



MSA Weekly News

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Wanted: Good Reputation

As it turns out I have a bad reputation. I bet you didn't know that about me – heck I didn't know that about me! But that is why you got last week's Friday Weekly News on Monday. Normally when I send out the newsletter there are roughly 800 email addresses on the distribution list between parents, grandparents, professionals, faculty and friends of MSA. Apparently when I sent the newsletter on Friday, I was the culprit of some random computer violation and so my email was blocked from being sent due to my bad reputation. Hopefully my reputation will not precede me and we will not have a problem this week as well. If we do have a problem, I may need to make an effort to clean up my reputation. Then I might have to split up my distribution list into several smaller ones. In the meantime, it might help my reputation if you ensure that my email address is in your contact list (charwood@millsprings.org), that way the Weekly News won't land in your Spam/Junk Mail file never to be found. I wouldn't want you to miss out on anything because I know how much you look forward to my bits of wisdom and words of advice! AND I have so much to share yet! :0)

Conference Camp



Farmer Sue and the Art Barn Crew are offering a day camp during our Lower and Middle School Conferences. On that Monday & Tuesday (Feb 9 & 10) you can drop off your student to be a Farmer for a Day. Just contact the Art Barn to obtain details and make arrangements. Farmer Sue can be reached at 678-319-0286.

Space is limited to 18 Farmers
so be sure to RSVP as soon as possible.

News that is Noteworthy!



Class of 2009: Congratulations go to **Emily Elkind** on her acceptance to Berry College!

Alumni: Megan Feeley, Class of 2005, is having a Senior Photography Exhibition at Reinhardt College's Fincher Art Building on February 5th. The Open House will be from 6:30 – 9:00pm. You can contact her about it at megan_feeley@yahoo.com. If you are not able to make the opening the show her work will be on display until February 14th.

Parent Workshop: The Schenck School presents a

your PVA

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lecture with Dr. Kenneth Pugh. Dr. Pugh will be speaking on the most recent brain research related to dyslexia and reading instruction and how these research findings impact educational practices. **RSVP required** – see additional information **HERE**.

GALA Information: Several parents have asked me about tickets. In case you too were wondering, you will NOT receive a ticket. There will be a list at the door of those individuals that have RSVP'd to the event.

Wrestling – GISA State Championships



This past weekend four Mustang Wrestlers, **Aaron Bradsher, Nick Cobleigh, Brent Shepherd** and **Scot Perkins**, traveled to Perry, Georgia for the 2009 GISA State Championships. After two days of tough competition, Scot Perkins earned Fifth Place in the 140 lb weight class. The Wrestlers would like to thank the MSA Community for their support throughout the season. (Coach Chet Burnes) *Pictured: Creighton Cunningham (MSA Class of '06), Scot Perkins, Chet Burnes.*

Middle School Wish List



Through the PVA, the Middle School has a Wish List. We are looking for new or lightly used items. If you are able to donate one or more of these items, please contact Donna Foster at foster-family@comcast.net. Here is the list:

Refrigerator (1)

Microwaves (3)

ED Workshop for Parents

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

Tuesday, February 24

8:30 – 11:30am

Upper Great Room

(New Larger Venue)

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.

Random Acts of Kindness Week

Happy Random Acts of Kindness Week! Please join the celebration February 9-13 and spread the kindness by selflessly giving to another person. According to several scientific studies, performing good deeds benefits our mental and physical health! The Random Acts of Kindness website, www.actsofkindness.org, has numerous ideas and inspirational stories about spreading kindness in our world. An act of kindness may be a simple smile, look or friendly hello. Remember that all acts of kindness, big and small, are meaningful and never wasted!



"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."--Maya Angelou

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."--Leo Buscaglia (from Anne Holland, Counselor)

The Scoreboard



Basketball – JV Boys

They are playing in their tournament at Brandon Hall as I type.

Basketball – Varsity Boys

The Howard School will host the Varsity Boys and Girls Tournaments with the first round on Monday, semifinals on Wednesday and the championship on Friday.

Basketball – Girls

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The Bulletin Board

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

Sat, Feb 7 – **PVA Gala** – Metropolitan Club
Festive attire is encouraged and
there will be a *mask contest!*

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

Wed, Feb 11 – Baseball Meeting in Keith's room @
10:00 – If your student is playing ball, they need to
attend this meeting.

Thurs, Feb 12 – Winter PM Program ends

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

Tues, Feb 17 – Spring Sports Begin

Mon, Feb 23 – begins the **Coca-Cola Sale** through
March 16 - Pick up will be Saturday, March 28

Mon, April 13 – ****SCHOOL CLOSED****
Travel Day after Easter - Extending Spring Break
****This is a change to the school calendar****



Cares and Concerns of our Community

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



The Allen Family

The Kane-Ratliff 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



**Educate a man in mind
and not morals, and you
educate a menace to
society.**

- Theodore Roosevelt



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