



# MSA Weekly News

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## My View Point



This is the view from my desk. It's sort of like working with five very tall people watching over you. Most people aspire to the corner office with windows on two walls that overlook a bustling city, or maybe even a beach front. Not that there is anything wrong with that, but, well this is my life and I am willing to accept it. Now don't feel sorry for me and offer me the high paying job opening that you have at work, that I could no doubt do better than the last guy. As my way of helping the economy, just go ahead and give it to the individual out there that is unemployed. Because, there is much excitement around these trophies, it means that the kids have put forth their best effort and made their coaches proud, the Athletic Director is happy, and the Headmaster knows we are potentially in line for the coveted Commissioner's Cup. Yes, I know, we already have one from last year (apparently you can't have too many). I have never been much of a sports person, nor participated in anything that would garner a trophy. But I get to enjoy them vicariously since they have a home on my desk for a few weeks. So I just sit here and quietly do my work and enjoy the view! I wouldn't have it any other way! (Just imagine, they pay me to do that too!)

Congratulations to all the students and coaches that could make my view possible!

**GO MUSTANGS!**

## From the Desk of Robert W. Moore, Headmaster



We want you to know that we are continuously monitoring the news regarding H1N1 Swine Flu. We are following the guidelines from the CDC and our own Emergency Plan for Communicable Diseases. As a large body of people close together, we need to be conscientious of the situation. Here are several basic precautions, that as individuals, we can take and should encourage our children to as well:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash after use.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers, like MSA has in the dispensers in every building on

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- campus, are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, which is how germs spread.
- If your child or anyone in your immediate family exhibits symptoms (cough, runny nose, sore throat, body aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea), please keep your student home from school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. Please advise MSA of illness.
- For the safety of all our students and staff, any student exhibiting even mild symptoms will be sent home.

We will update you as the need arises. Further information can be obtained from the CDC website [HERE](#).

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## Accomplishment Night – Lower



Taken by **Drew Golden**.  
Pictured: **Matthew Dalluge, Eric Schrock, Kyle Kraus, Jonathan Corrigan, Jay Coleman, Betty Kellenberger**

On Thursday evening, April 16th, Lower School took the stage and dazzled their parents with a yearend performance. Each child was spotlighted within different groups as **Brett Parks** narrated the performance as a newscaster. We had a play entitled "From Seed To Plant" with Donna and Carissa's homeroom kids, the girls were MSA cheerleaders, Shannon's homeroom boys (aka LS Cool Gang) had a "rappin'" good time with their MSA Rap, boys from Betty's class were superhero scientists, and Shelley's homeroom group did a few scenes from "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" and showed off their drama talents. It was a wonderful performance! (from Laurie Jones, Principal)

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## College Acceptance



**Patrick Marco** has been accepted to Gainesville College. Congratulations Patrick!

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## Girls Inc. Summit



Pictured: **Lauren Hays**,

Girls Incorporated of Greater Atlanta has been active in the community for over 31 years and offers research-based, interactive, and educational programs to girls in the Atlanta area. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, Girls Inc. held the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Girls Summit on the topic of "Choices: A Conference on Education and Career Planning" on the Georgia Tech campus. The girls listened to a panel

***Kirsten Smith, Allison Ashlock, Melissa Litow, Hannah Twery, Holly Thillet, Cassie Kanelos***

discussion, participated in workshops (visioning exercise and vision game plan), and joined in fellowship with other young women from local schools. The MSA students learned about empowering themselves to make positive decisions regarding their educational and career goals. We had the opportunity to hear stories and advice from the following female leaders:

- Kathy Cox: Georgia State Superintendent of Schools
- Sylvia Russell: President AT&T Georgia
- Shirley Powell: SVP Corporate Communications, TBS Inc.
- Brenda Freeman: Chief Marketing Officer, TBS Inc.
- Susan Edlein: Fulton County State Court Judge
- Sylvia Wright, MD: Dermatologist
- Brooke Edmond: SVP and Founding Principal of Jackmont Hospitality

They left the Conference with a sense of how to reach their aspirations and how to handle the onset of greater pressures and responsibilities they will encounter as they transition into womanhood. Our group was thrilled to attend this fantastic event and witness “strong, smart, and bold” women in action! (Anne Holland and Janet Ford, Chaperones)

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## Let's Go Fly a Kite!

The Great Miao, master of the Jade Circus, offers Haoyou the amazing chance to escape his family's poverty -- by becoming a kite rider. Strapped onto a beautiful scarlet-and-gold kite, Haoyou is sent into the sky, earning money, freedom, and unexpected fame. Miao even plans for Haoyou to perform before Kublai Khan himself. It is a story of adventure, betrayal, family, and sacrifice set in the dramatic world of thirteenth-century China.

Connie's Class is reading *The Kite Rider*, by author Geraldine McCaughrean, and as part of their lesson, these Middle School students decorated kites that they took outside to test in the wind this week.



*Pictured: Matthew Shaffer, JC Howard, Samantha Cohen*

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## We are the Champions (Again)!



