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Mill Springs Movement



It seems that Mill Springs Academy is a favorite resting point for migrating **Sandhill Cranes**. These birds stand almost four feet tall and at least 25 of them were spotted on the "pond" behind the new track. Their flight was delayed due to inclement weather this past weekend and they visited Atlanta a bit longer than they anticipated – sound familiar? Hope they didn't lose their luggage.

In the Alumni arena this week we found MSA Class of 2007's (voted Most Athletic by students at MSA) **Rachel "#5" Laskey** playing Lacrosse at **Greensboro College** check out her team!

Basketball Tournament Winners - Go Mustangs!

If you have visited the Administration building this week you would have seen the two large trophies on the desk as you walk in. The varsity girls and boys played some outstanding basketball this past Friday as both teams took on a Brandon Hall team in the season ending basketball tournament – Atlanta Athletic conference. The girls took third place and the boys were runner up in the championships. I am proud of the effort and all the hard work put in by both teams. I can't wait until next season! On June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th from 9am – 3pm, MSA will host its sixth annual basketball camp. Brochures are available from the front office in Administration or from Coach Hanson. *Pictured in front: **Kirsten Smith, Holly Thillet, Abby Miles, Loran Putnam, Alexis Karkula, Allison Ashlock, Alaina Macke**. Pictured in back: Coach Kramer, Coach Jones, **Kate Smart**, Coach Robinson (from James Sampson)*



Congratulations Team Mustang!

National Merit Finalist

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The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) – a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.4 million entrants each year – and by meeting published program entry/participation **requirements**.

MSA Senior **Joe Kushnick** has been named a National Merit Finalist. Out of the 1.4 million entrants, 16,000 are selected as semifinalists, that group is shrunk to 15,000 who are chosen, as Joe has been, to be finalists. Soon approximately 8,200 of those students will be awarded scholarships.

Good Luck and Congratulations Joe!

Spring PM Program – Horse Program Change



Just a reminder that the Spring session of the PM Program will start up on Monday. So if your student is signing up for something fun during the week, please get their registration forms in on Monday so we have good headcounts. There are some new activities going on such as bowling and the horse barn.

If your student plans to participate in the horse program it is important that you contact Victoria before noon on Monday, as there has been a change to the venue. The program will be held at **The Art Barn** which is in Canton and the pick-up timing has also changed. This is open to students in grades 1-8. You are welcome to contact Victoria Jones over the weekend, to get the details, on her cell phone at 404-312-2195.

What time is it? It's 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 begin Monday, February 25th and end 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**. Coke orders should be picked up on Saturday,

March 29th at the Family Dinner and Auction. (from **Jennifer Kramer**)

Understanding Autism



Mill Springs will be hosting a workshop titled “**Understanding Autism**” and Kelle Laushey, Ph.D. will be presenting it 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. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Cheri Harwood** at 770-360-1336 to reserve your place at the workshop. (from Janet Ford)

Dyslexia Strategies



On **March 8th and 15th 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. This two-day workshop earns 1 PLU credit if needed. Register for this workshop **HERE** by clicking on “Registration Form” for this session. (from Janet Ford)

Did you know...?



When you or your child gets frustrated because of their ADHD, it is good to remember that there are many famous individuals that have ADHD/LD. There is *Elvis Presley* or better known as THE KING of Rock-n-Roll. *Leonardo da Vinci* the painter, sculptor, mathematician, engineer and scientist, just to name a few of his passions. Then we have Eleanor Roosevelt one of America’s great civil rights advocates. There is also *Walt Disney* who has probably influenced every child in some way. And don’t forget *Edgar Allan Poe* the great writer and poet. The legacy these individuals have left behind

still touch us today and we are certain that there is an Eleanor Roosevelt buried deep inside one of our children just waiting to come out if given the right opportunities!

People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously. This is how character is built. –Eleanor Roosevelt

Things to Come

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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](#).
