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NOTICE

We are experiencing a problem with NetClassroom that is being addressed. Friday Reports should be available sometime tomorrow with current grades.

Busy, Busy, Busy!!

No School – Friday, March 13, 2009 – Mid Winter Break – Tomorrow

Thought I would give you the important information first, I am sure your student will remind you, on the off chance they don't know! Ha!

Next week is **Green** Week, you know with St. Patrick's Day and all. In honor of St. Patrick we will wear the designated color, it helps that it is the school color so it is already in our wardrobes. I was reminded this morning to change Elmo's outfit here at the desk, as he had on his winter hat, scarf and gloves. So now he is appropriately wearing his leprechaun attire, including top hat and pointy shoes.

We have had a very busy week here at MSA! Tuesday was our opening day for most sports here on campus, so we had baseball, track, and tennis all in one day with lots of visiting schools. Make sure to check the highlights that follow below. Then we had an open house on Wednesday and Jr. Soccer. This afternoon the Baseball team is playing at Brandon Hall.

I have lots of news to share with you this week, so have a great Mid-Winter Break. Everyone stay well (or get well).

Don't forget to wear your **green** on Tuesday so you don't get pinched!

Geographic Bee News!



If you recall in December, we told you that Alec Schulman was preparing to participate in a test that was given to all National Geographic Bee school winners. Those contestants with the highest scores then compete on the state level. Well congratulations go to PreUpper Student **Alec Schulman** for qualifying for this year's STATE level National Geographic Geography Bee!! The state Bee will be on April 3rd at Georgia College and State University. One winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition, which will be held May 19-20 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.D. The final round of the 2009 Bee, featuring Alex Trebek, will air on the National Geographic Channel on May 20 and then on public television stations. PreUpper World Cultures teacher

Catch up on past news

MSA Current Calendar
School Calendar on the MSA
website

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Karen Bradley is the MSA Sponsor of the Bee.

Good Luck in April Alec!

Jr. Soccer Rocks!!



The Jr. Mustangs Soccer Team played their first game on Wednesday vs. the Epstein School. All 20 (yes, you read correctly) players contributed with enthusiasm and tenacity! The game ended in a 3-3 tie with goals scored by **Mackenzie Morris, Skyler Toney, and Dylan Porper!** Our fantastic goal-keeping efforts were shared by **Hanna Bowler** and **Paolo Gatica!** (from Coach Shelley Robinson)

Way to go Jr. Mustangs!

Breakfast of STARs!!

The STAR Student Breakfast was held at the Ansley Golf Club in north Atlanta on February 24 and hosted by the local chapter of the Rotary Club. The STAR student is the senior who has the highest score on the SAT at a single administration. This honor is given by the Professional Association of Georgia Educators, the Georgia Department of Education and the local Chamber of Commerce.



Congratulations Tim!

MSA's STAR Student, **Tim Kushnick**, his parents (Steve and Debra Kushnick), and Gail Kreher (Tim's chosen STAR Teacher) attended this breakfast with other students from north Fulton County schools. Each STAR Student addressed the group, telling about their college plans and what they do for fun. Tim said that right now he plans to attend Clemson University to study automotive engineering, and that he would like to pursue a master's degree in motor sports one day. For fun, he enjoys working on his car. *Pictured: Steve, Debra, Tim and Gail*

Track and Field Update

The Running Mustangs hosted Brenau Academy, Cottage School, Hidden Lake Academy, Academe of the Oaks, Gables, Brandon Hall and Atlanta Area School for the Deaf in the first AAC meet of the season. There is some really great competition out there this season so it was really fun to watch. The last two events were scratched due to darkness, meaning this meet will not be scored, but here are a few MSA highlights:

- **Chris Thorne** won the high jump with a jump of 6' (last year's winning height

at the state meet was 6'1"). Chris also took a close second in the long jump of 18' 7.5".