MSA's baseball team cruised to their third AAC Tournament Championship in a row overpowering an overmatched Brandon Hall 13 to 3. It is their 8th overall title. The Mustangs took advantage of a shaky Panther defense stealing 11 bases. The home team slowed their swings down and smacked 14 singles sentencing Brandon Hall to second place. **Michael Kline** shook off a nagging sore arm and turned in his third straight one-hitter. **Jonathan Freeman** drove in **Jack Trantham** in the fifth inning to give the "Green Machine" another victorious game shortened by the mercy rule. The dominating performance again saw every starting Mill Springer get at least one hit. **Mason Pritchard**, Jack Trantham, **Addison Reed** and **Connor Dimick** each collected two hits. Catcher and Captain Mason was voted the AAC Tournament Most Valuable Player. Seventh grade marvel Addison was runner-up, he was the tournament batting leader with 5 total hits and 4 runs batted in. (from Coach Keith Muma)

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## Join Us for the Sports Banquet

### Sports Banquet

Thursday, May 7

7:00pm in gym



\$10 per person (excluding athletes)

Please RSVP to **Jennifer Kramer** by  
May 1

[Jkramer@millsprings.org](mailto:Jkramer@millsprings.org) or  
678.893.7791

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## Golf Team at GISA Regional's!



The MSA golfers competed with seven other teams in the GISA Regional's on Monday. The team came in 5<sup>th</sup> place, and just a few strokes outside of the 4<sup>th</sup> place that would have qualified the team for State. **Austin Coleman** was named an All-Region golfer for shooting one of the four lowest scores in the field of 40 golfers. It has been a great season for the team, and a real pleasure working with these kids. I am already excited for next year! (Coach Matthew McConnell)

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## Tune In to the Cool School Broadcast!



Don't miss the live broadcast!  
Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
Approximately 4:30am – 7:00am  
CBS Atlanta – WGCL-TV  
Live from the PreUpper Great Room

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## AAC Tennis Tournament

Here are the results from the Tennis Tournament that was held last Friday. Terrific tennis was played!

*Boys Singles:* **Craig Tillison** and **Alex Davis** made it to the semifinals, but both boys lost to some tough competitors. They played extremely well and gave 110% effort!

*Boys Doubles:* **Sam Coil** and **Austin Allen** played in the final round earning 2<sup>nd</sup> place medals! Well done!

*Girls Singles:* Two Lady Mustangs played each other in the final round of Girls Singles. **Loran Putnam** defeated **Erin Kennedy** in a very difficult match. Loran received a 1<sup>st</sup> place medal and Erin received the 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Great job!

*Girls Doubles:* Two Mustang teams also faced each other in the final round of competition for the Girls Doubles. Loran Putnam/Erin Kennedy were victorious over **Holly Thillet/Abby Miles**. The girls had some lengthy points and played a terrific match. Loran and Erin were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place while Holly and Abby received 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Fantastic!

Congratulations on an amazing season! Thank you to everyone who supported tennis this year, we would not have been able to be successful without your encouragement and cooperation. (from Coach Anne Holland)



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## Care Kits Being Gathered

A few weeks ago the Teen Writes class went on a field trip to the SafeHouse Outreach of Atlanta. The SafeHouse Outreach program is devoted to helping poverty stricken people get back on their feet. Their slogan “providing a hand up not just a hand out” pretty much sums up their mission; their mission statement is that they don’t want to give out free things to homeless people, they want to get them out of their current dilemma. The Teen Writes class has decided to take on a project to help this amazing organization. We are going to do a drive for “Care Kits”. Starting next week through May 1st, we will have donation boxes in each school building to collect the following items (travel size if possible): *Soap, shampoo, deodorant, razors, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairspray, and shaving cream.*



Individual products are welcome, if you would like to put together a kit yourself, just pop all of these items *into a Ziploc bag* and drop it off. We thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping our class with this important project. (from the Teen Writes Kids – **Adam Bramski, Michael Moquin, Melissa Litow, Logan Singleton, Jordan Swartz, Allison Ashlock, Jake McNabb & Lexi**)

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## Final Week of Track



The JV and Youth teams hosted Chrysalis and Cottage last week with the boys youth team bringing home a first place trophy. Tuesday the Varsity teams hosted Brenau, Chrysalis, Cottage, Howard, Hidden Lake, and Brandon Hall in the AAC Championship with the boys taking 4<sup>th</sup> place! Everyone did an excellent job. Thursday we started the GISA State Championship competition in Albany. **Chris Thorne** (Long & High Jump – Friday), **David Friedland** (3200m – Saturday), **Patrick Marco** (3200m – Saturday), and **Chris Schultz** (1600m – Thursday) will be traveling to Albany for our last competition. We will have results from this meet next week. (from Coach Victoria Jones)

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## The Bulletin Board

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

The kids on the **8<sup>th</sup> grade rafting trip** arrived safe and sound!

April 27 – May 15 – **On-line Elective Registration** (if you have turned in a contract for the 2009-2010 school year, you will be able to access registration, current and new students in PreUpper, CommArts, or Upper)

May 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup> – **20% off Uniform Sale** at Uniform Depot – they are located at 600 N. Main Street (Hwy 9), Alpharetta – (770) 569-1200

Sun, May 3 – **Walk Now For Autism** – Register [HERE](#)

Wed, May 6 – 8:30am – **MSA Moms on a Mission** – CA Great Room

Fri, May 8 – **Cool Schools** live broadcast – 4:30 – 7:00am

Wed, May 20 – 8:30am – **MSA Moms on a Mission** – CA Great Room



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## Cares and Concerns of our Community



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

**An Anonymous Family**

**The Ergle/Crouse 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



**The time is always  
right to do what is  
right.**

- **Martin Luther King, Jr.**



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