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

—*Tweetie L. Moore, Founder*

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This Week at Mill Springs

With Monday being a holiday, we had a short school week. But it was still filled with lots of activity. Since this was Homecoming Week we were kept on our toes with a new event each day. So here is our week at a glance:

Tuesday: Homecoming Week starts out with a door decorating contest that gets judged later in the week. This was also the start of the Spring Semester.

Wednesday: We had an Open House that was very well attended. The Homecoming activity this week was to wear a shirt in support of your favorite College or Pro sport team (Go Packers!!)

Thursday: Today the winners for the **door decorating contest** were announced at our Pep Rally as were the **Homecoming Court Nominees**. The student rock bands that were set up during Winter Learning performed that evening

Friday: We held Donuts for Dads in the Lower and Middle schools, there were lots of Dads and lots of left over donuts. We also held a new parent orientation for families that have joined MSA after the school year started. Tonight we will have the Homecoming basketball games and the Kings and Queens of Homecoming will be announced.

What could be left to do? Oh I know tomorrow is Saturday and there is a Winter Learning **Drama Performance** tomorrow – students rehearse at 4:00pm and the doors open at 5:30p!

Have a Great Weekend!

MSA Teacher Saves Lives on SCUBA Expedition

As part of the normal practice at Mill Springs Academy, teachers and coaches are trained in life saving techniques to be prepared for any emergency, more specifically CPR, Heimlich, and AED usage. Well this year during Winter Learning those life-saving skills were put to good use. A group of PreUpper students went to Crystal River, FL to become S.C.U.B.A. certified; they traveled with PreUpper teacher Victoria Jones and Headmaster Robert Moore. While in the water Headmaster Moore noticed a bass swimming a little haphazardly, and upon further inspection he realized the bass was choking. Moore was able to catch the bass and then flag down Jones to assist. They could see the tail of a bream coming out of the bass' mouth, apparently after the bass swallowed the bream it expanded its fins keeping the bass from fully swallowing him. Jones immediately performed the Heimlich maneuver on the bass, allowing the

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bream to swim out of the mouth of the bass, thus saving the lives of both fish. One thing we don't teach our faculty is how to save the life of a fish, but Victoria Jones made the skills she had transferable to this situation. Good job Victoria – Robert said you can take Saturday off.



Victoria holding the fish that Robert caught



Giving the Heimlich method for fish – notice the fin at the top right of the picture

Honor Roll is Announced!

Please be sure to check out the following links to see who is on the Mill Springs Academy Honor Roll for Middle, PreUpper, CommArts and Upper:



Gold Mustangs

All A's

Silver Mustangs

All A's and B's – must have one A in a major subject

Way to Go MUSTANGS!

It's SHOWTIME!!!



The Winter Learning Performing Arts Camp was not able to do their performance on the last day of camp since the school was closed due to the weather. BUT, never fear!!! We plan to have a rehearsal and informal performance this coming Saturday, January 23rd in the MSA Theatre. Rehearsal is 4:00pm on Saturday and the performance is at 5:30pm. The show will be very short, but very fun!!! Your whole family is invited to come. The doors will open for the audience right at 5:30pm. The students will rehearse up until that time. You won't want to miss the GREAT talent that this group has to offer you. (Lexi Klupchak, drama

teacher)

Lacrosse Meet & Greet



February 6, 2010

MSA gym

3:00 pm

Come out and meet Coach Rob Favata and get all your lacrosse questions answered.

And the Winners are ...



Lower – Betty's Homeroom
Middle – Shelley & Katie's Homerooms
CommArts – Carol's Homeroom
PreUpper – Karen's Homeroom
Upper – Maritza's Homeroom

These homerooms all won an Ice Cream Party because they had the best decorated door for Homecoming. Pictured is Betty's Lower School Homeroom class door. It may be a little hard to see, but this is a basketball court with player names on the shirts that are on the court. Just under the door handle are the "fans in the stands" a.k.a. Betty's homeroom students cheering on their team – Go MUSTANGS!

Congratulations to the winners!

2010 Homecoming Court Nominees

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PreUpper

Esme Smith & Josh Swartz
Claire Sims & Jonah Swartz

CommArts

Carly Reynolds & Justin Haynes

Rebecca Ascher & Max Intner

Upper School

9th – **Claire Droege & Austin Coleman**

10th – **Nina Gailey & Jake Northrup**

11th – **Brooke Woolf & Mike Kline**

12th **Cassie Kanelos & Cullen Jacob**

Congratulations to the Homecoming Court nominees! The Kings and Queens will be announced in between the Girls & Boys Basketball games tonight.

