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And it was Good!

Well this was our first full week of classes – And it was good! But we are ready for the weekend. TGIF! This has been a week of activity. We held a successful fire drill on Wednesday and today we had an All School Assembly with **Interquest Detection Canines**. Both of which you would already know if you were following us on **Twitter** - @MillsSpringsAcad (nudge, nudge). I did post a picture from the assembly on Twitter. We are going to drag you into the Web 2.0 world kicking and screaming (some of us are kicking and screaming as well). We have also had the first Parent Workshop of the year (**more below**). As we get used to the new process and work through the kinks, our **new lunch program** seems to be a hit. So the new school year begins with a bang. There's lots of great info to follow so once you have signed up for Facebook and Twitter commence reading! Have a great weekend.

Fine Arts Parent/Student Meeting

ATTENTION: All Talented, Creative, Artistic Students and their Lucky Parents!

The Fine Arts Department is hosting an important informational meeting to discuss participating in the MSA One Act Play, Spring Musical, Band, or Chorus for all grade levels.

Come to find out:

- How to Audition
- How to sign up
- What's required to participate
- Time commitment
- Fine Arts Winter Learning choices
- How to volunteer to support these amazing artists
- And meet the Fine Arts Staff for a Q & A



This is your opportunity to find out how to be involved in something meaningful, creative and filled with fun!!! So all parents & students join us on **Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00pm** in the SAC Theater. If you have questions contact **Lynn Stallings**. See you there! Whoo-hoo!!

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CommEduCenter Presents First Parent Workshop

Parent Tech @ MSA

Yesterday evening about 35 parents attended the first workshop held by Mill Springs Academy's Community Education Center (CommEduCenter) – Parent Tech @ MSA. The audience learned about using NetClassroom, how to help their child get to the school email account at home, how to use the Galileo database from school and home, and how to communicate with faculty through NetClassroom. The presentations given by Woody Driskill and Cindy Thorne, with the assistance of Greg Bodeep were well received. (Cindy Thorne, Technology Teacher)



“Serve it up for Athletics” Tennis Tournament

Our Fifth Annual “Serve it up for Athletics” tennis tournament is just around the corner.

When: September 18, 2009

Where: MSA Courts

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Cost: \$75 (breakfast/lunch/goodie bag)

Format: Round Robin Doubles/Individual Entry

Register Online [HERE](#)

Play, Sponsor, Donate



News on the Alumni Front



During In-Service here at MSA we had a visit from Jacob Weinberger – Class of 2007 Alum. He dropped by before heading back to **Goucher College** in Towson, MD for his Junior Year. We are proud to report that Jacob has been on the Dean's List for the last THREE semesters! He also competes on the track team in their field events. Way to go Jacob!!! (from Susan Day, Counselor)

Berger Brothers win Disney Online Talent Contest

Ford (8) and **Hunter Berger** (12 – MSA Middle Student), both won first place in the Disney UROCK contest. UROCK had roughly 2000 entrants from which they were chosen as top 10 finalists. The winner was chosen by popular vote and Ford's video won "Best Dance Video" with a Michael Jackson tribute. Hunter won "Best Special Effects" with a surfing in the sky concept performed to the Jonas Brothers song *Paranoid*. The boys will fly to LA to be a part of a Disney radio program, attend the filming of a hit TV series and participate in Disney's environmental campaign.



"We have been very pleasantly surprised by their success and are honored to be involved with a class act such as Disney," says their father Lamont Berger. "Both boys have shown tremendous musical gifts early and have had no formal training in dance or music. Ford learned to sing, play guitar and dance by watching Michael Jackson's videos and Hunter programs synthesizers, plays bass and composes songs by ear."

Georgia Special Needs Scholarship

For parents participating in the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship.



If you have not already turned in your eligibility form from the GA Department of Education website, please ensure that you do soon so you don't miss your scholarship opportunity. If you were a part of the program last year, you do not need to do anything this year.

In the next week all of you will be receiving (via mail) a form which needs to be completed and returned to MSA. If you do not receive this form, please contact **Sheila**. (Sheila FitzGerald, Admissions Director)

Upcoming Achievement Tests



Stanford 10 Achievement tests will be taken by all students in 7th – 12th grade (PU/CA/U) on Wednesday and Thursday this coming week. The purpose of this testing is to give teachers an idea of your child's academic strengths and weaknesses so that a meaningful educational plan can be developed. It is also a way to give MSA students experience in testing to prepare them for the college placement tests they will be taking in the future.

Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before and has a good breakfast the morning of the test so that s/he can perform to the best ability. (Kathy Muma, School Psychometrist)

Have the World at your Fingertips

Your student or you can get the morning news through access to Georgia's Galileo databases. You can connect to Galileo on the internet through this link:

<http://www.Galileo.usg.edu>

If you don't happen to have that address handy, just Google "Galileo +Georgia" and the site will come right up (using the "+Georgia" will keep you from accidentally researching the Italian scientist instead of the Georgia databases).

Or you can go to the "Library" page on the school website – which is currently under the "Around Mill Springs" tab – and choose "Galileo" from the "Research" tab there.

Once you log in (see passwords below) choose "Browse by Type" in the red banner. Then select "Newspapers". Now you can enjoy the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, or others.

Galileo Password – case sensitive:

Through 8/30 = *magnet*

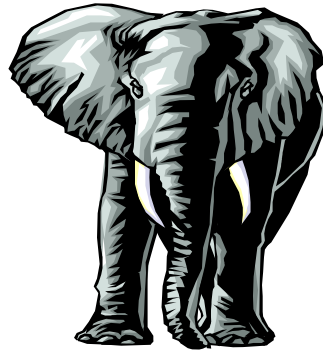
After 8/30 = *overbid*



"Mom, I need a current event for my paper that is due tomorrow."

If you have problems logging on, contact **Woody Driskill, Librarian** for current password as it changes regularly.

MSA Teacher Presents at Mt. Vernon In-Service



This past Tuesday, Cindy Thorne had the privilege of presenting a workshop to two groups of teachers at Mount Vernon Presbyterian School during their In-Service. The title of the workshop was “Help! There’s an Elephant in My Classroom”. Mt. Vernon is launching the use of laptops for its students in grade 9-12. So her presentation covered how to successfully integrate technology into the classroom. Several teachers shared that the presentation helped them be less apprehensive about making this transition. (Cindy Thorne, Technology Teacher)

MSA Recycles



In conjunction with SP Recycling Corporation we have installed a red & green recycling bin at the back of the large parking lot at the top of the hill. SP Recycling owns a paper mill and uses the things we throw into this bin to manufacture 100% recycled newsprint. It is a small fundraiser for the school, we receive a small stipend based on the weight of the paper we collect. We are inviting you to recycle your waste paper with us. You can toss the following loose items into this bin:

Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, office paper, junk mail, file folders, index cards, colored paper, plain and window envelopes. You do not have to remove staples and paperclips. You’re going to throw that newspaper away anyhow, why not drive by the bin after carpool and toss it in????

Let’s Share



OK folks it's time to share! You have been keeping this information to yourself for much too long now. If you think she might enjoy receiving this newsletter, **send me** Aunt Sally's email address and I will gladly include her in the distribution going forward. If you gave me the email address last year, *you will need to give it to me again*, as we start fresh each school year.

The Scoreboard



GET READY! MUSTANG MANIA IS COMING!

Schedule

8/25 – 4:00p – Soccer – AASD – H

8/27 – 4:00p – Soccer – Chrysalis – A

8/27 – 4:00p – Volleyball – Academe of the Oaks - A

The Bulletin Board

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

Don't forget that the **PM Programs** have begun.

Mon, Aug 24 – 1:30p – **PVA Meeting** – CA Great Room

Tue, Aug 25 – **School Pictures** – Say "Cheese"

Wed, Aug 26 – **Achievement Testing** – *PU/CA/U Only*

Thur, Aug 27 – **Achievement Testing** – *PU/CA/U Only*

Fri, Aug 28 – **Senior Pictures** make up day

Thur, Sept 3 – 6:00p – All School **Parent Curriculum Night** - SAC

Faculty and Staff participation in the Annual Fund is at 100%!!

Community Cares and Concerns



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.

Contact me **HERE**.

Character Quote of the Week



It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.

- Irish Proverb

To: All Mill Springs Parents, Board of Trustees, Newsletter Friends, Newsletter Family,
Newsletter Professionals, Newsletter Foundations and All Staff/Faculty.

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