



MSA Weekly News

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Whirlwind Week!!



This was a whirlwind week considering it was short, or probably because of the shortness. We had a good Open House on Wednesday, you may have heard about Thursday's fire drill and then Donuts for Dads was today for Lower and Middle Dads. Donuts for Dads was very well attended (we didn't get any leftover donuts in the office – that's a sure sign). This is a terrific event, the kids just love for their Dads to come and see their school.

Anyway there is a large list of **college acceptances** I've gotta share with you and all the **sports scores** from last week (since I put the newsletter together early) and this week so we are going to get right down to it!

Have a terrific weekend!

College Acceptances!!!

There are LOTS of college acceptances this week, here is the run down:

Logan Boylan has been accepted to East Carolina University.

Nick Cobleigh has been accepted to and offered a scholarship by Tusculum College.

Goucher College which is located in Towson, Maryland has accepted **Emily Elkind**.

University of Tampa, Presbyterian College AND Valdosta State College have all accepted **Jason Hodapp**.

Bryan Lynn has been accepted to Mercer University.

Chris Magill has been accepted at Winthrop University.

Seth Paul was accepted at Armstrong Atlantic State University.

Liza Weichbrodt has been accepted to Beacon College.

Congratulations to all of you!

(from Susan Day, Counselor)



Learn what is going on with your PVA

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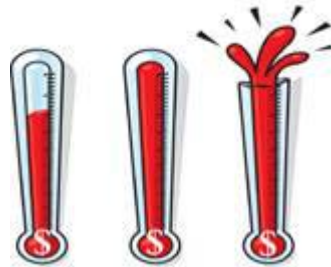
MSA Current Calendar
School Calendar on the MSA website

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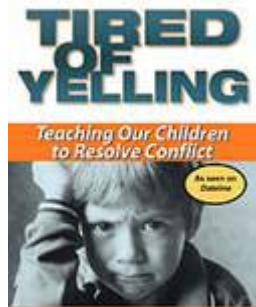
Calling All Families



Mill Springs Academy is still striving to reach 100% participation from our parents in this year's Annual Fund. If you have not yet participated in the Annual Fund this year, please take a moment to **download your pledge form** and turn it in today.

So far this year we have raised a total of \$170,807 with 73% parent participation. Please join the many families as well as the Board of Trustees, Faculty and Staff who have already reached their goal of 100% participation. (from Mary Ramirez, Development)

Parent Book Club – Lower School



The Lower School Parent Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 29 at 1:30PM. We will meet for about an hour at the Starbucks located on the corner of Roswell Road and Abernathy Road. The address is 6681 Roswell Road, Atlanta, GA 30328. Discussion will include thoughts about the book *Tired of Yelling: Teaching Our Children to Resolve Conflict* by Lyndon Waugh with Letitia Sweitzer. We will share stories and hear strategies that have been successful for others. Please bring along a copy of the book and an appetite for coffee and tea! All MSA Weekly News readers, please feel free to check out the book club blog to see what we have been reading. The blog is located at www.msamustangs.blogspot.com. (from Anne Holland, Counselor)

The Horseshoe Review - WLP



Getting “up close and personal” with Georgia professional writers is just what a group of 10 Upper students did this past week. Responding in the affirmative to the question “Do you want to be a professional writer one day?” our aspiring writers came ready to write with the pros. Noted writers, Marc Fitten, Editor of *The Chattahoochee Review*, Kathy Hogan Trocheck, author of the Callahan Garrity series and Mary Kay Andrews novels, Todd Sentell, author of *Toonamint of Champions* and Dr. Jack Slay, Dean of Students at LaGrange College, shared methods and secrets of their craft.

The Workshop culminated with participants submitting short stories for inclusion in the new MSA Literary Journal, *The Horseshoe Review* to be published next Spring semester. The students named the Journal and designed the front cover. Get a sneak preview [HERE](#) of this spectacular first effort and then be certain to congratulate those students who worked so hard to pull this together with a short, one week deadline! (from Sherry Robinson, Upper School Teacher)

College Visiting - WLP

Students **Marc Glenn, Chris Magill, Catherine Simpson, Jason Rosenberg, Doug Seaman, Andrew Smoltz** and **Tom Douglas** were fearlessly led by Susan Day, Diane Lewis and Anne Holland to visit various colleges during the second week of Winter Learning.

Although temperatures were frigid and the winds were harsh, the group braved five different schools between Georgia and Alabama. The courageous and nearly frostbitten group visited Reinhardt College, Jacksonville State University, Gordon College, North Georgia College & State University and Berry College. The students had the opportunity to learn a great deal about each school and participated in campus tours.

Near the end of the week, the students took a short survey regarding the schools they visited. The results are as follows:

Most Beautiful Campus: Jacksonville State University

Most Entertaining/Informative Tour: North Georgia College & State University

Best Looking Boys: Jacksonville State University

Best Looking Girls: Gordon College

Overall Favorite: Jacksonville State University & Gordon College tied



Jacksonville State University

A special thank you to all of the university and college representatives that helped to arrange our campus visits. A wonderful time was had by all!
(Anne Holland, Counselor)

Attention! Attention!



