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What's Up Chuck?

(Snickering) She said up chuck. *(More snickering.)* I have never personally known anyone whose name is Chuck that I could say that to, but I have always wanted to. Yes, I know it's lame (but you laughed didn't you). What-ev-er!

Here's what's up! Preparations are underway for the final countdown of days. We have had large quantities of chairs delivered for all of the terrific events that are to come. It has been 8th Grade Week (we'll share more on that next week), which culminates with a banquet tomorrow. We had Cinco de Mayo – you should see Elmo's sombrero! Wednesday brought an Open House. The Sports Banquet was held on Thursday evening. The PU and CA had lock-in's last night. We were on TV this morning. There is a spring concert with the band and chorus tonight. And then don't forget Sunday is Mother's Day! Ding, Ding. That's the end of Round One. Whew! Let me catch my breath! Round's Two and Three coming to a newsletter in your mailbox soon.

Very Interesting Stuff



PreUpper Student **Nick O'Shea** has been accepted to the Band and Orchestra camp at Mercer's **Towsend School of Music**. His participation in the GISA All-Select Band certainly helped secure his acceptance.

Torri McClain has been accepted to Gordon College. Congratulations Torri!

MSA Class of 2006's **Chelsea Eubank** is being highlighted in a book by a popular author and the two of them are going to come to MSA to speak in September! Watch for more news as it becomes available. Remember you heard it here first.

Come Camp with US!



If you can drag your child away from the Nintendo or the computer have him come Camp with Us. There are plenty of Summer Camp opportunities for everyone. Here are the offerings and you can get more information on them [HERE](#).

Mark Trail Camp: June 8 – July 17 Pick one week or all six!

Basketball Camp: June 1-3

Wrestling Camp: June 4-5

Soccer Camp: July 27 - 29

High School Summer School – June 8 – June 26

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Wake Up, Wake UP!



I know 5 AM comes early, but did you wake up? Did you watch, did you? Mill Springs Academy IS a Cool School! How Awesome! If you slept through it, [HERE](#) is a link to all the video clips on CBSAtlanta.com. On the right side of the web page are five short videos – check ‘em out! See all the COOL things our kids love about their school – did you know there was an Outdoor Educational Classroom (OEC)? The 60+ kids that spent the night at the lock-in will be tired (I hear they only got 3 hours of sleep), but they had fun at their COOL SCHOOL. Congratulations!

Late Bus during Exams



There will be a bus that follows the “late bus” route down Johnson Ferry and into Sandy Springs after PU/CA/U exams on Thursday, May 14 and Monday, May 18 – Thursday, May 21. The cost will be \$15. The bus will leave MSA by 11:00am and get to the last stop at 11:55am. Contact [Will Turner](#) for specific details and to secure a seat so you will not have to trek all the way to MSA on these days.

Vote for the Coolest School

Mirror, mirror on the wall – Who’s the Coolest of them ALL?? School that is! Please help spread the word about the voting, and ask your friends and family to watch CBS’s Better Mornings Atlanta and vote on their web site every day.

The **voting begins on Monday, May 11th**, with the Coolest School and Coolest Music Program. Then each following weekday, we’ll add another category and show off the nominees. We’ll announce the winners on Wednesday, May 20th, between 5 and 7 a.m. Remember you can vote EVERYDAY.

Voting will take place [HERE](#) beginning on Monday.



A Technicolorful Masterpiece!



The combination of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and the Art Show was quite possibly the best we have seen at MSA. Lights, action, artwork, it was all wonderful ... a time of high energy, laughter and great color. From 1st through 12th grade, there were so many students involved. It was a great opportunity to see the wonderful creative sights and sounds of the Fine Arts students at their best. Just as the musical offered everything from a "Hebrew Hoedown" to Rock 'n Roll, the art show offered everything from replications of Egyptian art to a working version of an electric guitar. Thanks to everyone who made this event the success it was!
(Pictured is art by Middle School's **Levi Smith** titled "Treehouse")

Caroline's Cruisers



Well no these young ladies did not take a cruise, BUT they did take a two footed cruise through Atlantic Station! They all participated as a team in the Autism Speaks Walk Now For Autism. They are friends from Middle School. Pictured in the front row is **Maria Pena, Isabelle Jacob, Morgan Taylor**, Samantha Alterman (past student). In the back row are **Caroline Berman** and **Erin Welch**. Also participating in the walk, but with another team (and not pictured) is **Danielle Lampert** from Middle School.

MSA's First Chess Class Champion!



The MSA Chess Tournament is a double elimination tournament similar to the United States Chess Federation (USCF) tournaments. The matches usually last between 20-40 minutes, and to finish in first or second place, the students have to get through anywhere between 6-10 matches, sometimes more.

Michael Williams is our first annual Chess Class Tournament Champion! He had a rating of 1080 in first place. After an intense game with **Jeremy Katz** (2nd place with 1065 rating), Michael maintained enough of a material advantage to force checkmate. Both students played wonderfully and displayed excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to both students on their efforts! (from Michael Griffeth)

Welcome to our Community!



I wanted to take just a second to send a warm fuzzy to those of you that have recently started receiving this newsletter and will be new parents for the fall.

We want to welcome you and let you know that if you have any questions, please feel free to call the office – we will be here all summer. We look forward to working with you next year. Watch for a packet of information in July.

Welcome to Mill Springs Academy!

Rising 6th Graders MUST be Immunized!

All Children entering 6th grade are required to meet the following requirements:



- Have two (2) doses of Measles vaccine, two (2) doses of Mumps vaccine, and one (1) dose of Rubella vaccine or laboratory proof of immunity against Measles, Mumps or Rubella.
- Have two (2) doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or documentation of disease or laboratory proof of immunity. At the time your child entered school only one (1) dose of this vaccine was required.
- Contact your health care provider to receive any needed vaccinations and to obtain the Georgia Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231)

Summer Vacation Extended!



Yes, you heard right – Summer Vacation has been extended by two days! So make sure to mark your calendar because instead of starting on Monday, school will start on Wednesday in the fall. That means that the First Day of School for the 2009-2010 school year will be

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

So be sure to mark your calendars so you get your two extra days of Summer Vacation!

The Bulletin Board



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

That latest edition of Kickin' It Magazine is hot off the presses (or at least digital). Check it out [HERE!](#)

April 27 – May 15 – **On-line Elective Registration** (if you have turned in a contract for the 2009-2010 school year,

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Days of School Left

you will be able to access registration, current and new students in PreUpper, CommArts, or Upper)

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

Sat, May 9 – 6:30p – **PreUpper 8th Grade Banquet** – SAC

Mon, May 11 – 7:00p – **AAC Banquet**

Tue & Wed, May 12-13 – **Senior Presentations** – Upper Great Room

Thur, May 14 – **PU/CA/U Final Exams** begin (end on May 21).

Fri, May 15 – **Baccalaureate** – SAC

Sat, May 16 – **Graduation** – SAC

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

Fri, May 22 – 10:00am – **Honors Day** – SAC - other activities maybe happening in your specific school beginning at 8:00am. – Early Dismissal after the Honors Day program (approximately Noon)

Fri, May 22 – **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** ☺

Mon, June 8 – **Mark Trail Camp** Begins

Mon, June 8 – **Summer School** Begins

Cares and Concerns of our Community

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



The Carlos Family

The Stevenson 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.

Character Quote of the Week



There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.

- Albert Einstein



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