



# MSA Weekly News

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## Fall is in the Air!

Ever have a conversation with your child that goes like this:

Parent: How was your day? Child: OK.

Parent: What did you do today? Child: Nothing.

Well of course you have! You have a child. So in that case I will tell you some of what they experienced this week. First of all, fall is definitely in the air. You can feel it all around. Kids are looking for sweatshirts and jackets to be warm and there is rustling in the trees from the nice breezes we have had. You may have heard that we had a fire drill this week, which is a normal monthly occurrence. And then two Upper School students **Ashley Wheeler** and **Abby Miles** initiated a program called "See You At The Pole". So Wednesday after the fire drill we had a gathering of students and staff as we joined many other schools, in this and other countries, on September 24 for this annual student-led program. You can get more information at [THIS](#) link.

We have had lots of athletes here on campus this week with all of our very active sports teams, make sure to read about that below. All in all it has been a good week!

## Birthday Book Club Celebration!



Last Friday our August and September Birthday Book Club honorees previewed the books purchased in their honor and celebrated with special sweet treats. Each month Birthday Book Club Honorees will be invited to celebrate and preview their books in the library. Our next Birthday Book Club celebration will take place on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. It is not too late to participate in the Birthday Book Club program. If you have questions or would like to contribute a book in honor of someone special please contact [Angel Murr](#). We thank you for your generous support of the MSA library! (from Angel Murr) *Pictured: Caroline Berman, Alex Holmgren, Tyler Buice, Chandler Holt, Nick O'Shea, Peyton Thiele (sorry there is a student between Alex and Tyler that we can't identify).*

## Serve it Up for Athletics!

Catch up on past news

MSA Current Calendar  
School Calendar on the MSA  
website

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We had 16 participants this year that consisted of students, grandparents, parents, teachers and co-workers of parents for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual “Serve it up for Athletics” tennis tournament which was held on Monday. All the participants had lots of fun and enjoyed the event this year. We had an apparel sponsor: Jim Brady, donation from Kama Swartz and several raffle items donated by Pat Harmeyer, Chris Palmer, Bagel Boys Café, Never Enough Thyme, lo Salon, Lynda Coleman and Linda Lester (school athletic photographer). Our very own Carol Adams (CommArts Teacher) won the 3 day/2 night Bahamas cruise in the raffle! Congratulations. I want to give a special thanks to James Sampson for all his hard work and support. (from Jennifer Kramer) *Pictured are the winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – David Burke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Holly Thillet, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ivan Allen.*

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## MSA PVA Introduces ...

Guess Which MSA Staff Member is Behind the Gala Mask Weekly Contest!



Each week between now and the October 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! Make sure you read your MSA Friday Newsletter each week for your chance to guess “Who’s behind the Gala Mask?” Email **Your PVA President** with your guess today! (from Michelle Bergeson) *Pictured: GUESS WHO?*

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## Lions and Tigers and Bears! Oh My ...

Grab your binoculars and get ready for a reading safari!  
The Mill Springs Fall Book Fair is HERE!



September 29 – October 3  
8:00am – 4:00pm  
Library Building

**Soma! Ota! Kua!**  
(Read! Dream! Grow!)

Check it out at:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/millsprings>

(from Melissa Woolf – Library Parent)

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## Cross Country Meet

On Tuesday Mill Springs hosted our first GISA level cross country meet. We had roughly 160 athletes and visitors in attendance. The runners all did well and faced some tough competition against 9 teams. With only 5 teams eligible for scoring Mill Springs placed 4<sup>th</sup> (results below). **Chris Magill, Patrick Marco, Spencer Glenn, and Josh Turner** all shaved seconds off their times and set new personal records. We look forward to more records at next week's AAC level meet at MSA on Tuesday at 4:00pm!!



