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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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There are more than 130 items to be auctioned – check them out!

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The most current information when it

Spring has Sprung!!

FINALLY it seems that Spring might be upon us! The weather is warming up and the flowers and trees are starting to bloom. AND yes the grass is greener on the other side. We have zoysia grass which will green up some time in, oh, September and then go dormant again in November. But the man down the street has really green grass right now. I know he has some kind of magic stuff that he puts on his lawn a few times a year when the timing is right, then the grass turns a beautiful shade of green. Now all of this is not to say that my yard is not green, because certainly the weeds and wild onion are the same gorgeous green as the yard down the street. ☺

A few of the Lower School kids were out sick earlier this week and were so upset that they couldn't come to school that they were literally crying. One little girl, **Abby Hayman**, was crying because she wanted her teachers, Jodi and Shannon, to be with her at home while she was sick. What a wonderful testimony to our Lower School teachers, I don't recall a day when my children cried because they just wanted to be at school. Hope everyone is feeling better now.

Teacher Feature – Meet Diane Lewis, Upper

Diane says teaches because she wants "to give young people some of the same chances and opportunities [she]had. My high school years were rough and my teachers were there for me." Furthermore she states that, "each student has the right to an education. As a teacher, it is my challenge and responsibility to reach them where they are and take them to the next level and help them become all they are capable of being." Of all the subjects, math was the hardest for her in high school, but she really loves teaching it, and she has been teaching for more years than she would like to count! Bruce says that, "Diane is one of those teachers who goes way beyond all expectations in terms of commitment, dedication, and giving of her time and energy to not only her students, but also to her colleagues."



Diane Lewis,
Upper Teacher

When she is not giving of herself, she enjoys golf, gardening, hiking, eating apple pie, and road/flying trips! Thank you for what you do Diane.

comes to MSA Sports Schedules

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Get on the BUS! It's Psychedelic Man!

Tomorrow!!!

Saturday, March 20

4:30pm – 9:00pm

Family Dinner & Auction

Dress: Your favorite tie-dye shirt!



Come get your picture taken on the bus!

Don't miss out on the silent auction, raffle baskets, dinner, and live auction. **HERE** is the updated list for the auction.

THIS is the description list of the baskets that will be raffled off. There is something for everyone! More preparation photos on **Facebook!**

Bookfair is MONDAY at Barnes & Noble

Our Barnes & Noble Bookfair will be held on Monday, March 22, 2010 from 4:00 – 8:00pm at the Barnes & Noble on North Point Parkway. Activities that evening will include:

5:00pm – Book signing by *Gail Kreher*, Upper Teacher

6:45pm – *MSA Chorus* Performance

7:15pm – Storytelling with *Lexi Klupchak*, Fine Arts Teacher

MSA Student Art Exhibit in the storytelling area (featuring murals designed by Lower School)

If you can't attend that evening, you can support us by shopping at any Barnes & Noble or **online** between March 22 – 28th. Enter our Bookfair ID: 10155356, and a percentage of your purchase will benefit the MSA Library.

PARENTS: Have your student sign in at the MSA Table at Barnes & Noble if they do, they will be invited to a Pizza Party to be held in the future. But they can only attend this Pizza Party if they come to the Bookfair and get their name on the list!



How to be Successful in College



MSA Alumni, Chris Magill, Class of 2009 is now attending school as a freshman at the University of Arizona. He spoke to the students in CommArts about how to be successful in college. Chris talked about the importance of time management and meeting deadlines. "If you have a learning disability, you can get a lot of help, you just need to learn to ask for it," he stated. The students were full of questions about college life: "Forget the book stuff ... how's the food?"; asked a concerned student. Chris hasn't picked a major yet, but is leaning toward a career in teaching physical education.

Partial Thermal Degradation of Mixed Polysaccharides- WHAT?



*Pictured: **Tanner Fant,**
Victoria Sheffield, **Shivani**
Patel measuring their
ingredients*

Take 100 ml of sucrose, 75 ml of 3 molar glucose solution, and 29 g of water. Heat them to boiling. Add some solidified mixed esters, 2 ml of 4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-benzaldehyde, sodium chloride, and finally 5.5 g of sodium hydrogen carbonate, protein pellets are optional. If you combine these ingredients at the right temperatures and follow the procedures correctly, you will observe some wondrous chemical changes as this endothermic reaction progresses and result in a tasty product to share with friends. As part of chemical reactions unit in Physical Science class, PreUpper 8th grade students successfully completed the lab and produced delicious results and one blob that resembled shiny charcoal. Since students were going to be allowed to taste their results, this lab was conducted in the Great Room using equipment not used in their classroom lab. The PreUpper building was filled with the sweet scent of caramelizing sugars for two days as the color changing, gas releasing chemical reaction resulted in peanut brittle!

