



MSA Weekly News

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"If a student can't learn the way we teach ... we should teach the way a student can learn.

-Twee L. Moore, Founder

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Web Links of Interest

[Marine Lab, Florida](#)

This is the site of the PreUpper fall trip – check it out.

[MSA Sports Calendar](#)

The most current information when it comes to MSA Sports Schedules

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Find everything you need to find about MSA is here

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This Week's Hodge Podge

You may not realize it, but when you get this message I will be gone. I am actually writing this on Wednesday and have set up a delayed send so that you will receive it on Friday. That way it seems normal to you. Isn't technology wonderful? Then I can enjoy the sunshine (hopefully) of the seas while you read this week's edition of the Weekly News.

With all the rain we have been having lately, many of the sports have been canceled, including some of the championships. Hopefully next week we will have closure on those. Because in the midst of the championships we have Winter Sports beginning, so next week should be pretty busy.

The website redesign, that we mentioned earlier in the school year, is well underway. The design is pretty much in place. We have begun training. The largest piece is the migration of data – some of it is being rewritten, some reformatted, and it is all being reorganized. So get ready for that. It's going to be great!

College Acceptances

We have the first of the college acceptances for the Class of 2010!

Please congratulations go to the following students on their acceptances to the indicated schools:



Marc Glenn – Georgia Military College

Christina Manna – Auburn University

Catherine Simpson – Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

CONGRATULATIONS!

FREE Money!!



Many thanks to those who have sent in Box Tops – keep them coming! There is now a drop box in each of the schools, as well as, the office. In two weeks our first submission of the year will be sent, let's make it a sizable one. (MaryAnn Masson, CA parent & Free Money Chair)



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You Wanna Talk About Scary?



What is scarier than a haunted house?

What is more dangerous than a pack of werewolves?

What is creepier than a room full of spiders and bats?

Your child on the Internet!

Come learn about keeping your child safe from the dark side of the Internet. **RSVP to Cheri** by Monday, October 19. Then come learn from Special Agent Kimberly Milka, how you can know that your child is safely using the Internet. Childcare is provided and the event is FREE. See you at 6:30pm in the Upper School Great Room next Tuesday evening, October 20. (Cindy Thorne, technology)

MSA MOMs to Meet

Wednesday, October 21 - 8:30am - CommArts Great Room

Come join us to discuss:

- Action plans to deal with specific situations
- Creative solutions with helpful and meaningful information
- Support and understanding needed to help with children who have special needs
- Ways to reduce stress!



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.

For more information, contact Paulette Solis (PreUpper mom) at plettes@yahoo.com or 678.267.0362 or Sheree Crowe (Middle mom) at 770.354.3657 or shereesc@gmail.com.

Join Robert for Father's Night

What is LD? What is ADHD? Come to explore these issues on **Father's Night** with your host Robert Moore, Headmaster of MSA. He will be presenting the F.A.T. City Workshop video "How Difficult Can This Be?" by Richard D. Lavoie, a nationally known expert on learning disabilities.

Thursday, October 22, 2009

7:00pm

Student Activity Center



Richard Lavoie shows why the classroom can be an intimidating place for kids with learning disabilities. He leads a group of parents, educators, psychologists, and children through a series of exercises that cause Frustration, Anxiety, and Tension ... feelings all too familiar to children with LD's. By dramatizing the classroom experience so vividly, Lavoie lets us see the world through the eyes of a child. At the end of the workshop, you will discuss strategies for working more effectively with your children. *This is a Dad's ONLY event*, but please RSVP **TODAY!** You won't be sorry you came.

Marine Lab – Key Largo, FL



Some of the **PreUpper Students** have traveled to Key Largo, FL to visit Marine Lab this week. The picture to the left was taken by Victoria Jones, PreUpper teacher. I am certain that we will have more details to follow after their return on Friday afternoon. Keep your eyes on this spot.

Do You Twitter?



Are you getting my Tweets? Do you Twitter? If you do, are you following us? If you do you will get up to the minute MSA information. Our user name is *@millspringsacad*. We have 51 followers including *@ScrapECat* (Beth Chiu) and *@LuanneCP* (Luanne Porper) two of our Middle School moms. Halloween parties are going to be had and Grandparents day is coming up in November – I am going to post pictures on Twitter that will not be found elsewhere! Don't miss those Tweeting (and fleeting) moments! So follow *@millspringsacad* on **Twitter** today.

The Scoreboard



Soccer & Cross Country Championships have been rescheduled to the following dates:

10/19 – Soccer Championships @ Brandon Hall
10/20 – Cross Country Championships @ MSA
10/20 – Soccer Championships @ Brandon Hall

Winter Sports begin on Monday, October 19.

The Bulletin Board

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

Be sure to check the [Sports Calendar](#) for last minute changes due to the weather in the Fall Championship games.

Sat, Oct 17 – Cheri is in [Cozumel](#)

Mon, Oct 19 – Winter Sports Begin

Tue, Oct 20 – 6:30p – **Parent Workshop:** Internet Safety for Families – Upper Grt Room – [RSVP HERE](#)

Wed, Oct 21 – Upper School's **Level L Leadership Workshop** @ Lake Rabun

Wed, Oct 21 – 8:30am – **Moms on a Mission** – CA Great Room

Wed, Oct 21 – 9:00am – **Public Open House** – SAC

Thurs, Oct 22 – 7:00pm – **Father's Night with Robert** – SAC – [RSVP HERE](#)

Sat, Oct 24 – 11:30am – **Founders Day** – in the fields

Sat, Oct 24 – 1:30pm – **One Act Play Performance** - \$8/student - \$10/Gen. Admission – PLEASE NOTE: this play is rated PG and tells the stories of teens locked in juvenile detention.

Mon, Oct 26 – 1:30pm – **PVA Meeting** – CA Great Room

Tue, Oct 27 – 8:30a – **Parent Workshop:** Empowering Children to Meet Life's Challenges – Upper Grt Room – [RSVP HERE](#)



Thur, Oct 29 – **Fall PM Program Ends**

Fri, Oct 30 – **Early Dismissal**

12:15 – *Lower/Middle* Carpool

12:30 – *PreUpper/CommArts/Upper* Carpool

12:45 – Buses Depart

Sat, Oct 31 – **Happy Halloween**

Cares and Concerns of our Community



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

Flood Victims

Jobless Families

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



Life is like baseball; it's 95% mental and the other half is physical.

- Yogi Berra

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