



# MSA Weekly News

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## Putting things in Perspective

This has been one of those weeks for reflection for many across the country. September 11<sup>th</sup> of course is the seventh anniversary of the terrible devastation of the twin towers in New York and the plane crash near the Pentagon. So many people were affected by it that most of us know someone with a friend or relative that perished that day.

We have had some weather these past few weeks that has been just incredible – not so much here, but across the globe. I can't imagine living in Cuba – there is nowhere to go when there are hurricanes when the island is surrounded by ocean. If you happen to be in Florida, at least you can go north to get more inland, eventually.

Also there were two undersea earthquakes yesterday with the magnitudes of 6.6 (in Indonesia) and 7.1 (in Japan) leaving them concerned about the retribution of tsunamis.

All of this is going on while all we have to worry about here on our campus in this little part of the world are a few woodland creatures taking up residence in our buildings. Sure puts things in perspective doesn't it?

Apparently snakes are desperate to learn math! (Sorry, I could help myself.)

## From Alumni Chris Krueger – Class of 2003

Big news to pass along to everyone at MSA. After completing the Funny Farm University and making friends with Aaron and Dominick, Dominick decided to get headshots and enter himself into acting auditions and with that he challenged Aaron and I. I soon followed his footsteps and got headshots taken and started to look for acting auditions! On July 25th I auditioned for a mock reality series called "Life in the ATL". It was a great audition, made me feel real comfortable for being my first EVER audition. Low and behold a month later I got a call back! Last Tuesday I went to a table read so the director could narrow down to 8 people for the main cast. This past Friday I got a phone call that I was going to be a part of the main cast!! I am super excited to land a principle role in a TV series on my first audition! The shows premise focuses around a high school youth church group and the everyday struggles teenagers face. The character I will be playing is "Cameron Stevens". He is the jock of the group and sets up all sporting events for the youth group and has lettered in all major sports. We begin shooting the pilot episode on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The show will air on a Christian TV station called Familynet and it is Comcast channel 265. You can also check out the website at [www.familynet.com](http://www.familynet.com). (Pictured Chris Krueger) Thanks for letting us share Chris and congratulations!



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## College Acceptance



### Class of 2009

Congratulations are in order for **Mason Pritchard**. Mason has been accepted to Western Kentucky University. Way to Go Mason! He is the first acceptance for the Class of 2009 as they prepare themselves for college life.

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## Cross Country - Going the Distance!

The cross country team travelled to Hidden Lake Academy for our first cross country meet of the season. We battled Hidden Lake, Cottage, Brandon Hall, and Brenau. In spite of missing several of our key runners, the Mustangs finished a close second to Cottage with only a one point difference. We will return to Hidden Lake next week with a full roster....look out Cottage...here come the MUSTANGS.



Other news from Wednesday...

**Josh "Hot Shot" Meyers**, one of our 6<sup>th</sup> graders pleaded with the coaches to run the varsity race against the high school seniors instead of the JV race. He was given the chance and told that anything under 30 minutes would be pretty good....he ran 27:30...even beating some of our own varsity runners!!!

We established two team goals for the season: 1) Our top 5 runners would finish in under 20 minutes; 2) Our entire team would finish in under 30 minutes. We pretty much accomplished the second goal at our first meet so I guess we need a new goal! (from Victoria Jones)

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## Team Mill Springs – Dyslexia Dash – IDA 5K



I was asked to assist with launching an annual 5k run to raise funds for the International Dyslexia Association so of course I agreed, and here we are three years later! The event has been a huge success and we look forward to this year's festivities.

