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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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"It was Incredible!"

Once again the week has just zipped by in a whirlwind of activity. There is so much going on that I am going to just let the articles speak for themselves. What I do want to tell you is that **Catherine Simpson has been accepted to Middle Georgia College in Cochran – Congratulations Catherine!** Otherwise I am going to leave you with some quotes from some famous individuals (well they are famous in your hearts and ours!). These are quotes about the PreUpper's Marine Lab trip make sure to read the whole [article below](#). Here are the quotes:

"It was Incredible!" –**Levi Smith**

"The best thing about going to Marine Lab was all the compliments we received from people about how well-behaved our students were, from the instructors, to the director, and also the flight attendants on the planes. We were very proud of the students for being excellent travelers and fearless explorers." – Judy Martin, PU Teacher

"I loved the sea turtles. We need to make sure that we save the turtles." –**Samantha Cohen**

"I loved that the Marine Lab staff kept the kids busy with educational activities from breakfast to bedtime! They learned so much! My favorite was the snorkel at Molasses Reef." –Victoria Jones

"The coral reef was soooooo my favorite. It was amazing with all the schools of fish and turtles and sharks. I even swam with a manatee." –**Ethan Reish**

"PreUpper always has the best trips!" -the Marine Lab group

"Molasses Reef was full of sweet surprises." –**Alex Holmgren**

Get your Fine Arts Spirit Wear!



MSA Fine Arts is now selling sweatshirts for students to wear! They are uniform approved sweatshirts – green and hooded with an MSA Fine Arts logo on the front designed by our art teacher Brian Buxton. Students can have one or more of the following "labels" on the back of the sweatshirt: Artist, Actor, Musician, Vocalist, Technician. We are also offering MSA Fine Arts sweatpants that can be worn for drama rehearsals.

Parent "MSA Art Alliance" t-shirts are now available as well. The design for this shirt was created by Upper School student

Web Links of Interest

[GA CyberSafety Institute](#)
Get more information on how CyberSafety affects you and your student

[MSA Sports Calendar](#)
The most current information when it comes to MSA Sports Schedules

[MSA Home Page](#)
Find everything you need to find about MSA is here

[MSA PVA Web Site](#)
Learn what is going on with your PVA

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Afternoon Program



It's almost time for the current PM session to end and a new one to begin! Sign up's are being taken right now. You can print out the signup sheet [HERE](#) if your student does not come home with one today. Make sure you look it over closely, there are lots of new and different offerings for the upcoming session. There are activities for all ages as well. So don't miss out - It will be exciting! If you have questions contact [Victoria Jones](#) (PU teacher and PM program Coordinator).

Community Education Center Presents

Empowering Children to Meet Life's Challenges

Workshop for parents this Tuesday, October 27 at 8:30am, to be held in the Upper School Great Room



Cari Schall designed this workshop to help students work through the healing/growing process while facing significant hardship. Cari Schall holds a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood and a Masters Degree in School Counseling. Cari speaks publicly on the topic of handling grief. Please [RSVP](#) to attend. (Cindy Thorne, CommEduCenter)

Stay Tuned to Lower School!!



Lower School is going to hatch some chicks stay tuned for more information!

Cheep, Cheep.

Public Open House



Pictured: **Jasmine McDow**
(M)

Most of you probably participated in an open house at some point, but for those of you who may not have, here is what goes on. The agenda includes Robert giving an overview of the school. Then one of our groups from Fine Arts gives a performance – this month it was Kate McElliott’s group singing a song from *Seussical* (A Dr. Seuss Musical). There is an opportunity for Q&A and the principals are introduced. The families are finally divided up and taken on a tour with the of the school appropriate for their student. If you know of anyone who might benefit from our program, an open house is the perfect starting point for them. Our next open house will be held on November 11 – please have them RSVP to the office.

