



# MSA Weekly News

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## What YOU did on Spring Break

In 500 words or less share with the community what you did over your Spring Break!

I have talked with a lot of you over the course of this week and found out that as a community, we have gone to some pretty awesome places! Many families have gone to the beach (as evidenced by the beautiful tans), in many places – Florida, Cancun, Alabama, just to name a few locations. A couple have been to visit Mickey Mouse and friends and another family went to see Amsterdam and enjoyed a visit to Legoland. Some of us stayed home and did some projects around the house. Regardless of what activities you did, it sounds like everyone had fun! I hope you had a great time as well. Welcome back and to quote Robert Moore upon returning:

“It’s all downhill from here!”

## Cat in the Hat visits MSA

In the Administration building we are lucky enough to get special performances by Donna Moore’s first grade class throughout the year. These performances are always very cute and they give the students an opportunity to practice before their BIG performance. This particular performance was last night for Lower School’s Year End Accomplishments. During their Accomplishments Night the students called an emergency “Community Meeting” to give feedback to Becky Dixon, Lower School Principal. Evidently Becky received good feedback and can stay at Level L through the end of the year, after that though it’s down to Level R for “Retirement”! *Pictured are the First Grade Cat in the Hat’s: **Jacob Humes, Timmy Provost, Michael Healey, David Cicco, Gracie Bernstein, Christopher Walker, Korede McCoy** and their fearless teacher Donna Moore.*



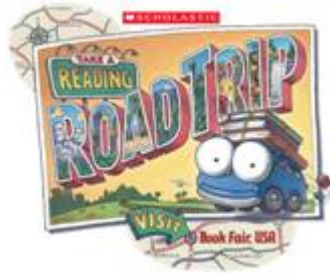
## NEXT WEEK - Take a Reading Road Trip!

School Calendar on the MSA website

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Pack your bags! It's time to Take a **Reading Road Trip** across the nation! Our premier stop for the Spring 2008 season will be **Book Fair, USA**, where you'll find carloads of books for every kind of traveler. So, rev up your engines and come on over to the Mill Springs Book Fair, **Monday, April 21 to Friday, April 25**. Come and see out our **new location in the Fine Arts Building**. Teacher wish lists will be posted and gift certificates in \$5.00 denominations will be available as well. (from Melissa Woolf, library)

## PVA's Heartfelt Gratitude



The MSA PVA would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of the families, friends, faculty and staff that supported the MSA Family Dinner and Auction held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. This event was the largest PVA sponsored fundraiser our school has had and it was a huge success with almost 500 people attending, Food, fun, raffles, and bidding were enjoyed by everyone, and YOU helped us raise over \$25,000 to be used to assist in purchases for and improvements to our band, chorus, drama, and art departments. This whole event would not have been possible without the support of our entire MSA family. Thanks again for the huge turnout and support. (from Michelle Bergeson, PVA President)

## Support the Arts Day – Tuesday, April 29



Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> will be MSA's Support the Arts Day! All students who purchased a custom made t-shirt from the Fine Arts Department as of today, will be allowed to wear his/her shirt to school on the 29<sup>th</sup> (they must wear uniform pants or skirt with the t-shirt). Shirts will be in the hands of the buyers by the end of the school day on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. If your student has not purchased a t-shirt yet, Tuesday is the day to "shop" and see all the cool designs and color combinations really look like. Students can "support the Arts" by ordering a shirt that day! Show your spirit and Support the Arts. (from Janet Ford) *Pictured is one of the t-shirt designs which was created by David Herman.*

## Track goes the Distance!

Our newly established Youth track team competed on Tuesday against Bridgeway Christian. This was a first for both schools. The students all had a great time and came away with armfuls of ribbons. Robert Moore was even spotted working our fancy new timing equipment! Thanks to all the parents and staff who helped out with timing, supervision, concessions, and on the grill - Mr. Palmer, you may have found a new calling with the grill!



