



# MSA Weekly News

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## Web Links of Interest

[GA College 411](#)  
*Get more info on planning, applying and paying for college*

[Armstrong Atlantic](#)

[Reinhardt College](#)

[University of Tennessee](#)

[SCAD](#)  
*Check out these schools*

[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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## It's an Orange Month

Since **orange** is one of my favorite colors, this is a good time of year for me. I have dug out everything I own that is **orange** and have been wearing all of it! Now that is not to say that I don't do that throughout the year, but in the fall I can do it more than once a week and no one notices! (And it makes me happy! You should try it!) Do you know they even make orange cars? One car payment at a time though.

There is lot's going on here at Mill Springs this week! We have some PreUpper Level L/R students off on a trip to the Grand Canyon, there was an open house, winter sports (boys and girls basketball and wrestling) are gearing up, we held an informative Father's Night program, and had a fire drill on Thursday. Tomorrow is Founders' Day and it should be a pretty day for it. If you can stay after Founders' Day, there will be a play called "Greater Tuna" which will begin at 1:30pm in the auditorium of the SAC (there is a fee). Have a terrific weekend and we will see you next week!

## Remember when they were Four???

And now look, they are turning into young adults and getting ready to go off to college. Mom's and Dad's you need to get ready too! I think it's harder for us. But here are this week's list of college acceptances.

*Congratulations go out to all of you!*

**Logan Boylan** has been accepted to **Armstrong Atlantic State University**. This is his third college acceptance.

**Michael Moquin** has been accepted to **Reinhardt College**.

**Seth Paul** has been accepted to **University of Tennessee** in Chattanooga.

Lastly, **Jack Trantham** has been accepted to and received an academic scholarship for **Savannah College of Art and Design**.



Notice it's **orange**

## Books for Parents

MSA Current Calendar  
*School Calendar on the MSA  
website*

## Contact Us

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Hey, that looks like Woody!

There are some recent very helpful additions to the MSA Library available for parent checkout, thanks to a donation by Middle School parent Jacki Gass. The titles are:

*The Highly Sensitive Person* by Elaine Aron  
*Smart Kids with Learning Difficulties* by Rich  
Weinfield  
*Dumbing us Down* by John Taylor Gatto  
*Women with Attention Deficit Disorder* by Sari  
Solden  
*Why is my Child's ADHD not Better Yet?* By David  
Gottlieb  
*ADHD* by Julian Stuart Haber  
*The Defiant Child* by Douglas Riley  
*Complete Idiot's Guide to Organization* by Georgen  
Lockwood  
*The Challenging Child* by Mitch Golant  
*Negotiation Generation* by Lynne Reeve Griffin

Thanks to Jacki for sharing these resources with us!  
(Pictured: *Woody Driskill*, Media Specialist  
Extraordinaire)

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## College and Financial Aid Presentation



A representative from the Georgia Student Finance Commission will be here to make a presentation to parents on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:00pm. He will be discussing [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org), the HOPE scholarship and other issues pertaining to college applications and financial aid. Although the presentation is aimed at parents of Juniors and Seniors, I strongly encourage all parents of high school aged students to attend. The presentation will last approximately 45 minutes and there will be plenty of time for a question and answer session at the end. The program will take place in the Upper School Great Room. Please **RSVP HERE**. (from Susan Day, Counselor)

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## Grandparents Day is on the Way!



Once again, we are getting ready for MSA's Annual Grandparents' Day which will be held on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00am. If your child's grandparents are in town, this is a perfect opportunity for them to spend time with their grandchild and see what wonderful things they are doing at MSA. We are sending out invitations now, but unfortunately we do not have addresses for all of our grandparents. So if you could please make sure you let your child's grandparents know about this event, we would greatly appreciate it. There will be a "traditional hot breakfast," displays of student's artwork, entertainment by our Fine Arts students, and a visit to their grandchild's classroom. A complimentary keepsake photo of grandparents with their grandchildren will also be available. We appreciate your help in making this a special day for our students and their grandparents. If you have any questions please contact **Leila Smith** in the Development Office.

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## 15 for Two Tons – Starts November 10

The PreUpper School is leading the charge to collect "15 Cans for Two Tons" canned food drive.



The food collected will be distributed among 700 not-for-profit agencies with a variety of feeding programs. Some help seniors on a fixed budget make ends meet. Others provide groceries for the working poor. Still others provide meals to the homeless.

Our goal is to collect two tons of food for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. If every MSA student, staff and faculty member brings in 15 items, we will reach our goal and help others at the same time. If everyone joins in we **CAN** do it!! Be a part of the solution.

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## Looking for ...



The Middle School Theatre Group is looking for a few items to use in their performance of "The Lorax" in November. We are currently looking for a child's wagon which we would be happy to just borrow and then return and we are looking for several 5 foot (or taller) cardboard tubes (the type that carpets are often rolled around). If you have any of these items, or access to any of them and would like to help out the MSA Middle School Theatre, please **email Lexi Klupchak**. I appreciate your help, thank you!

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## Guess Who is Behind that Gala Mask????

This past week's Mystery Masked Person was none other than Laurie Jones, Lower School Principal – and the winner of the Gala Bucks is Lower School Parent **Betsy Wolff**! Congratulations Betsy!



Guess Who?

Each week between now and the February 7<sup>th</sup>, “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?*

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## What If ...



What would keyboards look like if your hand looked like this?

“What if the entire population of elementary and secondary schools in the US were shrunk into one class of 30 students? What would it look like? According to the National Center for Research on Cultural Diversity and Second Language Learning, 10 of the 30 students would come from racial or ethnic minority groups. Of these 10, six would come from homes in which languages other than English are spoken, and two would be from immigrant families. Of the six students who spoke another language, four would speak Spanish as their native language, one would speak an Asian language, and the other would speak any one of more than 100 languages. Ten students, on-third of the class, would be poor.”

(from p.7 of *Diversity Consciousness: Opening our Minds to People, Cultures, and Opportunities* by R. Bucher)

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## The Bulletin Board

This is what my bulletin board looks like and this is what is on it! ☺



Sat, Oct 25 – 11:30am – Founders Day in the field – lots of food and fun! Parking is in the field.

Sat, Oct 25 – 11:30 – 1:00pm – **Uniform Store will be open during Founders' Day**

Sat, Oct 25 – 1:30pm – One Act Play – “Greater Tuna” - SAC

Mon, Oct 27 – 8:15am – PVA Meeting

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

Tues, Oct 28 – during school – Student auditions for the *MSA Cabaret Show* and *Joseph & The Technicolor Dreamcoat*

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

Wed, Nov 5 – 8:30am – MSA Moms on a Mission – CommArts Great Room

Wed, Nov 19 – 1:30pm – MSA Moms on a Mission – CommArts Great Room

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## Cares and Concerns of our Community

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

**The Barkley Family**

**The Tijernia Family**

**The Turner Family**



Please **email me** at any time with individuals 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.

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## Character Quote of the Week



**Chance favors the prepared mind.**

**- Louis Pasteur**

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