### Varsity Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Brenau – 41 points

### Varsity Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Crown Athletics – 24 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – North Georgia Christian – 67 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Brandon Hall – 79 points

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Mill Springs – 85 points

5<sup>th</sup> Place – The Cottage School – 87 points

Note about the scoring: MSA belongs to 2 different leagues – AAC and GISA. The AAC rules score only the top 3 runners. The GISA rules score the top 5 runners. Both AAC and GISA schools competed at this meet but it was officially scored as a GISA meet. Only our boys' team eligible for GISA scoring as we only have 3 girls. According to AAC scoring the varsity girls' team placed 4<sup>th</sup>, the varsity boys' team placed 5<sup>th</sup> and the JV boys team placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was only one girls' team and no JV teams eligible for GISA scoring. (from Victoria Jones, photo from James Sampson) *Pictured: David Friedland*

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## MSA Moms on a Mission!



Do you ever wonder if you're doing it "right"? What are other moms doing? HOW are other moms teaching, training, learning, growing, and surviving?! If this sounds like you, you need to join the new MSA Moms on a Mission (MOM)!

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 1 at 8:30am in the CommArts Great Room. Bring your coffee and come meet other MSA moms in a supportive, confidential environment. We will share our successes and challenges, our strengths and weaknesses, and develop positive relationships with moms raising super kids. Come join us.

Organized by Paulette Solis (3<sup>rd</sup> year MSA Parent – PU) 678-267-0362 or email [plettes@yahoo.com](mailto:plettes@yahoo.com) and Sheree Crowe (new Middle Parent) 770-354-3657 or email

[shereesc@mindspring.com](mailto:shereesc@mindspring.com) (from Paulette Solis & Sheree Crowe)

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## Mustang Volleyball



Please congratulate the Lady Mustangs Volleyball team on their win over AASD Tuesday. The girls won the match in three straight games. All the girls played a vital part of the team's success. We played King's Ridge on Wednesday here on our court. The girls fought hard against Kings Ridge but were unable to pull out a victory. They did work hard and play together as a team. Next week's match is against The Cottage School on Wednesday at MSA. (from Volleyball Coach Karen Kaiser)

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## MSA Basket Raffle



Please help us make the MSA Basket Raffle even more successful than last year!

Your kind donation is greatly appreciated, and can be made up until October 20<sup>th</sup>. **Please make your check out to MSA PVA and mail to: Beth Jacob, 3430 Waters Cove Way, Alpharetta, GA 30022.** The MSA Basket Raffle will be held at Founder's Day on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Preview and ticket sale information to come. You do not need to be present to win. (from Beth Jacob)

This year's awesome basket themes are:

- Wii Rock Band
- Nintendo DS
- Camp Rock/High School Musical/Hannah Montana/Jonas Brothers
- Girls' Shopping Spree
- Boys' Big Fun
- Star Wars
- Polly's/Littlest Pet Shop

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## Annual Fund Update



New parents continue to lead in participation as September draws to a close. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Annual Fund, please click on the following link to make your gift today.

Remember...participation is the key. Click on the following link to **download a pledge form today.** (from Mary Ramirez)

## Ice Cream Party Winner is ...



Lower School!

Congratulations to the Lower School for obtaining 78% of their Level for PVA membership! They win the PVA Membership Contest and will receive an Ice Cream Party from the PVA.

*Great Job, Lower School!*

(from Michelle Bergeson, PVA President)

## Share School News with Grandma



The cat's out of the bag. We can no longer keep this newsletter to ourselves. It's only right that we share it. So if there is a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or anyone that might enjoy receiving this newsletter, please feel free to **send me their email** addresses and I will gladly add them to our distribution list.

**\*\*If you have already sent me their email address, then they have begun to receive this newsletter \*\***

## The Bulletin Board



What's on the Bulletin Board this week?

Mon, Sept 29 – Fall Book Fair begins

Tue, Sept 30 – 6:00pm – ADHD Parent Workshop will be held in the PreUpper Great Room

Fri, Oct 3 – Fall Book Fair ENDS

Fri, Oct 3 – 1:30 – Mustang March on the MSA Track

Sat, Oct 4 – 8:00a – Dyslexia Dash at Riverside Park in Roswell

Mon, Oct 6 – Picture retakes and Fall Sports Team Photos

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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**

**Michelle Bergeson**

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



Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened.

- Billy Graham

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