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Web Links of Interest

Summer Reading, Supply & Math Lists
Get your reading read, etc.

Cool School Videos
Download the Cool School Videos here!

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

MSA Weekly News Archives
Catch up on past news

Round Three!

The final round has started! We are anxiously awaiting the Honors Day Program because when it is over, it means the end of school for another year! You can tell the students are ready (the rest of us too!). It has been a terrific year with lots of terrific activities, hopefully the fun stuff is what the kids remember.

Honors Day – We Hope You Join Us!

Honors Day Schedule May 22, 2009

Parents are invited to attend all activities on Honors Day.
Please join us!



8:30 – 9:30am Final Levels Meeting and Awards Ceremony in each school.

10:00 – 11:30am Honors Day Program – In the Tweetie Lewis Moore Student Activity Center. Please sit as a community.

11:30am Dismissal

12:00pm Bus Transportation will leave

Congratulations Class of 2009



Pictured: Patrick Marco with his AJC Award

Graduation has come and gone and our graduates have moved on to bigger and better things in the next phase of their lives. The graduation ceremony was wonderful and the true spirit of graduation was evident in the speeches given by the students. All of them have come a long way down a bumpy path, but the future lies in front of them waiting for their arrival. Congratulations and good luck in all of your future endeavors. Keep us posted and join the Facebook Alumni Group!

MSA Current Calendar
*School Calendar on the MSA
website*

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*Pictured: The **Class of 2009** as they make their final walk up the hill to receive their diplomas. Congratulations!*

Jump Start Your Summer



Summer Reading Lists: Want to get your student started on their Summer Reading? Well **HERE** are the lists for each school. Make sure that you select the list for the school that will be attended in the fall. (Ex.: current 4th graders should look at the reading list for Middle School because they will be in Middle School in the fall.)

Summer Math Packets: PreUpper has Algebra and Pre-Algebra packets to do over the summer. Your student should watch for an email from Susan Sanders, PreUpper Principal – she will advise which one should be focused on. Both math packets can be found **HERE**. The rest of you can do them just for fun! ☺

School Supplies: Here is your opportunity to find all the best sales through the summer! Lists for each school are located **HERE**.

Interesting Facts!



Class of 2011: Rising junior **Brogan Guyton** has been accepted to attend the Savannah College of Art and Design Summer Seminar in Savannah. He will participate in two week long studio courses while he is there. What an opportunity to create! Congratulations!

Class of 2009: In the words of **Chris Magill**, during his speech at Graduation, “Robert Moore, you’re the MAN!”

Class of 2006: *Michael Goodroe*, who is in his third year at University of West Georgia, has made the Dean’s List! The Dean’s List is reserved for students who achieve a minimum GPA of 3.5. He is currently majoring in history with a minor in theater. We are proud of you

Michael, keep up the good work!

Class of 2006: Alum *Chelsea Eubank* will be on Fox & Friends May 30th at 7:45am. Tune in to find out why!

It's Gonna be Hot, Hot, Hot!!

Everyone loves to watch them erupt; nature's special fireworks. But do you know how they work and how they fit into plate tectonics and the rock cycle? Dale's Middle School science classes can tell you how igneous rocks are formed (that's part of the volcanoes' job) from magma and lava and then trace the rock through the cycle of sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. Plus, they can tell you about the moving plates of the Earth, the ring of fire in the Pacific, and how different kinds of volcanoes are formed.



How do you demonstrate the awesome power of a volcanic eruption? The cool way is to build scale models of real volcanoes and add some science magic. In small groups, students researched real volcanoes and their affect they have on the surrounding area. Then it was time to build models from claycrete (similar to Papier Mache). Baking soda and vinegar reactions are sooooo Lower School. We need smoke, fire and ash. Dale uses a secret mixture of oxidizers, metals, and a little bit of home-made rocket fuel to create realistic eruptions, complete with lava flows and bombs. This is just one example of the kind of projects Dale does in his Middle School science class. (from Science Teacher Dale Windsor) *Pictured: one of the volcano's the students put together*

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

Community Education Center



The CommEduCenter will be presenting some great parent workshops available to you in the fall, you will get further information a little later. But the first opportunity will be August 20 from 6:30 – 8:30pm titled *Parent Tech @ Mill Springs Academy*. You can come and find out about NetClassroom, email, tech tools for school, and more. Sign up [HERE](#).

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Make sure to check out *Kickin' It Magazine's* Graduation Issue. This is the final issue of the student produced magazine for the school year. There are some great pictures from graduation. Get a look [HERE](#). You won't want to miss this special edition!

Georgia Special Needs Scholarship (GSNS)



Parents of all new students to Mill Springs Academy that are planning to participate in the GSNS need to submit the Scholarship Eligibility/Amount form to the Admissions Office. If we do not receive the form your student will not receive the funds. If you have questions, please contact [Sheila FitzGerald](#).

Summer Vacation Extended!



Yahoo! Two more days!

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!

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)

The Bulletin Board

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

Fri, May 22 – 10:00am – **Honors Day** – SAC - other activities maybe happening in your specific school beginning at 8:30am. – 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

Sat, Aug 1 – **Technology Open Box day** (this is the day to get your new computer if you order one – order forms will be mailed in June and computer specs will be on the website soon – for new students and returning students)



Thur, Aug 6 – 9:00am - **New Student Orientation**
– SAC (parents are welcome to participate in this)

Sat, Aug 8 – 9:00am – **New Parent Orientation** –
SAC (please, parents only)

Wed, Aug 12 – **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** ☺

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Days of School Left!!

Cares and Concerns of our Community

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



The Anonymous Family

The Class of 2009

The Hawksworth Family

Safe Summer for all MSA Families

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



**You can make more
friends in two months by
becoming interested in
other people than you can
in two years of trying to get
other people interested in
you.**

- Dale Carnegie

Have a Great Summer!



This will be the last newsletter until just prior to school. Have a safe and happy summer! Don't forget to do your "What I did on my summer vacation" reports! How else am I going to have information for the first newsletter?