Spring PM Registration



Spring PM Program Registration forms for programs beginning February 16th are available online. They can be found by clicking on “forms” under the “Parent” tab on the main page. Or you can click here **Spring PM Programs**. Registration deadline is February 5th. Contact **Victoria Jones** with questions.

College Acceptances

Congratulations are in order for the following students:



- **Andrew Smoltz** has been accepted to Oglethorpe University
- **Maura Stevenson** has been accepted to Reinhardt (with a scholarship) and Kennesaw University.

Congratulations to you both!

Mustang Archery Team



The Mustang Archery team will be hosting a mock-tournament on Monday, January 25th from 4:00pm to 6:30pm against Amana Academy. This tournament will help get the kids ready for the NASP State Tournament in February. This mock-

tournament will be held in the Upper School Great Room on Monday.

Fine Arts Spirit Wear Available



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 sweatshirt is being modeled by PreUpper student, **Max Trivers**, in the picture.

Click on **THIS LINK** to view the order form. Please print it out and mail it in with your payment to Janet Ford. Thank you!

20th Annual Dimensions of Dyslexia Conference

Registration is now open!

IDA Conference

Saturday, February 20, 2010

8:00am – 4:00pm

The Loudermilk Conference Center
40 Courtland Street SE
Atlanta, GA 30303



Keynote Speakers:

Linda Tessler, Ph.D. “A Roadmap to Dealing with Dyslexia and Other Learning Disabilities”

Richard Wagner, Ph.D. “New Developments in Dyslexia: Specific Reading Comprehension Disability”

To register click **HERE**

Looking for Beta Test Families

Media devices can be helpful tools in educating your children. The television, Internet and even some video games provide an enjoyable learning experience; unfortunately it is easy for children to become overexposed, leading to poor grades in school and an unhealthy lifestyle.

The MIKKO Que is a hardware/software solution that can help teach your children media time management. Parents have the ability to program how much time and at what time of day their children are allowed to watch TV, use the Internet and play video games. The Que is a box that locks your cable connections in it, and uses a Flash Drive containing your child's customized schedule controlling their access to media.

When your child is close to reaching their allotted time an audible signal sounds so they can save their game or work.

Soon MIKKO will begin a Beta Test for the Que, accepting 25 families to try the system at no cost to MSA parents and provide feedback. I encourage all parents to fill out an entry form to take part in the Beta Test and to be involved with managing the time your children spend with media devices.

Please visit www.MIKKOUSA.com or call 770-594-0132 to learn about the MIKKO Que and sign up for a chance to be a part of this Beta Test.



Calendar Change



Please note that there is a change to the calendar. The Mid-Winter Break is being extended by a full day. We will have Early Dismissal on Thursday, March 11th and a full day off on Friday, March 12th. Please adjust your

calendars. Thanks.

The Scoreboard



Next Week's Schedule (green = home game)

- 1/25 – GISA Region 1 Tournament
 - 1/25 – 6:00 – Boys Basketball @ Young Amer. Christian
 - 1/26 – 4:00 – Girls Basketball vs. AASD
 - 1/26 – 6:00 – Boys Basketball vs. AASD
 - 1/30 – GISA State Duels Tournament
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The Bulletin Board

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

Fri, Jan 22 – **HOME COMING DAY**

Fri, Jan 22 – 8:00am – **Donuts for Dads** – L/M only

Fri, Jan 22 – 9:15am – **New Parent Orientation** – Upper Great Room

Sat, Jan 23 – Winter Learning **Drama Performance** (rehearsal @ 4pm – performance @ 5:30p)

Mon, Jan 25 – 1:30pm – **PVA Meeting** – CommArts Grt Rm

Mon, Jan 25 – 4:00pm – Mustang Archery vs. Amana Academy

Thur, Jan 28 – **Sports Picture Day** (Basketball & Wrestling)

Sat, Feb 20 – **International Dyslexia Association Conference** – Loudermilk Conference Center, Atlanta – registration opens Jan. 5



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.



Jobless Families

Nancy & Family

Contact me **HERE**.

Character Quote of the Week

The decisions we make and the way we behave ultimately shape our character.
Walter D. Koenig

We tend to get what we expect.

- Norman Vincent Peale

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