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Shhh! The Campus is Quiet – For Now!



Summer school is long over, we had 18 students attend – many of them were not from MSA. Mark Trail Camp finished with a bang up year of over 60 different students, but it has been quiet here for the last couple weeks. It's kind of the lull before the storm. We are preparing ourselves, the principals have come back this past week and today the teachers are back. There has been meeting after meeting last week and more to come this week. We are looking forward to welcoming your student back for another year!

Some Sad News



From time to time we have to share information that our community needs to know and this will give you a chance to prepare students for loss before they experience it. Here are a couple of those announcements.

FIRST:

Donna Day, a beloved bus driver and the wife of Sonshine Bus Company owner, Eddie Day, unexpectedly passed away on Friday morning. Eddie is very appreciative of MSA and its supportive atmosphere, he reports that bus service will happen as it normally does, but sadly, without Donna. Students can send condolence cards to the school attention Eddie Day and we will make sure the Day family receives

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them.

Services for Donna will be held at Ingram's Funeral Home in Cumming (770-887-2388). The viewing is tonight (Monday) from 6pm-9pm and the funeral on Tuesday at 4pm.

Eddie and Donna Day have been married for 26 years and have 6 children. The Day family will be in our prayers.

SECOND:

The middle school celebrates the hiring of a new science teacher, Dale Windsor. At the same time we will miss a favorite science teacher Rocco Carasia who will be teaching near his home in Stone Mountain. *(submitted by Robert Moore)*

From the Desk of Robert:

I trust the summer is winding down and the transition back to school will be smooth.

The Lower and Middle Schools have been remodeled, they look and feel great. More importantly as I have just finished new teacher in-service, I could not be happier with the professionals that have joined MSA this year. A list of those individuals follows in the "[Changes on Campus](#)" section.



FOR BUS RIDERS ONLY: I have prearranged meeting with Eddie Day this week to review our transportation arrangement in light of the price of Diesel fuel. There could be a small gas surcharge, I will let you know. Also the Riverside route is overbooked and efforts are being made to expand late bus driver, Will Turner (PreUpper math teacher & Mark Trail Camp director), duties. Plans are being made for Will to use an MSA bus in relieving the overbook at the Wachovia TCBY stop. You will be notified by Will Turner if you are changing to an MSA bus as opposed to riding the large yellow bus.

Changes on Campus



This year you will notice some changes – especially if you are a part of the Lower School or Middle School. Both schools have gotten a fresh coat of paint and new carpet. Lower School also got new lockers and a new principal! Congratulations Laurie Jones – you will be great.

Welcome to all of our new teachers: Betty Kellenberger (L), Shannon Koch (L), Carissa Townley (L), Dale Windsor (M), Katie Hadaway (M), Jeremy Oliver (M), Karen Kaiser (PU), OB Stokes (CA), Anne Holland (Counseling). Cindy Thorne (L,M) and Peg Allen (PU,CA,U) are teaching technology. Change is afoot and I have probably forgotten something, ahh ... well surprises are always fun too!

What I Did On My Summer Vacation



Well summer is quickly coming to a halt, much to our dismay. I have heard some fantastic stories about places you have gone. If you don't mind sharing those stories, I'd love to receive and share your favorite things about your vacations, now don't be shy. Please send me your paragraph via [email](#) and I will publish them in future editions of the Weekly News. Pictures help tremendously!

MSA Weekly News to Share



If you are new to Mill Springs then you are new to the Weekly News. Every Friday I send out a newsletter (yes I know today is Monday) and it will have timely information about the events and activities here on campus. Sometimes you have to suffer with my humor and sometimes to ease the pain I get submissions from teachers or PVA. All in all I try to keep it current and important to you, our MSA parents. With that said, we do send the newsletter to all of our staff and some outside people as well. So if you have a grandparent, aunt, or uncle 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.

The Bulletin Board



Thurs. August 7th – 10:30am – New Student Orientation

Fri. August 8th – 8:30am – Senior Portraits

Fri. August 8th – 12:30pm – Senior Leadership Luncheon

Sat. August 9th – 9:00am – New Parent Orientation

Mon. August 11th – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tue. August 12th – Fall Sports Begin

Don't forget to turn in all of your paperwork!

See the entire calendar by clicking [HERE](#).

Character Quote of the Week



Character, not circumstances,
makes the man.

- Booker T. Washington