



# MSA Weekly News

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MSA Sports Calendar  
*The most current information when it comes to MSA Sports Schedules*

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MSA PVA Web Site  
*Learn what is going on with your PVA*

MSA Weekly News Archives  
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## What a Week!

I probably start lots of newsletters that way, but sometimes it is hard to express in words some of the things that go on here at school. The thoughtfulness of a student when they come in with a handful of flowers and tell you thank you as they struggle to look at you, the little bag of candy that is given with a smile and no words because they aren't sure what to say but they want you to have it, or the container of ice cream given in appreciation. It's usually the little things like that that mean so much, even more than more tangible/lasting things. So it's been a very nice week.

There has been much activity. Many of our spring sports have culminated in tournaments, it was teacher appreciation week, administrative professionals week, the resulting activity of a storm on the weekend, the fire truck and ambulance (yes, again), a play and art exhibit, Open House, and the spring book fair – whew! It has been a whirlwind!

Yes I said fire truck and ambulance – Nurse Ann had not been feeling well for awhile and Thursday morning she felt worse, having trouble breathing properly. She got an escorted ride to the ER with all the bells and whistles she deserves. She will probably stay at the hospital into Monday. But assure your child that she is getting good care and should be back with us early next week.

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## Holy Cow!

I don't know what else to say! There is so many wonderful things to tell you about Mustang Sports, that I don't even know where to begin! I am going to leave off all the details, there are many, and give you the highlights here for Tennis, Track, and Golf. The next time you come by my desk stop and take a moment to gaze at ALL the trophies sitting. Here is the list:



- AAC 2009 Boys Varsity Tennis Runner Up
- AAC 2009 Girls Varsity Tennis Champions
- 2009 Youth Track and Field Boy's Team Champions
- AAC 2009 Golf Tournament Champions

Congratulations to all of our Athletes, you have earned it!! Look further for Varsity Baseball and Junior Soccer information.

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## One Big Thank You!



This week has been Teacher Appreciation Week and we have had a WONDERFUL week. Our PVA and our parents (you guys) have all out done themselves this week. Monday we got a nice breakfast, Tuesday was very useful notepads, Wednesday a terrific lunch, Thursday we received flowers from the students/parents – they make the offices pretty and smell wonderful. Then today we all had ice cream at lunch time! The week has been very nice and we all feel very appreciated. So we give you all One Big Thank You! (from all the teachers and staff @ MSA)

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## Cool School Broadcast is ON!



You may have heard that we had some difficulty getting a signal with the news truck earlier this week. The broadcast ended up being questionable ...

Fortunately for us, Mike Brooks, the newscaster, was so impressed with what he saw on his tour that he went back to the station and convinced the people in charge to foot the bill for a Satellite Truck so that the broadcast can still happen. They are really going to great lengths to make this happen.

So to do our part and help have a good group of students on campus at 4:30am on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> either set your clocks early (!) or if you are a part of CommArts or PreUpper spend the night at the Lock-In on campus. Check with your principal for more details.

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## Jr. Mustang Soccer Scores First Win!

Congratulations to the Jr. Mustang Soccer Team! They achieved the first ever win for the program Tuesday!

All of the players made significant defensive and offensive contributions to the game. Some of the highlights of the exciting 5-4 contest versus The Epstein School include:



- **Loren Whitfield** scoring a hat trick
- **Chase Smith** and **Skylar Toney** contributing a goal each
- **Hanna Bowler** again providing leadership and direction from the goal; and
- Several close calls for **Cassie Kanelos**.

Way to go Mustangs! (from Coach Shelley Robinson)

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## Alumni News



**Bennett Gaddes**, Class of 2005, will be graduating from Reinhardt College on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will be wearing three honor cords during the ceremony. His Latin Honor status includes Cum Laude, History, and Phi Alpha Theta. On April 16<sup>th</sup> he and three other Reinhardt Seniors were honored in a small formal ceremony and reception honoring their induction into Phi Alpha Theta. This is a lifelong History Fraternity that several of his professors welcomed him into. On April 26, he will attend a ceremony to honor his Cum Laude status which is based on his cumulative GPA. Congratulations Bennett!

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## Mustangs Avenge Early Loss



The Mill Springs Nine took the field yesterday with a purpose, it was payback time for their only league loss in four years! **Michael Kline** took care of the Cougar batters allowing only one hit and one run. The “Mean **Green** Machine” did the rest banging out 13 hits resulting in 16 runs. The contest was stopped in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning due to the GA High School 15 Run Mercy Rule. Leadoff hitter **Max Holt** scored four runs and ripped a double and a home run. **Brogan Guyton** and **Jack Trantham** also had two hits each and seven other Mustangs added to the hit parade. **Zack Moore** ended the contest driving in two runs with the last hit of the game. (from Coach Keith Muma)

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## Reminder



**GO  
MUSTANGS!**

Sports Banquet

Thursday, May 7

7:00pm in gym

\$10 per person (excluding athletes)

Please RSVP to **Jennifer Kramer** by May 1

**[Jkramer@millsprings.org](mailto:Jkramer@millsprings.org)** or

678.893.7791

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## Check it Out - Senior Presentations!

