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Back to School Poem

Tw'as the night before school started,

When all through the town,

The parents were cheering.

It was a riotous sound!

By eight, kids were washed

And tucked into bed...

When memories of homework...filled them with dread!

New pencils, new folders, new notebooks, too!

New teachers, new friends...their anxiety grew!

The parents just giggled when they learned of this fright

And shouted upstairs... GO TO BED – IT'S A SCHOOL NIGHT!

Hopefully this first week of school has been good. As I heard a dad tell his student on Monday, "there are only 179 days to go" and now there are only 175. It goes so fast and before you know it we will be talking about graduation again. I know you and your students will have a terrific year.

There is much to share this first week so I will get down to it and save my wit for next week. Welcome Back!

(poem from: http://www.perpetualpreschool.com/preschool_themes/back_to_school/poems.html)

Run Chris, Run!



This summer, track team co-captain, **Chris Magill**, stepped up the mileage challenge and set his goal at 500 miles. He was scheduled to complete this goal before the first day of practice, which he did. He also competed in the Georgia Games Run for Life 10k and placed 17th overall and 2nd in his age group with a time of 44:04. Congratulations Chris! (from Victoria Jones) *Pictured is Chris Magill running in the Run for Life 10k.*

Catch up on past news

MSA Current Calendar
*School Calendar on the MSA
website*

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Alumni Travels



Hello, My name is Jon Bradshaw, I graduated Mill Springs in 2006. I currently am attending Reinhardt College at their Waleska campus. I am studying Art and International Studies, I am planning on becoming an art teacher and with my international studies degree I will be able to travel all over the world. I recently returned from my trip to Europe. I will be traveling to Mexico in fall to explore Mayan art and culture an next summer I will be attending a study abroad trip to Greece.
(pictured: Jon in Rome, Italy)

Thanks for sharing Jon – keep in touch!

PM Program Starts Soon



Afternoon Programs begin Monday, August 19th with Art Barn. Registration forms are due August 13th, so get them in as soon as possible. We are considering adding a chess club led by a certified chess Grand Master on Mondays. Please contact Victoria immediately if you are interested. Please note that Learning on the Log (LotL) has been moved to Tuesday. Here is the schedule:

Monday – Art Barn

Tuesday – LotL, MSA3, Golf, and Archery

Wednesday – Art and Hip Hop

Thursday – KK's

Friday – Intramurals for Lower and Middle
(from Victoria Jones)

In Search Of . . .



. . . art items!!

Thanks for all of the fantastic items we received last year to create the auction art! We are looking for a few specific items for this fall. Can you help us? We need:

2 Adult Adirondack Chairs

2 Child Adirondack Chairs

A Porch Swing

Child's Table and Chair Set

If you have other great items, please [click here to email me](#) first before bringing them to the studio. We are using a more specific, streamlined approach this year. Thank YOU! (from Janet Ford)

Come to Our Gala Meeting!



PVA will be holding our first GALA meeting on Wednesday, August 20th at 8:20am in the Communication Arts Great Room in the Upper building. If you are interested in helping us with this absolutely fun-filled event please come!! Whatever amount of creativity you possess, we need it! (from Michelle Bergeson)

Exciting MSA Theatre Meeting!

Thursday, August 21st at 3:30pm

MSA Tweet Theatre (SAC)

All Interested Parents & Students

Come to discover the 08-09 theatre production plans!

*Shows *Rehearsal Schedules

*Auditions *Volunteer Opportunities



Share your ideas & discover how to prepare a terrific audition! There will even be an entertaining demonstration of audition do's and don'ts. (The first audition is September 2nd. This meeting will help you prepare). We will also discuss the options for the Winter Learning Theatre Trip. London and NYC are up for discussion. So if your student has ever thought it might be fun to exercise their creativity on Stage....they're right! It is a blast and we would LOVE to have them get involved!!!

