



MSA Weekly News

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Happy Valentine's Day

Well I am not going to give you the history of St. Valentine as it seems there is some dispute – you can see for yourself [HERE](#) -this information is from History.com. But I am going to wish you Happy Valentine's Day!

In case you were wondering Hershey's Kisses are some of my favorite chocolate. This is a popular time of year to get them – although they taste just as good at any time of year!



I don't really know what shape a kiss should be and I have never questioned this shape as the right shape. But I wondered how these drop-shaped chocolates got their name. As it turns out, it is not exactly known how Kisses got their name, but **Hershey tells us** that "it is a popular theory that the candy was named for the sound or motion of the chocolate being deposited during the manufacturing process". Whether Hershey's come in a kiss shape or a bar shape, I don't care, they are still my favorite! (Some day we are going to have a quiz about all the random facts you learn from/about me – then I will know who is reading and who is not!)

Have a terrific Valentine's Day –
do something nice for someone nice. ☺

PVA Thanks YOU!!

MSA PVA's "A Night in New Orleans" Gala was a **HUGE** success! PVA would like to thank everyone who came out and helped make this event one we will all remember! Besides having an absolutely wonderful time with the scrumptious food, wildly entertaining Don Stallings as the MC and Auctioneer, and the talented music of Zydefunk, our MSA parents and staff managed to help the PVA raise approximately \$21,000 for MSA!!! That was quite a feat!

The talented and dedicated Gala committee of Monique Droege, Angel Murr, David Hartley, Donna Foster, Robyn Flax, Ann Flack, Mary Ann Masson, Cindy Ross, Jennifer Mercer and Michelle Bergeson worked long and hard for many months to transform the rooms of the Metropolitan Club into Old New Orleans and to make the Dinner and Auction flow





National **Green** Week was February 2-8. There were a myriad of **green** projects held in schools across America, including right here at Mill Springs. Publix Super Markets developed “**GO GREEN**”, a program for sixth graders to better understand how to become responsible members of the planet, and to respect all of the resources that it has to offer. One of the projects was a Design-A-Bag contest, each student was asked to draw a picture depicting what they were learning. Some of the prizes include a class party and the best design chosen would end up on a reusable grocery bag in Publix stores. This contest was open to 6th grade students in Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia. Daniel Gracia’s science students all participated in this contest. The state finalists will be announced on Earth Day, April 22, 2009. Good luck to everyone!

Get Your Registrations in TODAY!



Please make sure that your students **PM Program** registration gets in as soon as possible. The deadline was February 6th but there are still some spaces available. Sign up NOW! Otherwise we may have to cancel activities that have low participation. (from Victoria Jones)

Quiz Count Goes UP!



Thanks to the PVA, the library has a new version of Reading Counts featuring availability of more than 43,000 quizzes. This means that in most cases, when you obtain a book that you know is a Reading Counts title, we probably have the quiz, even when the books are obtained from book stores, online sources and other libraries. The collection of quizzes is updated monthly with new quizzes and corrections.

A special thanks goes to Paul Barkley’s department, particularly Dennis Lockhart, for going beyond the call of duty in working with the installation over the past weekend to minimize down-time for teachers and students using Reading Counts. (from Woody Driskill)

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.

This is your LAST week to sign up for the workshop.

Applying for Financial Aid?



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

The Scoreboard



Basketball – Varsity Boys

The Boys will play The Cottage School for the Championship tonight at 6:30pm at The Howard School. They would love to have a cheering section – consider joining them. Get directions to the game [HERE](#). Good Luck Mustangs!

Basketball – Varsity Girls

NEWS FLASH: I just got a call from James Sampson and he told me that the girls just beat The Howard School to secure our third place in the Championship. The final score was **26 Mustangs** – 24 Howard School! Congratulations Lady Mustangs!

The Bulletin Board

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

Sat, Feb 14 – Happy **Valentine's Day!**

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

Tues, Feb 17 – Spring Sports Begin
Spring PM Program Begins

Thur, Feb 19 – **Transition Night**
Parents of rising 5th, 7th, and 9th grade students
PreUpper Great Room

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

Mon, Feb 23 – 8:15am – **PVA Meeting** – CommArts
Great Room

Tue, Feb 24 – 8:30am – **Executive Dysfunction**
Parent Workshop – Upper School Great Room –
Please RSVP [HERE](#)

Mon, Mar 2 – Re-enrollment **Contracts Due**

Mon, Apr 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



Dollars have never been known to produce character.

- W. K. Kellogg



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