



# MSA Weekly News

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## Getting Back into a Routine

This is the year for the Summer Olympics – like you don't know – we stay up until all hours of the night watching Olympic events that are coming to us live, but 12 hours later in another country. When it is night here, it's morning there. All of that is wearing me out! Years at a time we never once watch diving, trampoline, or gymnastics and then the Olympics come and we can't get enough – they suck you in. But it is time to get back into a routine – no, not a gymnastics routine, are you kidding???? Everything seems to be settling down – students are getting in a routine, schedules seem to be worked out, the dust from the remodeling has settled, and the Olympics will be done soon and we can all get some sleep.

Speaking of the Olympics, last night we watched the Chinese girls take a gold and a bronze medal in diving. I have to tell you this short story, I feel a very slight connection to the girl whose name is Chen. When I print my name out quickly, Cheri, the "r" and "i" run quickly together and it looks like Chen. So one day in my mailbox at home I received a magazine called *Beijing Today*, addressed to Chen Harwood. Ok, so that's my connection, I know ... I told you it was a very slight connection. I didn't subscribe to the magazine and I will be glad when my husband stops rolling Chinese names off his tongue and things can get back to normal. (I never promised these opening articles would have anything to do with school.) I hope things are getting back into a routine for you and your family too!

Signing off from Beijing, I'm Chen Harwood. Back to you Robert.

## Prizes for 100% PVA Membership!



Help your student's School win an Ice Cream Party! Or better yet, help the whole school win and Ice Cream Party! On September 5<sup>th</sup> the school with 100% PVA Membership will be awarded and Ice Cream Party from the PVA, or everyone at Mill Springs will be cheerfully licking their ice cream spoons if the whole school achieves 100% in PVA Memberships! We only need 115 more PVA Memberships to have 100% for the school! Hint, hint – our MSA teachers and staff REALLY like their ice cream! (from Michelle Bergeson, PVA President)

## Parent Workshop on ADHD

MSA Current Calendar  
School Calendar on the MSA  
website

## Contact Us

<http://www.millsprings.org>  
[charwood@millsprings.org](mailto:charwood@millsprings.org)

**Mill Springs Academy**  
13660 New Providence Rd  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
770-360-1336



This workshop is designed to help parents learn more about attention deficit and how it can impact children in the home and school setting. Parents of children of all ages are welcome.

Dr. Kelle Laushey

Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 9:00pm

Boxed dinners will be served. Childcare will be provide. Register by 9/23. This workshop is free to MSA parents, contact Cheri Harwood **at THIS link** or call 770-360-1336. All other interested people should visit [www.georgiaeta.com](http://www.georgiaeta.com) to register (click on Workshop, then Family Workshop and scroll down to Mill Springs). (from Janet Ford)

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## Canine Preventative Program



Interquest Detection Canines has been a part of Mill Springs for five years now supporting our drug and alcohol prevention program. Their mission includes promoting a safe and drug free environment in schools and businesses. As we welcome them back for another year, we would like to give you the opportunity to learn more about this program and ask any questions. Please feel free to join your children as we have an all school assembly to find out more about Interquest and how they work with MSA.

Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

1:30pm – Student Activity Center

You can also get information from their website:  
<http://www.interquestk9.com/index.htm>

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## First PVA Meeting of the School Year!



The first MSA PVA (parent volunteer association) meeting this year will be Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:20am, right after carpool drop off, in the Communication Arts Great Room. Come have a cup of coffee and a doughnut while you hear what exciting events PVA has planned this year. A great way for NEW parents to meet some other MSA parents and to get involved in your student's school! (from Michelle Bergeson, PVA President)

## On the Alumni News Front

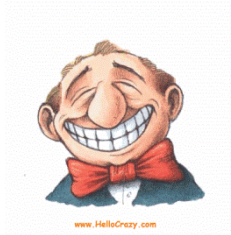
Meet **Jamie Bruce**, Class of 2008 Valedictorian. Every year Governor Perdue and his wife, Mary, host a reception at the Governor's Mansion for all of the Valedictorians from Georgia High Schools. Jamie was invited to one such gathering this Summer. Here are some photos that Jamie's father, Jim Bruce, shared with us. Thanks Dad!

Jamie will be attending Georgia State University, where he will have an honors course in Psychology and an honors seminar on the 1925 Scopes Trial, both of which may turn out to be challenging. Congratulations and good luck Jamie, we are just as proud of you as your Mom and Dad are – Look Mom, this time he is speaking at the Governor's Mansion! (pictured: 1) Gov. Perdue, Jamie, Mary Perdue; 2) Sonny & Jamie; 3) Jamie using his oratorical skills with Geo. Washington watching)



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## Say "Cheese"!



It's that time of year! Tuesday is School Picture Day – all through the day everyone on campus will have their picture taken so we can become part of the historical Mill Springs Academy yearbook. So make sure your student is aware and they put their best face forward!

**Say "Cheese"!**

What does cheese say when you take its picture???

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## Trash to Treasure

Your trash is our treasure in the art room! We would love your “trash”! The kids use it to make amazing artwork!! Here is what we would love for you to save for us:



Cardboard boxes or pieces of cardboard

Plastic grocery bags

Toilet paper rolls

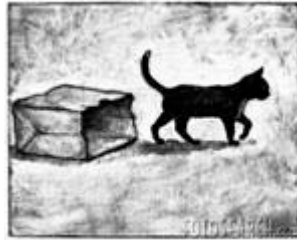
Paper towel rolls

Kid friendly magazines

Just drop them by the office any time you are on campus. Thanks! (from Janet Ford)

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## Share School News with Grandma



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 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:

Don't forget to get all of your forms in as soon as possible, they were due August 1<sup>st</sup> - thanks!

Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – 8:15am – Parent Volunteer Association Meeting

Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – School Picture Day

Monday, September 1 – Labor Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

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## Character Quote of the Week



Not everything that is faced can  
be changed, but nothing can be  
changed until it is faced.

- James Baldwin

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