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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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Raffle Wars

This week the kids got a chance to preview the raffle baskets that will be at the Family Dinner & Auction in a couple weeks. I happened to snap a couple pics to give you a preview (shhh ... don't tell anyone). In the process I was challenged by young Mr. Matthew Murr – "The Xbox360 is mine!" he said. I replied, "How do you know? What if I buy lots of tickets and win it?" He just said, with confidence, "It's mine." Then he tried another ploy, "I don't even have a Wii" as he looks at me with those sad little puppy dog eyes. I'm feeling a little humbled, because, well, I do have a Wii ... OK, I'm over that! Let the raffle begin! ☺ Good luck Matthew!

Next week we will have a new segment –**Teacher Feature** – it's a place to get to know some of the faculty and staff, watch for it!



XBOX360 and gift card to Best Buy



A pair of custom designed NIKE sneakers, a plasma ball and a beanbag chair



Beach blanket, duffel bag and cosmetic bag, scarf, tote bag, other accessories

Mill Springs Academy Class of 2010



Congratulations go to **Brett Miller**, as he has been accepted to **Kirkwood Community College** in Iowa this week! And today I heard that **Catherine Simpson** was accepted to **Georgia Highlands College**. Congratulations!

Important Information for Parents

Learn more about Meredith's upcoming summer

[Hunger Walk/Run 2010](#)
Get additional information

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

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Find everything you need to find about MSA is here

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During this last week the news has had stories about a serious issue of students using cell phones inappropriately. Make sure to read **THIS** informative article about "Sexting" from technology. We want to help you understand as we all work together to keep our children safe.

CommArts has a New Face



Patrick Hamilton with CA student **Mitch Norris**

The Communication Arts School is happy to welcome Patrick Hamilton to their teaching staff for the Spring semester. Patrick is interning at MSA for his master's degree in Special Education from **Grand Canyon University**. He'll be starting his doctorate at the University of Georgia in July. Patrick earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Georgia on a basketball scholarship, and still holds the record for the most steals in a game, season and career. As a professional basketball player in the NBA, he played with the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Dallas Mavericks. He enjoys playing golf and fishing. Patrick has four children: Christian, Skyler, Peyton and Kaden. His impression of Mill Springs? "I love this Levels system ... every school should have this!"

Here's your Chance to Become Published

The Horseshoe Review (THR) is the literary and art journal of Mill Springs Academy ... student managed and teacher led. The idea of the journal was developed by the Upper School English department and the students who have participated in the school's Georgia Writer's Workshop. Submissions for THR can come from any member of the MSA family (grandparent, parent, etc.). The inaugural issue will be published in May, 2010.



SUBMISSION INFORMATION

- Submit unpublished poetry, essays, and short stories of superior literary merit no longer than 2,000 words and of any theme
- Please use MLA format where appropriate
- Artwork, including photography, must be in black and white
- THR does not pay for publication, but the journal will reach an

estimated 1,000+ readers

HOW TO SUBMIT

- Please introduce yourself in the body of the e-mail and attach your submission
- If your nonfiction piece includes photographs, please include the name of the author and explanatory information
- Send your submission [HERE](#)
- E-mail artwork if possible. If you must mail, send it to MSA attention The Horseshoe Review.
- The deadline for submissions is April 2, 2010

Please send your questions to [Jason Rosenberg](#), Submissions Director.

MSA Family Dinner and Auction

March 20th 4:30 – 9:00pm



If you haven't already done so, please make sure you get your dinner reservation form and check in ASAP so we can include you in the delicious dinner and festivities planned for the evening.

Please contact Sharon Davis at 770.977.2660 if you have questions and/or need a dinner reservation form, raffle tickets, etc.

We are looking forward to a record turnout with lots of exciting auction items for bid so don't be left out of the fun!

Hunger Walk/Run 2010



So far we have
11 on our team –
we hope you will join us.

Matthew Murr (PU) and **Trevor Murr** (M) are organizing a group of students/parents/faculty who would like to participate as a team to walk or run in the Hunger Walk/Run 5K benefiting the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Last year there were more than 11, 000 participants at Turner Field. Mr. and Mrs. Murr will coordinate carpooling as necessary.

March 14, 2010
Turner Field
12:00 – 4:00pm

Register online [HERE](#)

Benefiting Partner: Atlanta Community Food Bank

Team Name: Mill Springs Academy
Questions: Angel Murr **via EMAIL**

This is a volunteer service project for MSA students, their hours spent on the event will apply towards their service hour requirements for the semester.