My son **Matthew Murr** (Middle School) has Dyslexia and has always been a pretty fast runner. Matthew would like to organize another team here at Mill Springs once again raising funds in honor of our schools founder Tweetie Moore. Being the largest fundraiser for the event, the

MSA Team raised over \$2,200 last year! Matthew's goal this year is \$2,500. MSA is a sponsor of the event and we would love to see a huge representation from our students, staff, friends and families on the day of the race by participating as a walker, runner or a volunteer. Participation in the event will count towards volunteer hours for our students. To register go to [www.dyslexiadash.com](http://www.dyslexiadash.com) and be sure to answer that you are participating on team "millsprings" all one word. Once registered forward a copy of your email confirmation to [angelmurr@bellsouth.net](mailto:angelmurr@bellsouth.net) so you get added to our team list for the t-shirt order.

Dyslexia Dash 5K  
October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Riverside Park, Roswell, GA

To donate make checks payable to IDAGA Dyslexia Dash and send to the Middle School OR go to:  
<http://www.active.com/donate/dyslexiadash/millsprings>  
Volunteers are needed, if you would like to volunteer please contact **Angel Murr**. (from Angel Murr, Middle Parent)

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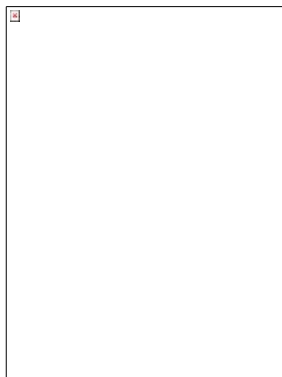
## Mustangs WIN Home Opener - Soccer



It was a pretty day on September 5<sup>th</sup> and the Mustangs were holding their opening game on their own soccer turf (literally) which by the way looks pretty good! We won't beat around the bush, we won the first game of the season against Hidden Lake on that Friday by a score of 5-3. According to James Sampson the team was on FIRE!!! Congratulations to the team. (Picture taken by James Sampson – *pictured are Michael Scott and Holly Thillet*)

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## PVA Gala Needs Auction Items!



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! Once again, Mill Springs Academy's PVA presents the annual drive for auction items from our OH SO GENEROUS Parents!

For our February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 GALA and Auction this year "A Night in New Orleans" at The Metropolitan Club we are planning a live and silent auction with the amazingly talented Don Stallings as the Auctioneer!

We are asking you to please see what you have that we can auction to raise money for to enhance your student's classrooms. Vacation homes, trips, gift certificates to restaurants, spas, personal services, etc. all sell very well. Of course, any collectible items you may want to donate would be MOST appreciated – these also auction well.

Please contact **Michelle Bergeson** with questions or

for pick up of items at 404-931-4088. THANK YOU!  
(from Michelle Bergeson, PVA President)

## Annual Fund – On Your Mark, Get Set, GO!!



MSA's Annual Fund is off to a great start having raised approximately \$77,000 toward our \$250,000 goal. If you have yet to participate in this year's Annual Fund, please send in your contribution today!

Annual Fund goals:

1. Raise \$250,000
2. Receive 100% participation from our school family (Parents, Board, Faculty/Staff)

Shown on the chart in the following order:  
Staff/Faculty/BOT (90%), Current Families (21%), New Families (29%). (from Mary Ramirez)

## The Bulletin Board

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

**Mustang March** (the walk only) has been  **canceled**  for today and will be rescheduled at a later date – Carpool will be at 5:00pm after Mustang Mania.

Mon, Sept 22 – 8:15am – **PVA Meeting**

Mon, Sept 22 - **"Serve it up for Athletics"** - MSA Tennis Courts. Come for Fun, Food, and Prizes.

Tue, Sept 23 – Registration deadline for the ADHD Parent Workshop. Click [HERE](#) to register, be sure to advise if you need childcare.

Thur, Sept 25 – **Early Dismissal**

12:15 – Lower/Middle carpool

12:30 – PreUpper/CommArts/Upper carpool

12:45 – Bus Departs

Fri, Sept 26 – **No Classes** – Teacher Workday



## Cares and Concerns of our Community

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



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

**The Barkley 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



Character building begins in our infancy and continues until death.

- Anna Eleanor Roosevelt

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