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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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Bring on the Sunshine!



It's coming. Are you ready? I'm ready, the kids are starting to talk about it. Parents are calling to verify the dates. It's coming! It will be here before you know it. We have 6 weeks until Spring Break – Are you ready? I say bring on the sunshine!

Interestingly enough the newsletter from this same day last year mentioned that the daffodils and crabapple trees were beginning to bloom. This year? Not so much!

Anyway today was very pretty with the warmer temperature and the bright sun. You can see the children are more playful and smiley. I know they have enjoyed the sunshine too.

Enjoy the nice days and have a great weekend!

News from the Class of 2010



Please congratulate **Alex Kaplan** on his acceptance to [Young Harris College](#). Alex is also the recipient of the merit-based Young Harris College Dean's Scholarship!
Congratulations Alex!

Transition Day/Night



This week Thursday our big event was Transition Day. For those of you that don't know, Transition Day is when the rising 5th, 7th, and 9th graders (who transition to a new school in the Fall) have an opportunity to see their new school up close and personal. They have the chance to meet the teachers and spend a little time with the students. To get a feel for their new surroundings so it won't be so unfamiliar when they return in the Fall.

Then in the evening their parents get to do the very same thing. This helps make the transition a little less

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stressful for all – moms, dads and students. We're glad
that so many of you were able to participate.

Lady Mustangs Prevail!

Congratulations to our Lady Mustangs on their victory Wednesday night by beating Academe of the Oaks thus clinching the 2009-2010 AAC Basketball Championship title by a score of 22-19!

Brooke Woolf was voted tournament MVP by the coaches in the conference.

Congratulations to the Team, Brooke and the Coaches Kramer and Jones!
(James Sampson, Athletic Director)



Final Scoring Shot



Final Score



Winning Team

Values Class in the CommArts

As part of their Values class curriculum, Dr. Edgar Monterroso, who works for the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, spoke to Communication Arts students about current health concerns in both the US and areas around the world.



CA Values Class

After showing the students how the CDC reacts to a disaster like the earthquake in Haiti, he talked to them about an issue that is striking the United States: childhood obesity. Student **Erin Horst** stated, "Wow, I had no idea that being overweight could cause you to get so many diseases." Dr. Monterroso is the father of Communication Arts student **Nick Monterroso**. CommArts will follow up with a field trip to the CDC later this month.

MSA Family Dinner and Auction

March 20th - 4:30pm

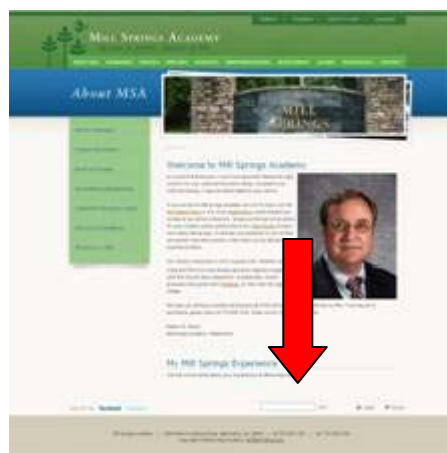
Get your groove on! Get on the bus!



We have a 60's theme for the FDA (Family Dinner and Auction, that is!) so feel free to wear your tie-dye and beads. But you have to get your dinner reservations in if you want to party like it's 1969!

Raffle baskets, silent and live auctions, photo ops, food and fun. It's a happening thing! (Sharon Davis, PVA & Upper Parent)

Looking for Something?



Trying to find something on the new website? How about searching for it? On any page but the Home page you will find a “GO” box at the bottom. Type in something you want to find and click “GO” to locate it easier.

Track and Field



Track and Field starts Monday for Varsity (grades 8 – 12), Junior Varsity (gr. 6 – 8) and Youth (gr. 4 – 5). All sports forms must be turned in **including the physical exam** BEFORE any student can attend practice. Click [HERE](#) for forms. Contact [Victoria Jones](#) if you have any questions.