Take a Peek

Do you ever wonder what your students are doing in those few moments when they aren't studying at school?

Take a peek!



Performing @ Open House



Planting @ Lower School!



Practicing Headers!

Lady Mustang Tennis Victory!!



MSA Lady's **Tennis Team**

Please congratulate the Lady Mustang Tennis Team for their **OUTSTANDING 36-3** victory over Brenau Academy. The Girls Tennis Team traveled to Gainesville yesterday afternoon and had another clean sweep by winning all of their matches!!! All of the girls played very well and have been working hard at practice. The girls have another away match next week vs. Oak Mountain. Way to go **MUSTANGS!** Thanks for your support. (Coaches Anne, James & Brian)

CommArts Family Logo



Communication Arts 8th grade student **Lindsey Flax** (pictured) displays the logo she created for her school. "I just feel like we're a family, and I wanted us to have our own symbol. The other kids liked it so much, they've been asking if I could have it made into a t-shirt." (Kay Morrison, CA Principal)

Senior Presentation Questions???

What Are Senior Presentations?

Seniors are required to select, research, define, clarify and present a topic of their choice. The purpose is to showcase their talents, interests, and research skills in an 8 to 15 minute multi-media report. Then students write a formal paper, based on their research. Students practice long-range planning, research, problem solving, and public speaking. Students work eight weeks to prepare for this important event, sometimes determining the topic of study while they are still juniors.



May I attend just a portion?

Of course, each graduating senior has an assigned time. We try to stay on schedule.

May a student leave early, after s/he presents?

Only with specific permission, as we believe it is important to support one another. In addition, all seniors are invited to attend a casual lunch on both days, immediately following the reception. (from Gail Kreher, Upper Teacher)

Baseball Scores a Win!!



Pictured: #19 – Mike Kline (Photo courtesy of dad L. Goodelman)

MSA crushed the Chrysalis Colts Thursday 16-3 in a game that was stopped after 5 innings because of the High School Federation “mercy” rule. **Addison Reed** pitched the victory allowing only one hit. The PreUpper team leader also belted two extra base hits. **Spencer Murphy** and **Tim Broadwell** each drove in 4 runs lacing line drives to the fence **Shane Marks** sparkled on defense with two running catches in center field. **Jared Sherman** anchored the defense at first base with a flawless performance. **Andrew Smoltz** also hit timely for the Mustangs who looked like the “**Green Machine**” of the past few years. GO MUSTANGS! (Coach Jack Withrow)

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 publications

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 submission deadline is April 2, 2010.

Please send your questions **to Jason Rosenberg**, Submissions Director.



Carpool Safety



One thing we have to be vigilant about is safety during carpool. There is lots of movement: cars moving, buses moving, and people moving. We want to make sure everyone is safe. Make note that when you are in the carpool line, you must stay in your place in the line for safety reasons. This means it is a:

NO PASSING ZONE

It is important that if you have to wait for any length of time or you need to talk to the teacher for whatever reason, please park your car, this keeps the carpool line moving. Thanks for being safe!

The Bulletin Board

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

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

Sat, Mar 20 – **Coke Sale Pick Up** – 11:00 – 4:30pm - during the dinner @ PreUpper School

Mon, Mar 22 – 1:30pm - **PVA Meeting** – CA Great Room

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

Tue, Mar 30 – **Senior Presentations** – Upper School Great Room

Wed, Mar 31 – **Senior Presentations** – Upper School Great Room

Thur, Apr 1 – **Early Dismissal** – Spring Break Begins!!
12:15 – *Lower/Middle* Carpool
12:30 – *PreUpper/CommArts/Upper* Carpool
12:45 – Buses Depart

Fri, Apr 2 – your submissions to ***The Horseshoe Review*** are due to – Submit **HERE**

Fri, April 2 thru 9 – **Spring Break** – School CLOSED and Office Closed



Cares and Concerns of our Community

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



The Baloh Family

The Dolan Family

Jobless Families

Nancy and Family

The Windsor 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



**True friends are a sure
refuge.**

- Aristotle

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New 2010-11 Families, Newsletter Professionals, Newsletter Foundations and All Staff/Faculty

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