



# MSA Weekly News

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## Brrr.....



I feel like these birds look . . . cold! Last night we needed to run out to the store and I had on one too many shirts/sweaters to get my jacket on so I had to take one of them off. I'm sure that was amusing to my husband, if my boys were still home they would have laughed. But I am frequently chilly and will put on another layer or grab a blanket. If you come into the office in the winter time, it would not be unusual to find me with the little portable heater going under my desk. I know that winter doesn't officially start until December 21<sup>st</sup> (my husband has reminded me of that), BUT I have my gloves and scarves out and ready to be used! Brrr...!

Speaking of Brrr ... this week I went to Russia (Wednesday, see more **BELOW**), participated in a fire drill (Tuesday), celebrated Homecoming Week by wearing a crazy hat (Tuesday) and my Green Bay sweatshirt (Wednesday) and attended a Pep Rally (Thursday)! Today is the Homecoming game and announcement of the King & Queen. I'll bring you that information next week. It's been a busy week.

## Visiting Russia

I went to Russia! Well OK not really, but in the Great Room of the Upper School was Russia! Each year CommArts holds a festival that features a specific country. The teachers and students all work hard to learn everything they can about their country and then they share what they have learned with us through the sights, sounds, and tastes of that country. Every year this event gets better, this year was no exception! We saw Russian Dancers, tasted some of their finer foods, and went inside Stalin's guarded Tomb. They had some beautiful scenery that was just spectacular. Many of the students dressed as famous Russians and shared the story of their lives with us – some of them with a Russian accent (Good job **Miles Cohen**!). Everyone did a wonderful job – it was a terrific experience.



**Winter Scenery**



**Stalin's Tomb**



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## Great News!!

**CLASS  
OF  
2009**

There is lots of great student news this week for the Class of 2009 – *Congratulations* to everyone!

**Emily Elkind** – Accepted to University of Evansville in Illinois and Cedar Crest College in Pennsylvania

**Jason Hodapp** – Accepted to Hampden – Sydney College in Virginia

**Bryan Lynn** – Accepted to University of Tampa

**Michael Moquin** – Accepted to University of West Georgia

**Cameron Thompson** – Has earned his Eagle Scout

## Wrestling Meet HERE Saturday!



Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Mill Springs is hosting a wrestling meet on our campus. We will be hosting Hidden Lake Academy, Mt. Vernon Presbyterian School and Unity Christian School. The Road Warrior Mustangs are currently 3-0 for the season. We have a lot of exciting new wrestlers this year. Come on out and cheer your Mustangs on!!  
Pictured: Senior **Seth Paul** (From Coach Chet Burnes)

## 2009 PVA Signature Fundraiser

### A Night in New Orleans!



The PVA would like to extend a special invitation to all parents, faculty, staff and special supports to join us Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 11pm at the Metropolitan Club in Alpharetta. Attendance and support of this event will raise money to enhance our SmartBoard technology. Our Gala committee has worked hard to create a New Orleans jazz infused atmosphere for everyone to enjoy while raising money to benefit our children. The night will feature a silent and live auction, dinner, dancing and live entertainment. Table sponsorships, auction donations and other contribution opportunities are available. See the PVA Gala website for more details

on how you can help support the 2009 PVA signature fundraising event. If you did not already receive your invitation in the mail, please contact Michelle Bergeson at 404-931-4088. You can get additional Gala information [HERE](#). (from Michelle Bergeson, PVA President)

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## Alumni News



MSA Alum **Drew Carson**, Class of 2008, has gone on to the Savannah College of Art and Design to be a Production Design Major with an Artistic Honors Scholarship. Drew has received the recognition of being on the Dean's List for the Fall Quarter. This means that he is a full-time undergrad student who has earned a grade point average of 3.5 or above in that quarter. Great Job Drew – We are proud of you!

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## 15 Cans For Two Tons!

Don't Forget! You have one week left until the food drive ends. This food drive benefits the Atlanta Community Food Bank which supports approximately 800 partner agencies across 38 counties is in desperate need for supplies. Here is a list of items that are most needed:



- Box of cereal or oatmeal
- Dried Fruit
- Powdered milk
- 100% fruit juice
- Tuna, peanut butter or soup
- Canned vegetables or fruits
- Canned meats, beef stew, meat sauce
- Canned chicken and dumplings
- Macaroni and cheese, pasta, rice or dried beans
- Applesauce

Each student, staff and faculty member has been asked to bring in 15 cans each to help offset this need and reach our goal of 100% participation.