CyberSafety Workshop was Informative



This week parents had the opportunity to attend a presentation by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation’s Special Task Force on Internet Crimes Against Children. Special Agent Kimberly Milka provided real case information about internet predators and other types of cybercrimes. She shared additional resources on CyberSafety risks and misuses with our parents. CommArts students also had a chance to learn about their part in keeping safe in cyberspace. GBI Agent Milka spoke to them on Tuesday during Values class, giving them time to ask questions. Once student remarked that if they were using a webcam while wearing their school uniform, then the other person would be able to identify where they went to school. Staying safe in cyberspace is a daily task and takes both parents and students knowing what to do. If you would like more information go to www.gacsi.org. (Cindy Thorne, Community Education Center)

SAT vs. ACT – What are the Differences?



Jud Appelrouth, founder of Appelrouth Tutoring, will present a parent workshop on November 10th at 7:00pm. This workshop will be held in the Upper School Great Room and is open to all who are interested. Please [RSVP to Susan Day](#). This workshop will be very useful for parents who want to understand the differences between these two widely used college admissions tests. (Susan Day, Counselor)

PVA Fundraiser Results

I would like to thank everyone for their support and participation with the magazine sale fundraiser. Thanks to all of YOU it was a HUGE success! Our grand total in sales \$27,660!!! And MSA gets 40% of that which gives our school over \$11,000! That is amazing! While we obviously have rankings in sales and orders, I think that everyone deserves to be acknowledged for such an incredible job. So even though you might not be in first or second place, the sales and participation from every level is certainly something to be proud of. Here are the standings:



- #1 – PreUpper - **\$8058** (48% participation)
 - #2 – Middle - \$6868 (61% participation)
 - #3 – Lower - \$6859 (**80% participation**)
 - #4 – CommArts - \$4138 (33% participation)
 - #5 – Upper - \$1744 (15% participation)
- Top Sales Person – **Ryan Sarver** (CA) 102 = over \$2000

There were 4 students that participated in the money tank and 20 earned a ride to lunch in a stretch Hummer today. Good Job Mustangs! (Jacki Gass & Cindy Ross, Magazine Sale Chairs)

It's a Zoo in the Lower School



Aside from the chicken hatching that is going on in the Lower School, they have a new pet! Andrew Smith's family (Joe & Jill) graciously donated "Betty" to us this week. Betty is an Abyssinian Guinea Pig. She is three years old. The students have already fallen in love with her and love to feed and pet her. You can stop by and



visit her in Betty Kellenberger's class. So now we have Betty and Little Betty in Lower School.

The Lower School also has acquired three Chinese Fire Bellied Newts – the students have aptly named them: Killer, Sweet Poison and Godzilla. These wonderful red-belly creatures have a home in the aquarium in Jodi Easter-Smith's classroom. (Laurie Jones, Principal)

PreUpper Goes to Sea



Quint said, "It was the most extraordinary trip I've ever been on!"



On October 12th, 22 PreUpper students and 4 chaperones flew to Miami and then on to the Marine Resources Educational Research Center or Marine Lab on Key Largo for a week of learning about the importance of coastal habitats. Marine Lab programs are based on a cumulative, holistic approach to learning about the ecology of the Florida Keys. Starting with the sea grass communities, students are taught basic concepts and organisms within each bottom habitat. From the sea grasses, students progressed through the mangroves, hard-bottom and coralline algae shoal communities. Then ultimately to the coral reefs of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, the only coral reefs off the continental United States. The students spent their days snorkeling the beautiful and biologically diverse habitats. Their evenings were spent in lab discovery, astronomy observations and instructor-led discuss on the following day's field trip destinations. This was an incredible opportunity and we look forward to going back.

Picture 1 – **Quint Foster** preparing to snorkel in Emerald Cove on the Marine Lab research site. The students were able to swim with the Manatees in the Cove and see the Jules Verne Undersea hotel sitting on the floor of the cove 20 feet below the surface.