Latest Issue of Kickin' It Available

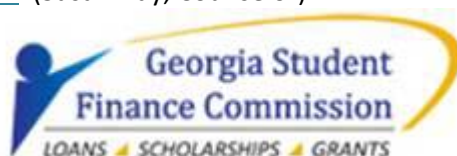


[Kickin' It's Valentine issue](#) – sent to you from the Upper School ... **S.W.A.K.**! Check out Homecoming, discussion on banned books, fishing for the big one and new kids! Also check up on alumni. The Kickin' It staff includes:

Lauren Hayes – Editor in Chief
Hannah Twery & Morgan Friedman – Reporters
Charlie Kahr & Connor Dimick – Cub Reporters
Eric Peterson – Photography & Photo Design
Mike Kline – New Recruit
Gail Kreher - Advisor

Financial Aid for College Workshop

Hal J. Wilkinson, Regional Representative for the Georgia Student Finance Commission will be giving a presentation on financial aid on March 9th at 7:00pm in the Upper School Great Room. He will cover HOPE, FAFSA, loans and scholarship resources. This should be a very helpful and informative session. All parents are invited. Please [RSVP HERE](#). (Susan Day, Counselor)



ReUse A Shoe Program

Mill Springs Academy is now a part of the Nike ReUse a Shoe program.



Every year millions of pairs of athletic shoes are thrown away, clogging landfills and wasting a lot of good material. [Reuse-A-Shoe](#) is one of Nike's longest-running environmental and community programs, where worn-out athletic shoes of any brand are collected, processed and recycled into material used in sports surfaces like basketball courts, tennis courts, athletic fields, running tracks and playgrounds for young people around the world.

Our goal is to **collect 200 pairs of athletic shoes**. Please bring your old shoes, no matter the brand. Be sure to take out the laces and make sure the shoes have no metallic parts (like eyelets). There are two collection bins, one in the Fine Arts building and one in the Upper School building to drop off your old shoes for recycling. (Carolina Ayerbe, Upper Teacher)

PM Programs in Full Swing



PM Programs for Spring have begun and we have had to cancel a few sessions due to low enrollment. If you still want to sign up you will need to [email Victoria Jones](#) to find out what is available.

Mark Your Calendar – Book Fair is Coming

This year's Spring Book Fair will be at the Barnes & Noble store at North Point. Mark your calendar for March 22 from 4:00pm – 8:00pm. More information will come soon.



Hey Let's be Careful Out There!



Carpool time can be hectic, but here are some tips to help keep our students safe:

- Drive S-L-O-W-L-Y
- Arrive at the right time (L-2:45; M-3:00; PU/CA/U-3:15)
- Stay in the carpool line, do not drive around other cars or buses, this is VERY dangerous for everyone
- Pick up students in front of their building
- If you need to talk to a teacher or principal, *please* park your car and go inside.

These tips will help keep everyone safe and the carpool line moving smoothly. And, hey, let's be careful out there!

Get Your Cokes Here!



[Coke Sale Flyer](#)

[Coke Sale Order Form](#)

Silly Fact



This week Thursday was Play-Doh Day! February 18, 1956 is the birth date of Play-Doh. At that time it was only available in off-white. Since then, Play-Doh has been made in 50 different colors! Find out more about the [HISTORY](#) or [PRODUCT](#) itself by clicking the links.

Happy Play-Doh Day!

The Scoreboard



Spring Sports are just beginning so stay tuned!

The Bulletin Board

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

Latest Edition of *Kickin' It* is Available [HERE](#)

Sat, Feb 20 – **Basketball All-Star Game** @ Cottage School – Girls play @ 1:00pm – Boys play at 3:00pm

Sat, Feb 20 – [International Dyslexia Association Conference](#) – Loudermilk Conference Center, Atlanta



Mon, Feb 22 – 2010-2011 **Re-enrollment Contracts Due**

Mon, Feb 22 – 1:30p – **PVA Meeting** – CA Great Room

Thur, Feb 25 – Turn in all your **Box Tops for Education**

Sun, Feb 28 – 1:00pm – **GAPSEC Fair** – First Baptist Church of Sandy Springs – An opportunity for individuals to find out about the schools that are fully accredited and have missions that serve students with learning differences.

******The following is a change to the calendar:

******Thur, Mar 11 – **Early Dismissal**

12:15 – *Lower/Middle* Carpool

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

12:45 – Buses Depart

******Fri, Mar 12 – **Mid-Winter Break** – School CLOSED

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.



The Day Family

The Ford Family

Jobless Families

Nancy and Family

Contact me [HERE](#).

Character Quote of the Week

The decisions we make and the way we behave shape our character.
- Roger S. Presson

Happiness is inward, and not outward; and so, it does not depend on what we have, but on what we are.

- **Henry Van Dyke**

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