Please arrange to be at this important meeting with your

student. We're excited to work with all of the amazing MSA students!! Whoo – hoo!! Please **email the theatre director** with any questions. (from Lynn Stallings)

Trash to Treasure



Your trash is our treasure in the art room! We would love your “trash”! The kids use it to make amazing artwork!! Here is what we would love for you to save for us:

Cardboard boxes or pieces of cardboard

Plastic grocery bags

Toilet paper rolls

Paper towel rolls

Kid friendly magazines

Just drop them by the office any time you are on campus. Thanks! (from Janet Ford)

PVA Membership Drive



We're only 133 Memberships away from 100%. Thank you to all the 173 families who have paid their PVA dues. PVA has an even more exciting year of classroom enhancements planned than we were able to do last year, but we can't do it without your help. Please send in your \$50.00 membership fee as soon as possible so we can continue to help make that window into learning for our kids as fun and interesting as possible! (from Michelle Bergeson)

Eat Mor Chikin on Tuesdays



Don't Forget – Every Tuesday Morning breakfast will be served at the Upper School and near the Middle School from 7:45 – 8:15am. The program helps support the MSA Sports program and is sponsored by the Booster Club. Here is the menu:

Chicken Biscuit - \$2.75

Sausage Biscuit - \$2.75

Buttered Biscuit - \$1.00

(from Jennifer Kramer)

New Used Uniform Store!



The PVA Used Uniform Store will now be open ONLY on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Tuesdays the hours will be from 8:15 – 9:15am and on Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:00pm. The key will not be available from Cheri in the office at any time. If you cannot shop during these hours please contact Lisa Sabine at lsabine@bellsouth.net.
(from Michelle Bergeson)

Enough News to Share



If you are new to Mill Springs then you are new to the Weekly News. Every Friday a newsletter goes out and it will have timely information about the events and activities here on campus. 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.

****If you have already sent me their email address, then they have received this newsletter today****

The Heat is ON...

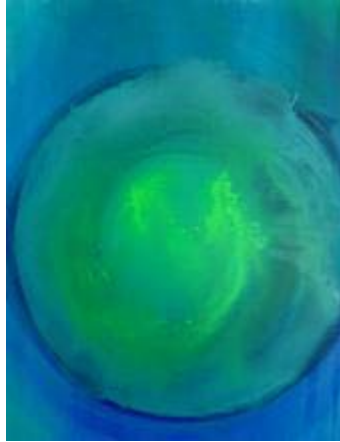


It's summer and we have students that are participating in sports so care must be taken to make sure that everyone is safe in the heat. Our coaches are very cautious and keep a watchful eye on the athletes as they are on the field or outdoors playing and/or practicing. They make certain that everyone stays hydrated. At **this link** you will find a guide to help you understand the signs and symptoms of the different heat related illnesses (dehydration, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and exertional heat stroke) along with some helpful information on treating those illnesses. Please take a moment and look over this informative booklet for their handy tips. (from Greg Bodeep)

<http://www.nata.org/consumer/docs/parentandcoachesguide.pdf>

Not So Timely News . . .

This information was in the first newsletter of the school year, however, we did not have a complete distribution list. So we are sharing these one more time. 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 August 1st. 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 them.

Eddie and Donna Day have been married for 26 years and have 6 children. The Day family is 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)*

Running Late (or Early)?

All students should arrive at 8:00am. If your student will arrive before 8am, please see your principal to make special arrangements. **DO NOT** drop students off unless prior arrangements have been made (2008, MSA Handbook, p.13).



We won't leave a child unattended on campus but it is important to be prompt when picking up your child from our after school programs to ensure their safety. Carpool for PM Programs, cross country, and volleyball is 5:00pm. Other sports dismiss at 5:30pm. You can verify the carpool time with your coach. A late fee is assessed for parents who are more than 15 minutes late picking their kids up from carpool.

We can provide supervision after carpool for \$10 per 15 minutes. The late charge will begin 15 minutes after your regularly scheduled carpool. If you are late, the coach or PM program supervisor will ask you to sign a form indicating the amount you will be charged and this information will be turned into the bookkeeper. Then an invoice will be mailed.

We thank you for your cooperation.

The Bulletin Board



Here is what YOU need to know for this week!

Don't forget to get all of your forms in as soon as possible, they were due August 1st, and we all know today is the 15th ☺ - thanks!

Monday, August 18th begins the PM program

Thursday, August 21st – 3:30pm - Audition Workshop – Theatre in the SAC

Monday, August 25th – 8:15am – Parent Volunteer Association Meeting

Monday, September 1 – Labor Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

Character Quote of the Week



Not education, but character, is man's greatest need and man's greatest safeguard.

- Herbert Spencer