Picture 2 – **Jon Mark Brasher, Paolo Gatica** and Quint Foster participate in a "rock shake" lab. The students gently shake rocks taken from the water's edge to study the diversity of creatures living on the rocks.

Picture 3 – **Shivani Patel** as she gets homework help from Michael Adams while they wait at the airport. (Susan Sanders, PU Principal)

Varsity Soccer Team Brings Home Trophy



Left to right: **Chris Claugus, Peter Milord, Jesse Rhodes, Connor Dimick, Chris Thorne, Mike Kline, Philip Early, Jake Lipsitz, Elliot Austin-Keating, Chris White, Austin Coleman, Chandler Holt.**

The Varsity Soccer Team began practicing in early August and concluded their winning 7-6-1 season on Tuesday, October 20. The team has worked extremely hard during the past several months and they have been a joy to coach this season.

Due to their performance the Mustangs qualified for the Soccer Championship Tournament which was held at Brandon Hall School. The Mustangs faced Brandon Hall in the first round of the tournament and suffered an unfortunate 3-5 loss. In the consolation round, the Mustangs played against The Cottage School Panthers. The entire team was determined to end the season with a win. The players made terrific passes and were on fire both defensively and offensively! The Mustangs were victorious over the Panthers with a score of 5-1 and received the 3rd place trophy!

Thank you very much for the support from the parents, teachers, students and staff during the season. We appreciate your constant encouragement and would not have been successful without you! Congratulations Mustangs! (Coaches Phil and Anne)

Mill Springs Players Proudly Present

The One-Act Play – “*Juvie*”

At 1:30pm immediately following the Founders’ Day celebration this Saturday, October 24th (tomorrow), in the Theatre of the Student Activity Center.

Juvie follows the stories of several inmates in a Juvenile Detention Center. The show addresses serious issues and points out the impact of our decisions and our choice of friends. This show is rated PG for simulated violence and simulated drug use.

JUVIE

We hope you join us for this moving theatrical experience that is presented so well by the magnificent performers of Mill Springs Academy. Come support these actors as they prepare to travel to the One-Act Play competition to present *Juvie* in November.

Tickets may be purchased at the door: Arts Alliance members and students \$8.00, General Admission is \$10. (Lynn Stallings, Drama Queen)

Volleyball Rallies for the Trophy!



The Girls Varsity Volleyball team came home with the Third Place trophy in the Atlanta Area Conference for the second time in a row. Congratulations Girls! *Pictured are:* (front) **Brooke Wolf, Abby Miles, Morgan Friedman**; (middle) **Esme Smith, Siobhan Sterling, Catherine Simpson, Amy Karschner** (holding the trophy), **Nina Gailey**; (back) Coach Lisa, **Rebekah Schultheis, Claire Droege**, Coach Karen.

Parent Resources



Here are the Parent Resources that were shared with me this week:

www.greatschools.net

The Scoreboard



Soccer – Varsity Boys

Third place in the Atlanta Area Conference

Volleyball – Varsity Girls

Third place in the Atlanta Area Conference

Cross Country – JV Boys

2009 AAC Champion! On to State – Oct 31 in Macon.

Cross Country – Varsity Boys

Third Place in the AAC – On to State.

The Bulletin Board

This is my bulletin board and what you will find on it:

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

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**

Sun, Nov 1 – 2:00am – **Daylight Saving Time ends** set your clocks back one hour

Mon, Nov 2 – Teacher Work Day/GISA Annual Meeting – **NO CLASSES**

Tue, Nov 3 – **PM Program Begins**

Wed, Nov 4 – Regional **One-Act Play Competition** – Rome, GA

Thur, Nov 5 – **Canned Food Drive Begins**



Cares and Concerns of our Community

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



The Bernstein Family

The FitzGerald Family

Jobless Families

The Ramirez 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



Do not remove a fly from your friend's forehead with a hatchet.

- Chinese proverb

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