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Student published magazine, see what our students are writing and reading

Nurse Ann's Flu Facts
Get the facts before it's too late

GA College 411
Get more info on planning, applying and paying for college

Georgia ETA
Other parent workshops

The "S" Word



Listening to the news this morning I heard them mention the "S" word (Snow that is – I know you were thinking the same thing that Lucy is thinking). Yes that was in the Rocky Mountains, but it reminded me of years gone by when I lived in Wisconsin and we wore our winter coats under our Halloween costumes (it feels like yesterday, but I was much younger then).

Anyway ... it has been a long and full week and we are looking forward to having Monday off (yes, we are closed on Monday and Robert lets me have the day off as well – Thank You). PU/CA/U had student conferences this week so that side of the campus was pretty quiet. But there was no lack of activity on this side of campus. There was one day we noticed that the playground was exceptionally noisy. We had really pretty weather that day and I think EVERYONE played outside. Make sure you check out all the great things that happened this week below!

Coming up tomorrow (Saturday) there are Volleyball tournaments in Gainesville at Brenau, then Soccer Championships later in the week on our beautiful field. It's Lower and Middle's turn to have parent conferences. We also have some students traveling to West Georgia for the One-Act Play Competition. Stay tuned for more news next week.

Happy Columbus Day!

!!!GREAT BREAKING NEWS!!!



We now have a Wii! In addition to all of the AWESOME baskets for raffle on Founders' Day – you will now be able to put your raffle tickets in to win a Wii! Don't miss out!

(Now isn't that better than most of the breaking news you've heard lately???)

College Acceptance News

MSA Sports Calendar
*The most current information
when it comes to MSA Sports
Schedules*

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*

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This has been a busy week for college acceptances for our seniors!

Southern Polytechnic State University has accepted **Logan Boylan**.

Matthew Freeman has been accepted to **Reinhardt College**.

The **University of Tennessee at Chattanooga** has accepted **Nick Pasquariello**.

Mason Pritchard has been accepted to **Western Kentucky University**.

Cameron Thompson has been accepted to the **University of West Georgia**.

Congratulations to all!



Donor Recognition Dinner

Mill Springs' Board of Trustees
Will be hosting a Donor Recognition Dinner
On Thursday, October 30
In the Tweetie Lewis Moore Student Activity Center
In honor of all of our campaign contributors.



Wine and cheese reception at 6:30pm
Dinner and program begins at 7:00pm

If you have not already done so, please confirm your attendance with **Leila Smith** in the Development Office or call her at 678-893-7777

Guess Who is Behind that Gala Mask????

This past week's Mystery Masked Person was none other than Beth Sawyer – she stumped everyone!



Each week between now and the February 7th "A Night in New Orleans" Gala, you will be given the chance to guess which MSA staff member is behind the Gala mask! All MSA Parents are eligible. If there are multiple winners any given week, there will be a drawing of one name from all of the winners. *The lucky winner will receive \$5.00 in Gala Bucks which can be used towards the purchase of a Gala ticket!* Email **Your PVA President** with your guess today! (from Michelle Bergeson) *Pictured: GUESS WHO?*

Lady Mustangs Volleyball



Please congratulate the Lady Mustangs Volleyball team for their win over The Cottage School. The team won the match in three straight games. All the players played a very important role in the win. We defeated The Cottage School by a score of 4-0! Way to go ladies!!

Congratulations!

(from Coach Karen and Coach James)

Father's Night is Coming!



What is LD? What is ADHD? Come to explore these issues with your host Robert Moore, President of MSA. He 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.

Thursday, October 23, 2008
7:00pm

Student Activity Center
Snack supper provided

Richard Lavoie shows why the classroom can be an intimidating place for kids with learning disabilities. He leads a group of parents, educators, psychologists, and children through a series of exercises that cause **Frustration, Anxiety, and Tension** ... feelings all too familiar to children with LD's. By dramatizing the classroom experience so vividly, Lavoie lets us see the world through the eyes of a child. At the end of the workshop, participants discuss strategies for working more effectively with learning disabled children. This is a Dad's **ONLY** event! Please RSVP [HERE](#).

Founders Day!!



Please remember
Founders Day is on Saturday, October 25th

Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm

In the MSA Fields

Volunteers will direct the traffic so you can't miss it!
Jump & Slide is providing the obstacle course, big slide
and moonwalk!

Sonny's Barbecue is providing the food.

Little Red Barn is bringing animals for the kids to
brush, pet, and cuddle! (sorry, no snakes or alligators!)

PVA is sponsoring the "Basket Raffle"

(from Leila Smith)

Basket Raffle can be FOUND sooner this year!

This year's MSA Basket Raffle will be held at Founder's Day on Saturday, October 25th. A preview for all levels will be held on October 14th in the gym. Tickets will be sold and can be put in the basket boxes at the preview. Monetary donations are still welcome and greatly appreciated. You do NOT need to be present to win.