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## The PVA says Reading COUNTS!



The PVA is excited to sponsor an upgrade to Scholastic Reading Counts. Scholastic Reading Counts (SRC) is used by all of our students/teachers across all levels in support of reading comprehension goals. Our students have had limited access to tests. The upgrade will allow access to all tests currently offered by SRC at all times. The system will be updated as new titles come available to ensure complete access.

The SRC is the only independent reading program based on the Lexile Framework. More information on that is available [HERE](#). Students can select topics of interest, generate their own reading lists and check their progress after taking quizzes which makes them accountable for their own reading. Up-to-the minute, data-driven reports inform and differentiate instruction. This upgrade will be in place after the first of the year.

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



The **winner** of last week's Mask contest was Susan Sanders! She is the recipient of \$5.00 Gala Bucks – congratulations! Susan correctly guessed that behind the mask was our Admissions Director, Sheila FitzGerald. All the correct answers were put into a hat and one name was drawn.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we do not have a Masked Marauder to guess this week – watch for their reappearance next week and your chance to win \$5.00 toward your ticket to the Gala!

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## Robert's Reading List



At Open House and any other opportunity that arises Robert has a list of some favorite books that he likes to share. We have them listed below as there may be something of interest to you. Please let us know if you have any questions.

*Jarvis Clutch* – *Social Spy* by Mel Levin MD & Jarvis Clutch\*\*

*A Mind at a Time* by Mel Levin MD

*Taking Charge of ADHD* by Russell A Barkley PhD\*\*

*Overcoming Dyslexia* by Sally Shaywitz MD\*\*

*It's so Much Work to be Your Friend: Helping the Child with Learning Disabilities Find Social Success* by Richard Lavoie\*\*

*A Whole New Mind: Why Right Brainers Will Rule the Future* by Daniel S. Pink

*Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* by Carol S. Dweck

*Teaching Teens with ADD and ADHD* by Chris Zeigler Dendy, MS

**Let me know** if you have any favorites that might help any of our parents and I will be glad to include them in a future Weekly News.

\*\*Is available in the MSA Library for you to borrow.

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## The Bulletin Board

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

**Cancellation:** Fri, Dec 5 - Middle Fine Arts Program

Sun, Dec 7 – CBS is hosting the Hallmark Hall of Fame which is presenting a movie called “*Front of the Class*” an inspiring, true story about a young man’s triumph over Tourette Syndrome. This young man is now a teacher in Cobb County.

Fri, Dec 12 – PU/CA/U begin testing – this is 1<sup>st</sup> Period Final Exam day. Get more info [HERE](#).

Fri, Dec 12 – Last Day of the Canned Food Drive

Fri, Dec 12 – Volunteer Service Hours Due for M/PU/CA/U

Mon, Dec 15 – PU/CA/U 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Final Exam day

Tue, Dec 16 – PU/CA/U 3<sup>rd</sup> Period Final Exam day

Wed, Dec 17 – PU/CA/U 4<sup>th</sup> Period Final Exam day

Thur, Dec 18 – PU/CA/U 5<sup>th</sup> Period Final Exam day

Fri, Dec 19 – PU/CA/U 6<sup>th</sup> Period Final Exam day

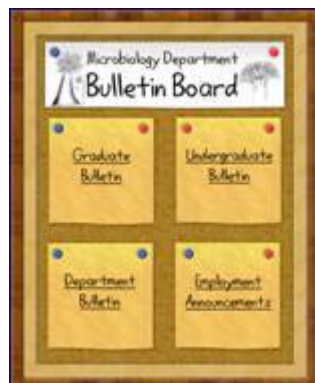
Fri, Dec 19 – **Early Dismissal**

12:15 – Lower/Middle carpool

12:30 – PreUpper/CommArts/Upper carpool

12:45 – Bus Departs

Dec 22 – Jan 2 **School Closed** – Winter Holiday



## Cares and Concerns of our Community



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

### **The Klupchak 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



Quotes to Remember...

**Ability is what you're  
capable of doing.  
Motivation determines  
what you do. Attitude  
determines how well you  
do it.**

**- Lou Holtz**



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