Thursday evening we returned sunburned and happy from our first ever appearance at the GISA Regional Championship where several Varsity runners faced some tough competition. **Alaina Macke** returned with two first place trophies, besting the second place discus thrower by over 10 feet! **Luke Cunningham** took 4th place in the 3200 with a heart-stopping race to the finish and a personal record of 11:44. *These two will advance to the State Championship in Albany next week- a first for MSA.* **Patrick Marco** set a personal best in the 2800. **Dave Friedland** also set a personal record in the 1600 by almost 30 seconds - another good finish. **Alexis Karkula** and **Chris Magill** stirred up the competition in the 100, 200 and Long Jump! In over-all standings, the ladies took 4th place and they beat out whole teams by themselves! The boys tied for 4th with Hidden Lake. Thanks to Mr. Cunningham for taking pictures.

The U/PU/CA Varsity team will compete on Tuesday at MSA for the AAC Championship. This is the last competition for the season as a team. What a fantastic week! Come cheer us on! (from Victoria Jones)  
Pictured Left: Student - Holy Spirit Preparatory.  
Right: **Luke Cunningham**

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## Sign Up for 2008-09 Elective Courses

OK, we aren't actually offering skydiving – but I got your attention!



MSA will be offering online selection of elective courses for the entire 2008-09 school year for returning students through Net Classroom. Online Registration now replaces paper requests. Course Catalogs are available electronically in Net Classroom under Announcements. Please review the catalog to screen for prerequisites and instructor approval requirements. Enrollment in selected electives is

subject to interest and scheduling constraints.

Online Registration is for your convenience; incomplete registrations will result in your electives being selected for you. **Registration will be open April 14, 2008 through May 16, 2008.** If you have any questions about Online Registration, please contact **Paul Barkley**.

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## Baseball Home Opener



### **Official Home Opener Baseball Game**

Wednesday, April 23

On the NEW MSA Baseball Facility

3:30pm – Opening Ceremonies

4:00pm – Game begins

Fun, food, play by play commentating, and more!

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## Fine Arts Spring Musical & Student Art Exhibit

*Join us for the Fine Arts*

*Spring Musical and Student Art Exhibit*



### **Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm – Gallery opens

8:00pm – *Pippin* begins

### **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

4:00pm – Gallery opens and *Pippin* begins

8:00pm – Second showing of *Pippin* begins

\$6 for Art Alliance Members (family limit of \$20)

\$8 for non-Alliance Members (family limit of \$25)

Light refreshments will be served during each of the 8pm shows. (from Janet Ford) *Pictured is one of the new pieces of artwork in the stairwell of the TLM Student Activity Center done by **Nick Pasquariello, Leah Shepperd, and Jessica Vosburgh.***

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## Not So Sticky-Notes



If I could email you some sticky-notes with important tidbits of info on them, here is what they would say:

Soon it will be time to sign up for 2008-09 electives. **HERE** is the Electives Course Catalog when we come back from Spring Break registration will begin.

Don't forget to **pick up your Coke products** in the **PreUpper** building.

Tennis Players are NEEDED: "Serve it up for Athletics" **Tennis Tournament registration ENDS** on Friday, **April 18** – **register HERE today!**

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## Coming Soon @ MSA



**Prom** will be held in the Upper School Great Room on **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. The theme is "China".

**April 21-25** is the **Book Fair** and it will be held in the **Fine Arts building**.

**PreUpper Building Open House** on Sunday, **May 4<sup>th</sup>** from **1:30pm to 4pm**. Come for a self-guided tour.

The **Sports Banquet** is being held Thursday, **May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in the gym. The ticket cost is \$10 per person (athletes are free). Please **RSVP via email to Jennifer Kramer** or call her at 678-893-7791 by May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Sports Physical Day** is **May 10<sup>th</sup>** from 10am – 6pm and the **cost is \$60**. Schedule an appointment with **Jennifer Kramer**.

*There are only 5 weeks of school left. ☺*

See the entire calendar by clicking **HERE**.

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## Correction



I knew it was inevitable, with all the students in the tennis photo last week, I got a name incorrect. I inadvertently indicated Chandler Sawyer as being on the tennis team and on the second row of that photo. However, the student in the middle row standing next to Coach Brian Buxton is none other than **Craig Tillison!** Craig I apologize for getting it wrong.

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## Character Quote of the Week



Act as if you were  
already happy and that  
will tend to make you  
happy.

-- Andrew Carnegie

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To: Board of Trustees, All Mill Springs Parents, Newsletter Friends, and All Staff/Faculty