



# MSA Weekly News

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## TGIF

Here it is – another Friday – and it is rainy! Usually just being Friday will buoy one's spirits. But throw in some good solid rain with gray clouds, and gloom sets in. Hopefully this weather is a sign that springtime is not too far away and this is the first of many rainy days, that we desperately need, to have beautiful spring flowers and summer boat outings.



We have had a plethora of activity this week, not to mention an all-school severe weather drill, a wonderful parent workshop with LOTS of attendees (see info [BELOW](#)), and a PVA meeting at the start of the week. Tuesday marked five years here at MSA for me and I am still happy to be here (in case you were wondering). All-in-all we've had a great week with hopes for a terrific weekend. TGIF!

## Time is Running Out!



Don't forget to get your re-enrollment contract and deposit in to hold your spot for next year.

**Monday, March 2 is the deadline.**

If for some reason you have not received your contract for the 2009-2010 school year or have any questions, please contact Sheila FitzGerald [HERE](#) or call her at 770-360-1336.

## Lower School Participates in Math-a-thon!



The Lower School has begun participating in a St. Jude Math-A-Thon event! This program helps raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the premier center for the research and treatment of childhood cancer and other deadly diseases. The MSA Community can sponsor students participating in the Math-A-Thon by pledging an amount-per-problem or a one-time donation. Through events like this Math-A-Thon, Mill Springs will be supporting the St. Jude mission of finding cures and saving children across the country and around the world. Participating students receive a Funbook that is filled with math problems and puzzles. Students ask family and friends for pledges, then after students complete their Funbooks, they collect the pledges and donations from their sponsors, and all

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donations are sent to St. Jude. For more information visit their website [www.mathathon.org](http://www.mathathon.org).

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## From the Tree-lined Paths of College



Another week with some terrific news for some more of our Seniors!

- Congratulate **Tim Kushnick** on his acceptance to Georgia College and State University in beautiful Milledgeville – Go Bobcats!
- **Evan Wahl** has been accepted to Dawg Country at the University of Georgia and has been offered a substantial scholarship as well.
- Both Reinhardt College and Georgia Perimeter College have accepted **Megan Kennedy**.
- **Jordan Demers** has been accepted to Clayton State University.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of you!

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## PM Programs!

The spring season of PM Programs has begun. This season the kids enrolled in the program will enjoy the following programs:

**Monday** – Art Barn with Farmer Sue and Karen Bradley

**Tuesday** – Brainy Builder with Karen Bradley and staff from Playin' on Purpose

Golf for ages 12 and under with Michael Adams at Georgia Golf Center

**Wednesday** – Go 4 It and Geek Patrol Express  
Computer classes with Cindy Thorne

**Thursday** – KK's Club and Crew, always the greatest!

Look for registration information concerning 2009-10 Fall Programs in your summer packets.



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## Middle School Wish List



*Wish Granted!*

Through the PVA, the Middle School has a Wish List. We are looking for new or gently used items. Please contact Donna Foster at [foster-family@comcast.net](mailto:foster-family@comcast.net) or call 678-613-7061 to donate or ask questions. Here is the list:

Refrigerator (1)

Microwaves (2)

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## Parent Workshop Kudos

The workshop on Executive Dysfunction given earlier this week had approximately 100 individuals in attendance, and not just from MSA, the registration was opened up to other private and public school individuals as well. Several parents have come by my desk to tell me that the workshop was just wonderful. In fact Melissa Goldberg, Middle School parent, wrote these comments to share with you:



*Standing Ovation for Sheryl Pruitt – Thank You!*

“Through a combination of humor, personal experience, and proven research data, Sheryl [Pruitt] provided us with invaluable insight into what Executive Dysfunction is, what it isn’t, and how to cope with and manage it.

“We learned that Executive Dysfunction (EDF) is different from, and is concurrent with, many other diagnoses.

“Sheryl impressed upon us the necessity for parents to have a better understanding of EDF in order to help our children progress toward being more self-aware.”

It is critical to make our “kids cognizant of how the disorder impacts them and the tricks and tools they can use to compensate. It was an excellent reality check.”

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## The Mysteries of the Uniform Store Revealed



To all who wonder just exactly when the uniform store opens, what it is and does it actually cost money – here is the low down:

The uniform store is a PVA fundraiser to provide students with gently-used uniforms at a discount price. Only checks made out to MSA-PVA are accepted (no cash). The hours to the uniform store are Tuesdays 8:15 – 9:15am and Thursday 3:30 – 5:00pm. We can also meet you at the store if you

### *Mystery Solved!*

would like to call Jill Strothmann (home 678-474-9961 or cell 678-618-2518) and make an appointment.

Students need to be accompanied by a teacher to shop at the store and should bring a check to cover their needs.

The prices of items are shirts and shorts - \$3, dresses, skirts/skorts, long pants, hoodies and sweaters - \$5, fleece and jackets - \$10, PE shorts and shirts - \$2, hardback books - \$5 and paperbacks - \$1.

The store is still in dire need of pants. Everyone's child has probably grown a foot over the school year. If you notice your angel's ankles are shining bright at the hem of his/her pants, please donate them to the store.

Don't hesitate to contact Jill if you have any questions. Thanks for your support. (from Jill Strothmann, Middle School parent)

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## Track Season has begun!



Next week on Thursday the largest track team in MSA history will be participating in two separate season opening meets. The JV and Youth track teams will host Cottage School, Epstein Atlanta and Chrysalis here at MSA. Meanwhile the boys and girls Varsity team travel to The Heritage School in Newnan to participate in the first GISA meet of the season. GO MUSTANGS!!

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## Ooops ...



Last week I had this picture of the GISA All Select Band in the newsletter and incorrectly indicated who was in the picture. It should have said that the students in the picture are **Matt Gang, Andrew Grey** and **Nick O'Shea** with Elizabeth. So my apologies to Matt and his family.



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## Let the Cat out of the Bag!



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:

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

Mon, Mar 2 – Spring Sports Pictures Taken

Fri, Mar 6 – 8:00am – **Muffins for Moms** (Lower & Middle only)

Sun, Mar 8 – **Daylight Saving Time** – Set your clocks ahead one hour.

Wed, Mar 11 – **Public Open House** – This is a great opportunity for anyone you know to get information on Mill Springs Academy for their student.

Fri, Mar 13 – **SCHOOL CLOSED** – Mid-Winter Break

Fri, Mar 20 – Middle School Spring Dance

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

Sat, Aug 1 – **\*\*Technology Day\*\***  
This is the day that new students pick up their laptops, it was previously posted as July 18<sup>th</sup>, so this is a change to the calendar.



## Cares and Concerns of our Community



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

**The Allen Family**  
**The Ramirez Family**  
**The Swartz 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



**I no doubt deserved my  
enemies, but I don't  
believe I deserved my  
friends.**

- Walt Whitman



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