



# MSA Weekly News

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## Web Links of Interest

### Art Auction

*List of items they would like to have donated*

### IDA website

*International Dyslexia Association national organization*

### IDA Georgia Chapter

*Local chapter*

### Dyslexia Dash

*Locate or Donate to the Dash*

### Rick Lavoie Information

*Info & inspiration for parents & teachers of children with LD*

## Multiple Choice Question

This week at Mill Springs was a busy and interesting week, so let's see if you are up on all of the latest happenings with a multiple choice question.

Which of the following took place at Mill Springs during the course of this week:

- a) Our boys cross country team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Conference;
- b) In front of the security camera, the tree in the parking lot was toilet papered;
- c) We held an all school Emergency Evacuation Drill;
- d) Middle School's Level L/R group went to Skidaway Island overnight; or
- e) All of the above.

Well if you recall your lessons from your SAT preparation days, you know that when the option "all of the above" is listed chances are pretty good that is the answer – this situation is no different! We have had a busy week!

## IDA's Dyslexia Dash



MSA Student **Matthew Murr** of Middle School fame, wins first place in most money raised for the race held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Riverside Park in Roswell. He raced in honor of Tweetie L. Moore, founder of Mill Springs Academy, and raised nearly \$2000 for the event. The Dyslexia Dash benefits the International dyslexia Association (IDA) Georgia chapter. Matthew also placed third in his age category in the run.

## The Welcome Mat is Out at Mill Springs!!



MSA Parent, Greg Cryan, accepted a nomination to the Board of Trustees this month. He and his wife, Paula, have a daughter, Ali Cryan, at the PreUpper School. Greg is president at Meridian Insurance.

We have a new Librarian who joined us just in time for a very successful Book Fair (sales of \$6030.00). Woody Driskill comes to us from the DeKalb Public School system and has jumped in with both feet. If you haven't already met Woody, stop by the library and say "hi".

[MSA Home Page](#)

*Find everything you need to find about MSA is here*

[MSA PVA Web Site](#)

*Learn what is going on with your PVA*

[MSA October Calendar](#)

*School Calendar on the MSA website*

[MSA November Calendar](#)

*School Calendar on the MSA website*

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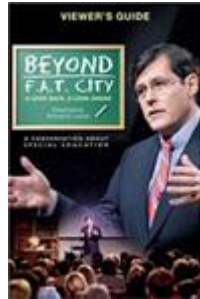
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A big MSA Welcome to you both!

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## Fathers' Night with Robert



On Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm Robert Moore, will be hosting Fathers' Night. With a pizza and wing snack dinner, Robert will be presenting the F.A.T. City Workshop video "How Difficult Can This Be?" by Richard D. Lavoie, a nationally known expert on learning disabilities. Lavoie shows why the classroom can be an intimidating place for kids with learning disabilities. After the video you will explore what it means for our children to be LD and/or ADHD with Robert. If you haven't already, please [RSVP to Cheri](#) for this Dad's only event. It will be worth your time.

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## MSA Band Program gets Musical Donation



Friday last week we had a wonderful visit with Joe and Geree Smoak, grandparents of CommArts Student **Jared Smoak**. Mr. Smoak has had a lifelong love of music and playing the saxophone, but because of failing eye sight and hearing he is no longer able to read the music and play instruments, so he donated his tenor saxophone, an alto sax, and a flugelhorn which have all been complete repaired and overhauled to top working order. The music he donated spans from the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to the present. It is a lifetime's collection of mostly popular music. It was difficult for him to give up his beloved hobby, but he wanted these things put to good use. We are ecstatic to have them as part of the MSA Band! Thank you so much. (from Elizabeth Plastiak)

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## Interactive Parent Discussion Planned



Cynthia Montalvo, MSW, who has been a therapist in the Alpharetta area for the past 30 years is coming to share her experiences with you regarding "Positive Reinforcement for your Exceptional child". This will be an interactive discussion held on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to Noon. This event is sponsored by your PVA. (from Michelle Bergeson)

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## Cross Country AAC Championship

The Mustang boys cross country team brought home a hard-won Runner-Up trophy from the AAC Championship last night. The team consists of **Luke Cunningham, Alex Williams, Josh Turner, Dave Friedland, Patrick Marco, and Chris Magill**, all of whom have recorded personal records at this conference, which is evidence of their best performances. **Ashley Wheeler** represented the ladies and earned a second place medal in the individual awards. The boys were neck-and-neck with Cottage and beat out Hidden Lake and Westminster. This is the first championship trophy won by the varsity cross country team. We are so proud of these kids!



We will travel to Newnan for the GISA Regional Championship on Saturday. The competition will be a little tougher there and we are looking forward to the challenge. (from Victoria Jones)

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## Studio Day in the MSA Art Studio



Parents and students are invited to come create in the MSA Art Studio on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Our focus will be preparing and beginning to create artwork to be sold at the auction during the MSA Family Dinner in March. Lots of prep work and preliminary ideas will be shared...and then we will CREATE!

The Studio will be open from 9am – 3pm and you are welcome to come anytime during the day and stay as long as you wish! Please [RSVP to Janet](#) to let us know you will be joining us on STUDIO DAY. (from Janet Ford)

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## Going to the Soccer Playoffs! Go Green!



The Mustangs defeated Gables Academy 7-0 Tuesday afternoon to complete the regular season 6-5-1 in conference play. With an overall record of 8-7-1, the Mustang machine rolls into the playoffs, which started Thursday at 4:00pm at Brandon Hall. The Mustangs were defeated by the #1 seed and undefeated Hidden Lake Lions, but return to the action on Friday afternoon to play in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place match against the Howard School 2:00pm. (from Jonathan Marston)

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## Spruce Up Day @ MSA



We are having a "Spruce Up Day" for the Nelle Lewis Memorial Garden and School entries to add some Fall color on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30am to 10:30am. MSA Parent Volunteer Association (PVA) will provide all planting materials. The garden is located adjacent to the visitor parking across from the Middle and PreUpper buildings.

Just bring your favorite spade and your enthusiasm! See you there! (from Michelle Bergeson)

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## Building Nears Completion



The new PreUpper building is nearing completion and move in is slated for during the Winter Holiday break. This past week the students were able to get their first look at their new space. On the wall where the lockers will be installed the students wrote messages to future generations of MSA students to find as a legacy from the current classes of 2012 and 2013. The excitement is building and we can feel it!

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## Dates to Remember

**Founders Day** is Saturday, **October 20<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30am – 1:00pm. Non- uniform activity, dress appropriately.

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 8:15am is the **PVA Meeting** in the Upper School.

Robert will be holding a **Fathers' Night** at 7:00pm on **October 25<sup>th</sup>**. Dad's should [RSVP HERE](#).

MSA has **Early Dismissal** on **October 26<sup>th</sup>** busses will leave campus at 12:45.

Teacher Work Day on Monday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>** for the GISA Annual Meeting, there will be **NO CLASSES**.

The Atlanta Food Bank **Canned Food Drive** begins on **November 12<sup>th</sup>** for all Schools.

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

