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Spring Break Cometh!

You're Going To Bite My Ears off First, Aren't you?



Here we are, a day before Spring Break. I am sure you are aware of that fact, but don't forget that not only do we have early dismissal Friday, then the entire next week off, we also have off on Monday April 13, which will give you a travel day to get back to town. During this time that you are off, we here (teachers & staff) are also off, so the school will be closed – even on the 13th. So as we all prepare for this vacation time, I hope that you all have a terrific vacation in whatever you do. Send me a postcard and a report titled, "What I did on my Spring Break". Be safe and have fun.

And if the Easter Bunny visits you – may he be chocolate with sprinkles!

Kangaroo Conservation Center

Last week, Lower and Middle Level L/R students headed to the Kangaroo Conservation Center. Even though the weather was rainy and cold, we all had a blast. We visited the new bird and lizard building as well as being able to see many different types of Kangaroos up close. During the show, the trainer talked about how Kangaroos are raised, where the Joey stays, and what is in their diet. They also took a ride on a tram around the whole conservation. As they traveled the grounds, the tour guide pointed out an albino kangaroo. They were also able to see several babies that were inside their mother's pouch.



"Hey Bob, why are all those kids staring at us?"

The Conservation wasn't all about kangaroos, there are a variety of birds that live on the Conservation as well. This was an awesome learning experience for everyone!
(picture taken by Chet Burnes)

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More College Acceptances



It looks like there are more congratulations in order. Nicholas Pasquariello has been accepted to both North **Georgia College & State University** and **Georgia Tech @ Savannah**.

Another Victory!!



Monday @ Kings Ridge

Boys:

1S – **Sam Coil** 2-8
2S – **Austin Allen** 8-1
3S – **Joshua Haughton** 8-6
1D – **Jason Rosenberg**
/ **Jesse Rhodes** 8-2
2D – **Brett Miller** / **Ryan Flack** 8-6

Girls:

1S – **Erin Kennedy** 8-0
2S – **Loran Putnam** 8-2
3S – **Abby Miles** 8-6
1D – Erin Kennedy
/Loren Putnam 8-0

The Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls both had overall victories against Kings Ridge Monday afternoon. Although the rainy weather has prevented the teams from practicing, the students played extremely well during their matches! The Mustangs were running all over the courts and hitting tons of winners! Congratulations to both teams for their victories and hard work. (from Anne Holland)

Then on Wednesday the Varsity Girls Team clinched the AAC Division Championship by crunching Brenau Academy. Out of a possible score of 36, the team beat Brenau by a score of 36-7. With the following results:

1S – Erin Kennedy 8-3

2S – Loran Putnam 8-1

1D – Erin & Loran 8-2

2D – **Holly Thillet** & Abby Miles 8-1

(from James Sampson)

Midnight Masquerade – MSA Prom 2009



Prom will be Saturday, April 18 at the Atlanta National Golf Club from 7:30pm to 11:00pm. All high school students are invited to attend. Tickets are on sale now (\$65 couples, \$35 individuals). Email or call **Carolina Ayerbe** or **Cynthia Traylor** for tickets or information.

Mill Springs Players Announce . . .



The production of “*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*”. The Biblical saga of *Joseph* and his coat of many colors comes to vibrant life in this delightful musical parable. *Joseph* is a story of betrayal and forgiveness. Set to an engaging cornucopia of musical styles, from country-western and calypso to bubble-gum pop and rock ‘n’ roll, this Old Testament tale emerges both timely and timeless. Performance on Friday, April 24 and Sunday, April 26 at 7:00pm on both nights. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 students. Come one, come all to support this cast of 40 talented students! You’ll have a blast!! (from Lynn Stallings)

Annual Fund Update



Attention all parents: If you have not already done so, please take a moment to make your yearly contribution to this year’s **Annual Fund**. We have currently raised approximately \$184,000 toward our \$250,000 goal and need the participation of every family with a child at Mill Springs to help us get as close to our goal as possible.

Thanks and have a great Spring Break! (from Mary Ramirez)

Don’t Forget to Pick Up your Cokes!!

If you still need to pick up your coke order – please contact Jennifer Kramer to schedule a time for pick up. Here is her contact information:



jkramer@millsprings.org

office: 678-893-7791

cell: 770-361-7192

Delicious Science Experiment



Pictured: **Philip Early** and **Andrew Hart**

Take 100ml of sucrose, 75ml of 3 molar glucose solution, and 29g of water. Heat them to boiling. Add some solidified mixed esters, 2ml of 4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-benzaldehyde, sodium chloride, and finally 5.5g of sodium hydrogen carbonate. The addition of protein pellets is optional. If you combine these ingredients at the right temperatures, you will observe some wondrous chemical changes as this endothermic reaction progresses. If you follow these procedures correctly, you will end up with a tasty product that you get to share with your friends – something we call peanut brittle. As part of their unit on chemical reactions the 8th grade PU Physical Science class successfully completed the Partial Thermal Degradation of Mixed Polysaccharides with Protein Inclusions lab with a delicious result! (from Susan Sanders)

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.

GA History Honors Class goes to Washington



Tuesday the PU 8th grade Georgia History Honors class took a day trip to Washington DC. After an early morning flight, the group toured the American History Museum at the Smithsonian Institute, viewing exhibits on the Civil Rights Movement and significant events of our country's past. This paralleled the curriculum and topics we have been studying in class. They ate lunch with Jason Atkins a member of the Defense Intelligence Agency, who shared some very interesting and intriguing stories. The students were fascinated and asked many questions. Next they made a visit to the office of Georgia Congressman Tom Price and walked with him (under Independence Avenue) to the House Chamber where they were escorted by the Secret Service to the front row of the gallery to witness the vote of three bills that were on the agenda for the

day. Ben Miller, Congressman Price's staff assistant, then gave them a personal tour of the Capitol. Our students were able to witness first hand, history in the making from a perspective not many ever get to see. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience! (from Jennifer Kramer)

Tee-Off for Technology



Don't Forget!!
"Tee-Off for Technology"
Annual Golf Tournament
Tuesday, April 28, 2009
Rivermont Golf & Country Club

Sign Up Soon!
Spaces are limited

Register [HERE](#)
Or email [Jennifer Kramer](#)
Phone 770-360-1336 Fax 770-360-1341

Welcome to our new families!



We have added several new families to the MSA community. One new family whose student started this week and another that will begin in the fall. So welcome to you all. Do not hesitate to call the office if you have any questions. Welcome to Mill Springs Academy!

Summer Vacation Extended!



Yes, you heard right – Summer Vacation has been extended by two days! So make sure to mark your calendar because instead of starting on Monday, school will start on Wednesday in the fall. That means that the First Day of School for the 2009-2010 school year will be

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

So be sure to mark your calendars so you get your

two extra days of Summer Vacation!

The Bulletin Board

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

Check out the Lower School Newspaper [HERE!](#)

Fri, Apr 3 – **Early Dismissal** – Spring Break Begins!

12:15 – Lower/Middle carpool

12:30 – PreUpper/CommArts/Upper carpool

12:45 – Bus Departs



Mon – Mon, April 6-13 - **Spring Break** –
SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon, April 13 – **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Travel Day after Easter - Extending Spring Break
Didn't want you to forget

****This is a change to the school calendar****

Fri, Apr 17 – Financial Aid Application Deadline

April 20 - **Spring Book Fair** is coming!

Sun, May 3 – **Walk Now For Autism** – Register
[HERE](#)

Cares and Concerns of our Community



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

The Taufiq 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



**The situation you live in
doesn't have to live in you.**

- Roberta Flack



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