – **Andrew College, GA**

Leah Shepperd – **Limestone College, SC** and **Brevard College, NC**

James Stell – **Macon State College, GA**

Congratulations and Good Luck to each of you! Keep in touch when you go off to college.



Archery Club – Ready, Aim, Fire!

The MSA Archery Club travelled to Perry, GA on Saturday, February 9th for the state archery competition. This competition was part of the annual Georgia Department of Natural Resources Turkeyrama and Fisharama. The kids were also able to enjoy a cookout hosted by Georgia Outdoor News, a reptile exhibit, giant bungee jumps, a turkey calling contest, and various other outdoors related activities and exhibits. MSA is participating in this program as part of the NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program), which is geared towards reincorporating



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archery for boys and girls in school curricula, provides equipment grants, and instructor training for schools including an archery unit in their curriculum. This is our first year with the program but we are off to a good start. Over 20 kids participate in the after school archery program and we hosted the state archery instructor training in November. Five teachers received instructor certificates including Katy Kane who will begin introducing the sport in PE classes during Spring semester. We will continue to offer archery as part of the PE curriculum during Spring and as part of the Fall and Winter PM Programs. (from Victoria Jones)

Upcoming Parent/Teacher Workshops

There are a couple parent workshops that are coming up you might be interested in attending. These workshops are sponsored by the Georgia Educational Training Agency.

The first one is titled “**Understanding Autism**” and Kelle Laushey, Ph.D. will be presenting on **March 4th** in the PreUpper School Great Room from **8:30am to 11:30am**. This free workshop is designed to help parents understand the nature of Autism and how they can structure the home environment to facilitate language skills, social skills, behavior skills and independence. This course will give examples to assist parents with children ages’ pre-K through high school. Call or **email Cheri Harwood** to sign up to attend this workshop.



On **March 8th at 8:30 – 2:30pm** there will be a session with Jean DeRosa on **Identification, Assessment Strategies for Students with Dyslexia**. This session is designed to equip the classroom teacher and special education teachers with skills and techniques to identify, assess and successfully teach children who struggle to read. Register for this workshop **HERE** by clicking on “Registration Form” for this session.

SOAR – SOuthern Area Rocketry



February 2nd's launch had nearly perfect weather. The wind was mostly calm, except for a brief time that saw three or four rockets claimed by the rocket-eating trees. Spot Landing was won by Lower School's **Thomas Moore**, with a little help from second place finisher Jorge Picabea. Since Jorge was the sponsor of the second place prize, that prize went to third place finisher John Lawrence. If you'd like to get involved or watch, the next launch will be Saturday, February 23th from noon to 5:00pm at Mill Springs Academy. *Pictured: Jorge Blanco handing out prizes to Thomas Moore and John Lawrence (from parent Jorge Blanco)*

GISA Championship Wrestling Tourney

The Mustang Wrestling team traveled to Riverside Military Academy last weekend for the GISA State Championship Tournament. Seven Varsity wrestlers qualified for the tournament, six were able to attend. Representing MSA were Seniors **Luke Cunningham, David Toler, James Stell;** Sophomore **Scot Perkins;** and Freshmen **Doug Seaman** and **Brent Shephard.** **Alexandra Mail** qualified, but was ill and unable to compete. Manager **Meagan Kennedy** also traveled to support the team.



All of the wrestlers fought hard through early rounds and every wrestler won those matches, many of them very close. David Toler won his matches and advanced to the second day of competition. Several other coaches complimented our team on their skills and determination.

Chet would like to thank Beth Sawyer and Hank Jones for their assistance in the season and during the competition. Also thanks to the faculty and administration for their support and patience throughout the season. (from Chet Burnes)

It's that Time of Year – Coke Sale Time



The MSA Booster Club is only holding ONE Coke Sale this year so make sure you get your order in before times up! The [Coke Sale](#) will take place February 25th through March 14th. Enjoy Coca-Cola products and help support MSA Sports. Stock up for your family and business! Sell to neighbors, businesses and friends! The top seller on each level will receive \$50 cash and every homeroom that has 100% participation (each student sells 3 cases) will receive an Out of Uniform Day. [HERE is a link to the flyer](#). Watch for sales information coming home next week. Coke orders can be picked up on Saturday, March 29th at the Family Dinner. (from [Jennifer Kramer](#))

Your PVA Needs YOU!!!



The PVA (Parent Volunteer Association) is in need of a Vice President and Treasurer for next school year's PVA Board. Here's your chance to get involved and help make a difference for your child's school. Please contact Michelle Bergeson if interested at 404-931-4088 or send her an [EMAIL](#). (from [Michelle Bergeson](#), PVA President)

Once in a Blue Moon



We use this term "Once in a Blue Moon" in our everyday language. The definition of the term Blue Moon is debated and it seems that there are actually two definitions. The modern definition of a "Blue Moon" is the second full moon in a calendar month. This happens roughly every two years and nine months! Now you know how often "Once in a Blue Moon" really is. The next one will be coming to the sky near you in December of 2009.

The second more complicated definition can be reviewed if interested at [THIS LINK](#), which is where I found the modern definition as well. My Grandma used to tell me, "you learn something new every day" so here is my something for today.

Calendar Notes

School is CLOSED on Monday, **February 18th** for President's Day.

Spring Sports begin on Tuesday, February 19th.

Winter PM Program Ends on Thursday, February 21st.

On **Thursday, February 21st** we are holding **Transition Night for Parents** of rising 5, 7, and 9th grade students in the Great Room of the PreUpper building.

The **PVA meeting** will be held on Monday, **February 25th at 8:15am** in the Upper School Conference Room.

Spring PM Program Begins on Monday, February 25th.

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

We will be having **Early Dismissal** on Friday, **March 7th** for the Mid-Winter Break for all students. Lower/Middle will dismiss at 12:15pm, PreUpper/CommArts/Upper will dismiss at 12:30pm. The buses will depart approximately 12:45pm.

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