Every year Seniors are required to define, clarify and argue a controversial topic in order to showcase their talents, interests, and research skills. They then deliver a 10-18 minute multi-media report based on their formal research paper, written earlier in the semester. Students engage in long-range planning, research, problem-solving, and public speaking. The students have worked hard to prepare for this event.

These presentations are your opportunity to see your students in action. Everyone is invited, here are some of the topics they will be presenting:



- *Genocide: Let the Silence be Broken* by Bryan Lynn (5/12 – 9:15a)
- *Intelligent Design or Evolution?: God vs. Monkey* by Cameron Thompson (5/12 – 10:30a)
- *Learning Disabilities: Not Everyone is Convinced* by Jack Trantham (5/12 – 11:05a)
- *Movies & TV are Lowering Our Standards* by Liza Weichbrodt ( 5/13 – 9:30a)
- *Plug Into Your Future: The Shocking Truth About the Electric Car* by Nick Pasquariello (5/13 – 11:40a)

Good luck to everyone and congratulations!

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## Moms on a Mission Meet

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am in the CommArts Great Room.



We have 2 more meetings before summer break! Come, call or email us to receive information about summer events! We will be planning easy, fun, casual get-togethers

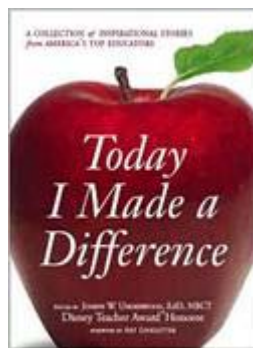
for Moms, Moms and kids, and some for the whole family. Don't miss out!

The MSA MOMs group is an informal, confidential group for mothers of students at MSA with learning challenges created to share experiences and resources, enhance the lives of ourselves, our children and our families, and support the mission of MSA. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8:30a in the CommArts Great Room. For more information, contact Paulette Solis (PreUpper mom) at [plettes@yahoo.com](mailto:plettes@yahoo.com) or 678.267.0362 or Sheree Crowe (Middle mom) at 770.354.3657 or [shereesc@mindspring.com](mailto:shereesc@mindspring.com).

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## Upper School Teacher is Published!

Upper School teacher Gail Kreher is a co-author of a new book called, "Today I made a Difference" which was released last week. Gail is one of 28 authors who collaborated on the collection of inspiring stories, written from the heart.



"We met each other when we ... received the Creativity in Teaching Award," said Gail. "We came up with the book idea at that time. I can't believe our book has finally become a reality." She continued, "I am not usually a fan of 'teacher books', but these stories are truly amazing!"

Profits from the book will go toward scholarships for advanced teaching degrees. In addition, Gail says, "If we sell enough books, we might be able to get together for a reunion – but only after we award the scholarships first."

The book is available on Amazon.com and on the shelves of major book dealers, such as Barnes & Noble and Borders. (from Gail Kreher)

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## Send School News to 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 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:

Fri, Apr 24 – **Spring Musical Performance & Art Exhibit** – SAC – doors open at 6:30pm, Musical begins at 7:00pm

Sun, Apr 26 – **Spring Musical Performance & Art Exhibit** – SAC – second opportunity – doors open at 6:30pm, Musical begins at 7:00pm

Mon, Apr 27 – 8:15am – **PVA Meeting** – CA Great Room

April 27 – May 15 – **On-line Elective Registration** (if you have turned in a contract for the 2009-2010 school year, you will be able to access registration, current and new students in PreUpper, CommArts, or Upper)

Tue, Apr 28 – Tee Off for Technology **Golf Tournament** @ Rivermont Golf & Country Club

Tue, Apr 28 – **No** Chick-Fil-A today

Wed, Apr 29 – Chick-Fil-A will be today instead

May 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup> – 20% off **Uniform Sale** at Uniform Depot – they are located at 600 N. Main Street (Hwy 9), Alpharetta – (770) 569-1200

Sun, May 3 – **Walk Now For Autism** – Register **HERE**

Wed, May 6 – 8:30am – **MSA Moms on a Mission** – CA Great Room

Wed, May 20 – 8:30am – **MSA Moms on a Mission** – CA Great Room



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## Cares and Concerns of our Community



This is a place for us to share names of family's or individuals that may need our thoughts and prayers. 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



**There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, learning from failure.**

- Colin Powell



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