



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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Are you a Good Witch ... or a Bad Witch?

"Me? I'm not a witch at all." At least that's what Dorothy told Glinda the Good Witch when she arrived in Munchkinland. Since I dressed as a witch today I was asked this question a couple times. I'm not really a witch at all either, but don't catch me on a bad day! ;-)

We had lots of little witches, ghosties, goblins, (whoopee cushions, Dorothy's, and little old ladies as well) on campus over the last two days. Make sure you check out

[Twitter.com](#) for the pictures – this is the ONLY place I will post the fantabulous pictures of these wonderful costumed creatures! You won't want to miss out on these beauties and beasties – they might be yours!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! Be safe and have fun.

PARENT INPUT REQUESTED: As we begin to contemplate next year's school calendar, what would you think if, in the fall, we started school on September 1st instead of in August? We would start school on that Wednesday, and then have Monday off, as it is Labor Day. We would love to have a parents perspective about a September 1 start date for the next school year, share your thoughts [HERE](#).

Moms on a Mission Meet

Mill Springs Academy – Moms on a Mission!

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 4th at 8:30am in the CommArts Great Room

Special Guests – MSA Counselors, Anne Holland and Susan Day

Yes, that's right! They are coming again! Our MSA counselors will join our next meeting to help us help them help us. This will be an exciting time to meet other MSA moms and get to know our counselors in a relaxed, fun environment. Mark your calendar for next Wednesday!



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 8:30am in the CommArts Great Room. For more information, contact [Paulette Solis](#) (PreUpper Mom) at 678-267-0362 or [Sheree Crowe](#) (Middle Mom) at 770-354-3657.

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Fine Arts Custom T-Shirts



Design by **Miles Cohen**
CommArts Student

For the third glorious year, MSA Fine Arts will be selling custom printed t-shirts designed by our fabulous art students! You choose the design(s) you like, the color of your design to be printed on your shirt, and if you would like the artist to sign your shirt. Short sleeve are \$10 and long sleeve are \$15. Great gift ideas for family and friends! And you can say you know the artist and/or that the artist attends your awesome school!

T-Shirt Order Form

Please have each order on a separate form --- it is not very 'green' but it ensures that the t-shirts are created EXACTY how you want them to be created! Questions **contact Janet Ford.**

Grandparents Day is on the Way!



Once again, we are getting ready for MSA's Annual **Grandparents' Day** which will be held on **Friday, November 20th from 9:00 – 11:00am**. If your child's grandparents are in town, this is a perfect opportunity for them to spend time with their grandchild and see what wonderful things they are doing at MSA. We have sent out the invitations, but unfortunately we do not have addresses for all of our grandparents. So if you could please make sure you let your child's grandparents know about this *Grandparents Only* event, we would greatly appreciate it. There will be a "traditional hot breakfast", displays of student's artwork, entertainment by our Fine Arts students, and a visit to their grandchild's classroom. A complimentary keepsake photo of grandparents with their grandchildren will also be available. We appreciate your help in making this a special day for our students and their grandparents. If you have any questions please contact **Leila Smith** in the Development Office.

New PM Programs Start Next Week



Get your registrations forms in ASAP. Exciting stuff. The new Foundation for the Arts programs include a dance instructor who was a finalist on America's Got Talent, a dance instructor who is a Falcon's Cheerleader and award winning performer, and a judo instructor who is a former National Champion. (**Victoria Jones**, PM

Coordinator)

MSA 2009 Yearbook Chosen as Semi-Finalist



Mill Springs Academy's **2009 yearbook** has been chosen as a **Yearbook Semi-Finalist** by the publisher, Taylor Publishing. It will be featured in a book reserved for the best of the best! The book shows yearbooks around the country, from elementary to college publications.

The book was the job of **Logan Boylan** (Class of 2009), **Jenna Nurik** (Class of 2009), **Cameron Thompson** (Class of 2009), **Tim Kushnick** (Class of 2009), **Meagan Kennedy** (Class of 2009), **Scot Perkins**, **Michael Palmer**, and Carolina Ayerbe (Yearbook Advisor).