It's Psychedelic, Man!!



The Upper School is psyched about the March issue of Kickin' It! **Click HERE** and groove on hot articles about award-winning goalie, freshman **James Larro** and junior **Jesse Rhodes**, member of the Georgia Boy Choir. Taste the psycho-world of bizarre disorders, serial killers, the psychology of color, and remember the psychedelic music sounds of the 60's. Consider a student editorial about Terrorism. Page through a Winter Olympics scrapbook ... and catch up with this year's STAR student and teacher: **Andrew Smoltz** and Sherry Robinson. (Gail Kreher, Upper School)

National Student Leadership Conference



Meredith Langford, a 10th grade student in the CommArts School, has been chosen to represent Mill Springs Academy in the National Student Leadership Conference this summer. The NSLC is a fast-paced, interactive career-focused leadership program for outstanding high school students. Based in Washington, DC, the program allows students to experience exclusive behind-the-scene tours and give them a realistic preview of life in a specific profession. Meredith has chosen forensic science for her "summer career", where she will participate in a crime scene simulation, a forensic workshop which includes fingerprint analysis, a guest speaker from the FBI Crime Lab, and a visit to the Museum of Crime and Punishment. Meredith states, "I'm looking forward to not only exploring a career option, but getting to meet other kids who share my passion for forensics."
Pictured: Meredith Langford (from Kay Morrison, Principal)

Tee-Off for Technology



Register for the Golf
Tournament Online
HERE

Get Your Coke Orders in Today!



[Coke Sale Flyer](#)

[Coke Sale Order Form](#)

ENDS ON MONDAY MARCH 8TH!

Cokes can be picked up on 3/20 at the Family Dinner

High Finance come\$ to CommArt\$



As part of their values curriculum, the Communication Arts students were treated to a seminar on finance and banking by Linda Pike, branch manager of the Bank of North Georgia in Alpharetta. Linda showed the kids how investing early can increase your savings for years ahead. They also learned about interest rates, bonds, IRA's and other investment opportunities. Linda is also the parent of Brandon Pike and 8th grader in CommArts. Thanks for sharing Linda. *Pictured left to right: **Lindsey Flax, JC Howard, Linda Pike, Brandon Pike, Nick Monterroso, Francis Abernethy, Mac Morris.*** (from Kay Morrison, Principal)

Spring Tennis Has Sprung

The Varsity Tennis Teams played their first match of the Spring 2010 vs. Kings Ridge on March 4 at Wills Park.



The Girls Team had a clean sweep and won 36-12. The Boys Team suffered a tough loss with a score of 22-26. We are off to a stupendous start and look forward to a terrific season! (Coaches James, Brian and Anne)

Go Mustangs!

Financial Aid for College Workshop-Don't Miss It!

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. *There is still time to sign up* - please **RSVP HERE**. (Susan Day, Counselor)



Did You Know ...



This week was the birthday of Dr. Seuss (his real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel). He was born in Springfield, MA and lived to be 87 years old. He was an American writer and cartoonist who has written over 60 books. I bet you have read lots of them yourself. The Cat in the Hat; One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish; Green Eggs and Ham, just to name a few. Television specials, feature films and a Broadway musical have all been based on his works. Even students here at MSA have participated in *Seussical the Musical* in our theater.

The Bulletin Board

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

Tue, Mar 9 – 7:00pm – Georgia Student Finance Commission **presentation on Financial Aid** – Upper School Great Room - **RSVP**

Wed, Mar 10 – 9:00am – **Public Open House** – SAC – invite someone you think might be able to benefit from Mill Springs Academy, it's a great opportunity for them to find out more.

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

Sun, Mar 14 – **Daylight Saving Time** BEGINS – don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour

Sun, Mar 14 – **Hunger Walk/Run 2010** – Turner Field – sign up **TODAY!**

Tue, Mar 16 – Thur, Mar 18 – **Achievement Testing** for *Lower and Middle* only

Wed, Mar 17 – 8:30am – **MOMs Meeting** – CA Great Room

Sat, Mar 20 – 4:30pm – PVA **Family Dinner and Auction** – Student Activity Center

Sat, Mar 20 – **Coke Sale Pick Up** – during the dinner @ PreUpper School

Mon, Mar 22 – **Spring Book Fair** begins @ Barnes & Noble North Point



Cares and Concerns of our Community

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



Earthquake Victims

Jobless Families

The Provost Family

The Schneck Family

The Whittle 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



Laziness travels so slowly,
that poverty soon overtakes
him.

- Benjamin Franklin



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