Boys' Big Fun Basket

This year's awesome basket themes are:

- Wii Rock Band
- Nintendo DS
- Camp Rock/High School Musical/Hannah Montana/Jonas Brothers
- Girls' Shopping Spree
- Boys' Big Fun
- Star Wars
- Polly's/Littlest Pet Shop

For more information, please contact **Beth Jacob** at 770-410-9913 or **Melissa Goldberg** at 678-39-0139. (from Beth Jacob)

Reading Safari is a Big Game Success!

Our fall Scholastic Book Fair was a great success, thanks to the tremendous efforts of all the parent volunteers, and to the parents, teachers, and students who visited the fair. We sold well over \$5000 worth of books and other fair materials, in spite of gas shortages and economic conditions.

The book fair is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to examine newly published books as well as a lot of favorites. Not only does the fair help to foster an interest in reading, proceeds from the fair help us to make great additions to our library collection and to the program. In addition to library materials, we have recently added new equipment, including a listening station with headphones, a reading area rug and bench, and projector carts with funds generated by our book fairs.

Many students were able to spend "Mustang Bucks" which they had earned by completing library activities. A big thank you goes to all who participated in making the fair a success. (from Woody Driskill, famed Media Coordinator)



Middle School students pictured are: *Caroline Berman, Garrett McCarthy, Matthew Murr, Colin Nelson, Quint Foster, Daniel Schmidt, Tania Colizza, and Morgan Taylor*. Picture courtesy of Angel Murr.

A Night in New Orleans GALA



The planning is in full swing. The Gala will be held February 7th at the Metropolitan Club in Alpharetta. Therefore we are in need of volunteers to help with the chairing, planning, or executing the event. Areas in need include publicity, acquisitions, live and silent auction, and corporate sponsorship. If you would like to be a member on a committee, chair a committee or help out the night of the event please attend our next meeting. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to learn more about how to get involved please call Michelle Bergeson at 404-931-4088 or Jennifer Mercer at 678-576-2995. Hope to see you there ! (from Michelle Bergeson)

ADHD Workshop is Quite an Event!

The Parent Workshop on ADHD was quite an event! Lower, Middle, PreUpper and Upper were all represented.

Dr. Kelle Laushey facilitated the workshop for the evening. She has facilitated an Autism Workshop for MSA Parents and a 10-hour Course on Autism for MSA and local teachers, as well as a 10-hour course for MSA teachers on ADHD.



Click on **THIS LINK** and **THIS LINK** for examples of behavior systems she uses in her home and recommends to others. A few books that were recommended during the evening were: *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* (Jack Gantos), *Junie B. First Grader: Toothless Wonder* (Barbara Park), and *Niagara Falls, or Does It?* (Hank Zipzer). Questions or comments? Contact Dr. Laushey at klaushey@geogiaeta.com.

The next Parent Workshop will be held on November 11th in the PreUpper Great Room (parking will be in the back parking lot past Administration). "Helping Boys Succeed in School" with Brenda Fitzgerald, Ed.S. Register **HERE**.

Think About It



Roughly 2 cases of copy paper
(10,000 sheets) or
20 reams = 1 tree

How many sheets of paper did you
throw away today?

The average American consumes 737 lbs. of paper (147 reams) annually. The average person in a developing country uses only 39.6 lbs of paper annually.

From: <http://people.uwec.edu/piercech/CampusWaste/erikaswebpage.htm>

The Bulletin Board

If the school had a bulletin board, here is what you would find on it:

Nurse Ann's **Flu Facts Sheets** – Check it Out and be healthy this winter!

Check it out! – **October Issue of Kickin' It Monthly** – Upper Schools monthly student news magazine

Mon, October 13 – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Columbus Day

Thu/Fri, Oct 16-17 – Parent Conferences
Lower/Middle ONLY
NO CLASSES

Wed, Oct 22 – 9:00am – Public Open House – SAC – this is a good opportunity for you to invite someone that could use MSA.

Thurs, Oct 23 – 7:00pm – Father's Night with Robert – SAC – Dad's Only – light snack supper will be available – **RSVP HERE**

Sat, Oct 25 – 11:30am – Founders Day in the field

Mon, Oct 27 – 8:15am – PVA Meeting

Mon, Oct 27 – 7:00pm – College **Financial Aid**
Parent Information Meeting

Thurs, Oct 30 – 6:30pm – Donor Recognition Dinner – TLMSAC



Cares and Concerns of our Community

Please keep the following from our Community in your thoughts and prayers.

The Barkley Family

The McClain Family

The Sabine Family

Please **email me** at any time with individuals from our community you would like to include on our list as their needs arise. For privacy, I will only list names and claim ignorance if you ask me for details.



Character Quote of the Week



Chance favors the prepared mind.

- Louis Pasteur