2009 AAC Cross Country Champions!

The Cross Country team has been busy WINNING! Below is a list of those winners – congratulations. On Saturday, they will travel to the GISA State meet where they will compete with over 200 runners at the Georgia Children's home in Macon. They will leave this afternoon to have a course preview and team celebration dinner.

AAC 2009 JV Boys Champions

Connor Tracy – individual champion

Matthew Shaffer - bronze medalist

Jay Karner

Ryan Ardagna

Hunter Berger

Andrew Solis

Alex Holmgren

Quint Foster



AAC 2009 JV Girls Individual Champion – **Erin Horst**

AAC 2009 Varsity Boys 3rd place overall

Aaron Bradsher – bronze medalist

Peyton Lockwood

Dave Friedland

Francis Abernethy

AAC 2009 Varsity Girls Bronze Medalist – **Rebecca Ascher**
(Victoria Jones, Coach)

Lovable Foods Info



We've got some great NEW selections on our menu that we want you to know about! These new additions are all priced at \$4 and under.

- Pizza Roll (homemade with pizza dough, sauce and mozzarella cheese)
- Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich
- Lovable Snack Pack (turkey slices, cucumber coins-n-dip, cubed cheese & pita points)
- Sunflower Cup (sunflower butter, raisins, pretzel sticks & mini banana muffin)
- Applesauce
- Cucumber Cons & Dip
- Water & 100% Apple Juice box

NEW! Monthly Orders! Order for one day, one week or one month. www.lovablefoods.com

Looking for ...



The PVA is looking for new or used foosball tables and a ping pong table (on wheels and folds up for storage) for use in the Upper School. Donations need to be in good, working condition. Please contact **Bruce Brownlow** (Upper School) or **Susan Holmgren** (PVA President).

Upper World History Class Goes to High



Last Friday, Upper School World History classes visited the *Leonardo da Vinci: Hand of the Genius* exhibit at the **High Museum of Art**. It features approximately 50 works, including more than 20 sketches and studies by da Vinci, some of which will be on view in the US for the first time. Through an examination of the sculpture that da Vinci studied, the drawings he created for his own sculptural projects (the majority of which were never realized) and his interactions with other Renaissance sculptors, the exhibit sheds new light on da Vinci's seminal role in the development of Renaissance sculpture and the work of artists who followed him. (from Carolina Ayerbe, Upper World History Teacher)

Don't Forget!



Daylight Savings Time ends – don't forget to set your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep!

The Bulletin Board

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

Spirit wear on sale through Booster Club **HERE** (no hats for sale)

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** – minimal staff on campus

Tue, Nov 3 – **PM Program Begins**

Wed, Nov 4 – **Chick-Fil-A on Wednesday** – NOT TUESDAY

Wed, Nov 4 – 8:30am – MOMs Meeting – CommArts Great Room

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



GA

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

Sat, Nov 7 – **SAT Testing**

Tue, Nov 10 – 7:00pm – **Parent Workshop: SAT vs. ACT – What are the Differences?** - Upper Great Room – **RSVP HERE**

Wed, Nov 11 – **Veteran’s Day**

Wed, Nov 11 – 9:00am – **Public Open House** – Do you know someone that could benefit from MSA? Invite them to the Open House!

Fri, Nov 13 – 6:30pm – **Art Exhibit** – SAC (stay for the Cabaret)

Fri, Nov 13 – 7:00pm – **Cabaret Talent Show** – SAC (come early for the Art Exhibit)

Sun, Nov 15 – 9:00am - **Girls on the Run 5K Event** – 161 Arizona Avenue Soccer Complex, Atlanta, 30307 in historic Kirkwood

Cares and Concerns of our Community

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



The Day 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



THE MIRACLE IS THIS ...
THE MORE WE SHARE,
THE MORE WE HAVE.

- LEONARD NIMOY



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