Your Mill Springs Academy Parent Volunteer Association needs volunteers for the following positions for the 2009-2010 school year: President, Vice President, and Treasurer. If you would like to be considered for any of these positions or would like to nominate anyone for any of these positions, please come to our next PVA meeting on January 26th at 8:15am in the CommArts Great Room. If you would like additional information, please **contact Michelle Bergeson**, PVA President at 404-931-4088.

Dancing with the MSA Stars - WLP

MSA students enjoyed a week of “Tripping the light fantastic” learning the Salsa, Swing, Electric Slide, Soldier Boy, Hip-Hop, Cha-Cha Slide, Macarena and more! Many, many, thanks to Lynn Stallings for letting the group use her *Studio of the Arts* as our dance venue.



Dance instructor, Casey Noblett, mixed a little “boot camp” workout of laps, sit-ups, push-ups, jumping jacks and stretching to start each 2 hour session. Casey was great, combining patience and humor to help get us into the groove! The students cheered each other on and a good time was had by all. (from Sherry Robinson) *Pictured in front: **Brooke Woolf, Rae Landon**, Instructor **Casey Noblett, Abby Miles, Jake Northup**. In back: **Chris Thorne, Bryan Lynn, Mason Pritchard, Holly Thillet, Alex Fountain**. Not pictured: **Jared Sherman**.*

Clueless – Executive Dysfunction Workshop

Executive Dysfunction and its Impact on Memory, Academics, Behavior, Socialization, and Independent Functioning workshop to be held:

Tuesday, February 24
8:30 – 11:30am

PreUpper Great Room
Park in lot past Administration Building
Light breakfast and coffee will be served



Sheryl K. Pruitt M.Ed., ET/P

Executive Dysfunction (ED) is an often-overlooked contributor to the problems experienced by children and adolescents with neurological conditions. In this session, there will be an explanation of ED and its impact on many of the regulatory disorders including ADHD. Attendees will get an explanation of ED's impact on memory, academics, behavior and socialization. Practical strategies will be presented that minimize the impact of ED on children's performance and their ability to transition into independent living.

Sheryl K. Pruitt from Parkaire Consultants will present this workshop for our parents. You can get further biographical information [HERE](#). Please RSVP [HERE](#) by February 20th.

Applying for Scholarship/Financial Aid?



Financial aid is available for *enrolled* students. You can find the Application for Financial Aid on our website [HERE](#). The deadline for applying is April 17. If you have any questions feel free to contact [Sheila FitzGerald](#) our Admissions Director.

19th Annual Dimensions of Dyslexia Conference

The 2009 key note speakers include:

Suzanne Carreker, M.S., CALT

"Oral Language: An Important Foundation for Reading"



Oral language is an important foundation skill for successful reading. The importance of oral language and activities that support its development will be presented.

John McCook, Ed.D.

"Survival Guide to Response to Intervention"

Dr. McCook will focus on implementing the response to intervention process as it relates to reading instruction.

Saturday, February 7, 2009

8:00am – 4:00pm

The Loudermilk Center @ Georgia State University

40 Courtland Street

Atlanta, GA 30303

You can pick up a registration form in the MSA Administration Office or you may [register online](#).

The Scoreboard



Basketball – Varsity Boys

1/12	MSA – 53	Crowns Academy – 55
1/13	MSA – 46	North GA Home School – 23
1/17	MSA – 24	Colonial Hill Christian – 39
1/20	MSA – 54	Cottage School – 50
1/22	MSA – 36	Mt. Vernon Presbyterian - 62

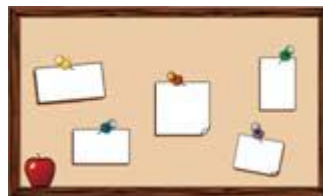
Basketball – JV Boys

1/14	MSA – 16	Kings Ridge – 28
1/16	MSA – 37	Chrysalis – 26

Basketball – Girls

1/14	MSA – 13	Kings Ridge – 26
1/20	MSA – 29	Cottage School – 19
1/22	MSA – 24	Brenau – 31 (in overtime)

The Bulletin Board



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

Registration for the **Spring PM Program** has begun, be sure to [get your registration form](#) in as the Spring deadline is February 6th.

Mon, Jan. 26 – **PVA Meeting** – 8:15am

Wed, Jan. 28 – **Archery Tournament** hosted by
MSA – 4:00pm – Upper School Great Room

Sat, Feb 7 – **PVA Gala** @ the Metropolitan Club –
Get your tickets TODAY – it will be here before
you know it.

Mon/Tue, Feb. 9-10 – Parent Conferences
Lower/Middle ONLY
NO CLASSES

Thu/Fri, Feb. 12-13 – Student Conferences
PreUpper/CommArts/Upper ONLY
NO CLASSES

Cares and Concerns of our Community

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



The Klupchak Family

The Ramirez 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



**Character isn't inherited.
One builds it daily by the
way one thinks and acts,
thought by thought, action
by action.**

- Helen Gahagan Douglas



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