



# MSA Weekly News

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## Web Links of Interest

### Mustang Awards

**Check out the list of Silver and Gold Mustang Awards for Fall Semester!**

### Atlanta Community Food Bank

**See where your canned goods will go**

### MSA Sports Calendar

**The most current information when it comes to MSA Sports Schedules**

### MSA Home Page

**Find everything you need to find about MSA is here**

## Are You Happy?

You know we spend most of our lives striving for success. We feel if we are successful then we will be happy. How does one know when they have reached success? What makes one person a success, might not be enough or right for another person. You may think someone is successful and that person does not think they are. Wouldn't it be simpler just to strive to be happy? It's much easier to be happy. Here are a couple ways you can strive for happiness:

- Be thankful – daily make a list of 5 things for which you are thankful. Or actually tell someone “Thank You” for something they have done. Send a thank you card – try this [HERE](#).
- Just put a smile on your face - when you smile, others will smile at you. When someone smiles at you doesn't that make you feel happy?
- Keep a positive attitude – don't let negative people drag you down into the pit, or just avoid them altogether.
- Spend time with kids – they smile a lot! Play that stupid game they want to play, read a silly book, or just get on the floor and play dolls or Lego's – they will love it and you will smile.

Life is too short to spend it with a frown. So do something that makes you happy this weekend!

HAVE A HAPPY WEEK ☺

## Single Black Puppy Looking for Forever Family

Hi!



I am the little 8-week old female Golden Doodle puppy that is being auctioned off at the MSA PVA's “A Night in New Orleans” Gala next Saturday night (February 7) at the Metropolitan Club in Alpharetta. I am half Golden Retriever and half Standard Poodle, which gives me the best of both breeds! I don't shed, I am super smart and easily trained, and my black shiny coat (which is under my beautiful pink frock, of course) will get curlier with each of the 4 coat changes I will go through my first year! I will make some MSA family a wonderful forever pet! Please come to the Gala and bid on me so I can go home with YOU!

If you have not yet purchased your Gala tickets, time and tickets are running out!

MSA PVA Web Site  
*Learn what is going on with  
your PVA*

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website*

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## School Calendar Change



If you will recall ... a couple weeks ago, I mentioned that the MSA Community had contributed **11, 780 pounds** of canned goods to the Atlanta Community Food Bank during the collection we held on campus. Well as it turns out, that was **100% participation** from all of areas of our Community! So given that we achieved our participation goal, we earned a day off!

Make sure you update your calendars to reflect that there will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, April 13**. This will extend your Spring Break by a day.

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## College Acceptances!



Once again we have had some college acceptances for a couple Class of 2009 seniors – here is the list of individuals deserving of the accolades:

- **Jason Hodapp** has been accepted to Stetson University, and
- **Chris Magill** has been accepted to the University of Arizona

Congratulation!!!

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## Mustangs go WILD in the Corral!



The Boy's Varsity Basketball team won the AAC Regular Season Championship for the **THIRD** year in a row! The 3-Peat accomplishment is a first in Mill Spring's AAC Boy's Varsity basketball history! The Mustangs have earned a 13-11 overall record, won all AAC Games in the Corral, and have put themselves in position to get a second AAC Tournament Championship. In addition, the JV Boy's Basketball Team won the AAC Regular Season Championship for the **SECOND** straight year and have compiled an overall record of 8-2. With AAC JV Tournament action on February 4-5 (to be held at Brandon Hall) and the Varsity Tournament on February 9-13 (held at The Howard School), the Mustangs are poised to capture the third leg of the Triple Crown. This team is a true blessing from God, and we look forward to exciting AAC Tournament action! Thanks for all your support and we need you at the Tournaments. (from

Phil Hanson)

Check out the scores **BELOW**

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## MSA Moms On a Mission!

### February Meetings:

Wednesday, February 4th @ 8:30am

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @8:30am

Both to be held in the CommArts Great Room



The MSA MOM's group is an informal, confidential group for mothers of students at MSA with learning challenges created to share experiences and resources, enhance the lives of ourselves, our children and our families, and support the mission of MSA. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8:30am in the CommArts Great Room. For more information, contact **Paulette Solis** (PU Mom) at 678-267-0362 or **Sheree Crowe** (M Mom) at 770-354-3657. Send us your email to receive information about fun events scheduled throughout the month.

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## Thanks to PVA, Reading Counts is Upgraded!

Thanks to parent support through the PVA and special efforts by Dan and Angel Murr, we'll soon be installing an upgrade of our Reading Counts Program. While much of the program components will remain the same or similar, there'll be one fantastic advantage. We'll no longer have to continually check the library collection and order tests individually. The new version features a new delivery format. Instead of ordering individual tests, we receive the entire set (over 43,000) of currently published quizzes and all new tests monthly, either on discs or over the internet through SAM Connect. We plan to have the new version installed soon. (from Woody Driskill, Librarian) *Pictured at the window being read to by Woody: **Parker Johnson, Michael Bowers, Braydon Moraes** from Donna's First Grade Class.*



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## Mighty Mustang Sports News

Besides the terrific Boy's Basketball news, we have additional sports information to share:

**Archery** – We held the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MSA Archery Invitational. MSA hosted Amana Academy with 28 shooters competing in grades 4-10 with 3 older shooters from MSA in an exposition match. Department of Natural Resources NASP representative John Mitchell officiated while MSA's team was coached by Vaidehi Rallapalli and Victoria Jones. Awards will be given out on Wednesday during practice.



**Wrestling** – According to Coach Chet Burnes, the following students placed in the GISA Regions in wrestling and are eligible for the State:

**Aaron Bradsher** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Nick Cobleigh** – 4<sup>th</sup> place

**Scott Perkins** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Brent Shephard** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

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## Environmental Video Competition



Keep Roswell Beautiful  
is pleased to announce their  
Environmental Video Competition  
It is open to all Georgia students attending grades 1-12.  
Enter and you can win up to \$5000!  
For more information you can visit  
[www.keeperoswellbeautiful.org](http://www.keeperoswellbeautiful.org)  
The entry deadline is February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

DETAILS HERE

HERE

APPLICATION

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## The Scoreboard

### Basketball – Varsity Boys

1/23 MSA – **68** Academe of the Oaks – 24  
1/27 MSA – **40** Hidden Lake Academy - 31



### Basketball – JV Boys

1/23 MSA – **41** Chrysalis - 21

### Basketball – Girls

1/23 MSA – 25 Academe of the Oaks – **26**  
1/27 MSA – 20 Hidden Lake Academy - **33**

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## Share School News with Aunt Millie



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 you think 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 \*\***

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## 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 deadline is February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sat, Feb 7 – **PVA Gala** – Metropolitan Club  
Tickets are limited – get yours **TODAY!**

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**

Thurs, Feb 12 – Winter PM Program ends

Mon, Feb 16 – **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
President's Day

Tues, Feb 17 – Spring Sports Begin



Mon, April 13 – **\*\*SCHOOL CLOSED\*\***  
Canned Food Day OFF – Extending Spring Break  
**\*\*This is a change to the school calendar\*\***

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## Cares and Concerns of our Community



*Framed Painting by Susie Pryor  
for auction at the Gala*

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

**The Kane - Ratliff Family**  
**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.

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## Character Quote of the Week



**The most revolutionary  
act one can commit in  
our world is to be  
happy.**

**- Dr. Hunter "Patch"  
Adams**

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