- **Michael Palmer** took 6th place in the high jump.
- **Alexis Karkula** and **Brent Shepherd** tried the discus for the first time. Alexis placed 5th and Brent 4th in this event.
- Brent also tried the shot put along with **Chris Schultz**. Brent placed 4th and Chris took 7th.
- **Patrick Marco** and **Dave Friedland** participated in the 3200m run taking 8th and 9th places.
- **Logan Singleton** and **Grant Pryor** competed in the 1600m run taking 8th and 5th place respectively.
- **Chris Magill** and **West Connor** ran in the 400m race with times of 58.21 and 1:02 respectively.
- **Jake Lipsitz** took 3rd in the 100m with a time of 12.14.
- Alexis also placed 4th in the 100m and 2nd in the 400m races.

Pictured: The high jump and Chris Thorne, taken by Michael Palmer.



MSA Students are Magically Delicious!

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Pictured: Brenna Gates, Holly Thillet, Mason Pritchard, Kirsten Smith, Brooke Woolf, Maura Stevenson and Amy Karschner

Upper and CommArts students are in their 8th big year of publishing our award-winning periodical: Kickin It. At an average of 20 pages per issue, parents, friends and alumni can find **1600 pages of AWESOME!** Check out MSA's history on our first archived issue online; In our August 2003 issue the Upper School building still had no roof and we heard about HDTV for the first time from eighth-grader Drew Carson (who now attends SCAD in Savannah). Fast forward through the years and see us change from a newspaper format to the more colorful, more inviting magazine format. Current journalists working hard to bring you the latest news: **Seth Paul, Cameron McIntosh, Emily Elkind, Marc Silver, Jenna Nurik, Sam Coil, Austin Allen, Rae Landon, Lauren Hays and Alex Fountain.** (from Gail Kreher)

Tennis Team Victory!



The Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls opened the tennis season Tuesday afternoon vs. Brandon Hall. All of the players worked extremely hard during their matches, and both teams ended the day with a victory!!! The tennis teams had another home game on Wednesday against Hidden Lake Academy. Although the Varsity Boys put forth 110% effort, Hidden Lake ended up with the win. We'll get them next time during our rematch on Tuesday, March 24!!! Our Varsity Girls came through with a victory and won all of their matches! Congratulations to both teams for their hard work, determination, and enthusiasm! The next HOME match is on Wednesday, March 18th at 4:00pm vs. The Cottage School. Come on over and watch some marvelous Mustang tennis!

College Acceptance



Please congratulate **Max Holt** on his acceptance to Kennesaw State University.

The New Team in Town



The first unofficial Youth/JV meet took place on Tuesday last week. We were blessed with a beautiful day. For some of the athletes, this was their very first race, high jump and/or long jump against other teams. The excitement was contagious. We are truly thankful to Coaches Burnes and Bodeep for all of their help and support. We could not have done this without you. We would also like to thank our team moms who help out with snacks and concessions. The turnout from parents was wonderful. We may need more bleachers for our cheering section!

Our next meet will be on April 2nd at 4:15. We are confident that our next meet will be even more of a success! (Coach Kris Farrell and Coach Lisa Brown)

Mustangs Baseball



Tuesday the Mustangs baseball team defeated Chrysalis, 14-4, behind the superb pitching of **Mike Kline**. Mike came in when starter **Addison Reed** pulled a muscle. **Bryan Lynn** contributed with his bat with two hits. Thank you for all those who came out to support our team. (from Coach Muma)

The Bulletin Board

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

HERE is the most current issue of *Kickin It Magazine*

Spring Sports Pictures and Group Photos are available for purchase on the **MSA Athletic website**

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



March 17-19 – Achievement Tests for **4th, 5th, and 6th** graders.

Mon, Mar 16 – **Coke Sale ends** – That gives your student the weekend to gather orders.

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 18th, 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 Egan Family

The Kane-Ratliff Family

The Ramirez Family

The Sawyer 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



Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm.

- Edward George Bulwer-Lytton



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