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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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What I did on my Spring Break

It's hard to believe how fast this week has gone. I don't even remember Monday. Here we are at Palm Sunday and Passover – next week is April already. March is the month with the most rainfall. Our average low temp is 43 degrees with an average high of 65 (if you believe that). Spring Break is right around the corner! If you are going somewhere special, I'd love to hear about it. **Send me** a picture with your paragraph "What I did on my Spring Break" and you can get in the newsletter. Everyone starts out with an "A", but if you don't do it, well there are "F's" that can be attained. Want to earn extra credit? If you can get your student to write the article I'll give you an extra 10 points! Tell them they can be a guest journalist for the parent newsletter, buy them a camera to test their skills, who knows you might have a budding journalist.

This week **Alex Kaplan** has been accepted to Georgia State University.
Congratulations Alex!

From Your PVA President

March 22, 2010

Dear Mill Springs Academy PVA Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President this year. Due to my husband's job transfer to Dallas, TX, I must resign my volunteer position effective immediately.

I know the work of MSA PVA will continue to enhance the educational experience of many students in the years to come.

Sincerely, Susan S. Holmgren

With that said, please welcome Jacki Gass, who has held the Vice President position, as our new PVA President.



Teacher Feature – Meet Phil Hanson, PE Dept

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Phil Hanson,
Coach & PE Teacher

Phil's Key Steps of Education

1. Evaluation- Set Goals
2. Preparation- Develop a game plan
3. Repetition
4. Repetition
5. Repetition
6. Immediate reinforcement
7. Execution
8. Adjustment
9. Evaluation-readjust your goals

Most of us know Phil Hanson as Coach Phil. He is the Head Boys Varsity Basketball Coach here at MSA. But believe it or not, he has other dimensions to his life! His hobbies include eating and laughing with family and friends, dancing in the kitchen, cooking, going to the ocean, dogs, racehorses, fast cars and beautiful women! He has been involved in broadcasting for 25 years, beginning with a 5000 watt school station and working at stations WRHI, WCNN, and GPB.

What is Phil's favorite food you ask? Well Phil couldn't narrow it down to just one (Italian, Cajun, steaks, roast, "fish is always a homerun", hamburgers, chicken, apple pie, dark chocolate, peanut M&M's, etc.), but he did say, "Food is family and family is fun".

Phil stated that his "teaching philosophy is based on discipline, passion, enthusiasm, and work ethic". Phil has been here for 8 years, but taught in different environments for 25 years in the private sector, the collegiate level, high school level. He also has his own business "Phil's Fundamentals". If it rolls – he coaches it! He has a list of individuals that he has worked with that he feels have formed him as a teacher that include: his father, Coach Bobby Cremins, Coach Nick Waggoner, Dr. Homer Rice, Robert Moore, Katy Kane and James Sampson.

Katy thinks that Phil is "dependable, loyal, trustworthy and one of the hardest workers I have ever met" not to mention a wonderful person and a terrific addition to the PE Department. Both Katy and James mentioned that he is a great friend. James added that "his basketball passion and knowledge is overwhelming." Oh and BTW, his favorite colors are forest green and royal blue. James wanted me to use the word knucklehead, but I told James I didn't think it was appropriate for this type of article, especially when they had all those other nice glowing things to say about Phil. Regardless, we are glad you are here Phil – thank you for everything you do.

"I believe the definition of success is becoming the best that you are capable of becoming." –Phil Hanson

THANKS Students and Parents

We had a great time at the Barnes & Noble Store on Monday, March 22. Our chorus performance and our art exhibit were stellar. Thanks to Kate for working with the Chorus students there, and thanks to Janet and Brian for setting up the art exhibit. Thanks to Gail and Paul Kreher for their support with the book-signing.



Children's Area at the Barnes & Noble with the beautiful Art display.

Remember - You, your friends and your family may use the number in any B&N store through 3/28 AND orders may be placed online until 4/2. Use the voucher number (10155356) and Mill Springs gets a percentage of profits.

We appreciate the dedicated parent volunteers who were on site - Lisa Artis, Rhonda Acarkan, Angel Murr, and Melissa Woolf. Thanks also go to all the students who attended and who have supported the library by making purchases. Thanks everyone for such a great show of support. Several of the B&N staff noted that they were impressed with our respectful and enthusiastic participants. (Woody Driskill, Librarian)

MSA-mazing Tennis Match



Please congratulate the Mustang Tennis Team for playing amazing tennis Tuesday afternoon against Brandon Hall. The final score was a 29-29 tie. Everyone gave 110% effort on the court. We are proud of the team for their determination and thank you for all of your support and encouragement. (Coaches Anne, Brian and James)

I'll have a FULL Rack of Ribs Please



Thomas Chiu, Middle

Last week the Chiu family bid on “Lunch with the Headmaster” for their Middle school student **Thomas Chiu**. Being the lucky winners of this auction item at the Family Dinner Saturday, a date was set. So Tuesday morning rolls around and Thomas comes to the office to inform Robert that he has decided he would like to go to Outback. He had already mentioned that he loved ribs. So Robert & Thomas head to Outback only to find that they are not open for lunch. Next best option is Shane’s Rib Shack. Thomas ordered a full rack of ribs at Shane’s, they are his favorite. He made a valiant effort and still had leftovers. Sounds like it was ribs for dinner, too! Congratulations Thomas.

Thank You Everyone!!

The MSA Family Dinner and Auction Committee would like to thank everyone who came out Saturday night to help us “Get on the Bus.” The event was great success and we hope all who attended had a good time and outbid everyone else for that special item.



We haven’t finished all the “ciphering” yet, but we will give you an update as soon as our numbers are officially crunched. Thank you to all MSA parents, teachers, staff, and friend. You made it all possible!

This Week in Golf



Please congratulate our golf team on their 67 shot victory over Furtah Prep Wednesday. **Robert Golden** led the scoring, shooting 5 over despite a triple bogey on the opening hole. **Brett Jackson** and **Austin Coleman** were not far behind, shooting 7 and 8 over respectively. (Coach Matthew McConnell)

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.



Track is Running!



Saturday Track Invitational: Last Saturday we competed in the Pinecrest Spring Invitational at West Forsyth HS against 6 other participating schools. The JV kids enjoyed the challenge of racing the older Varsity kids. And everyone did a fantastic job. Here are some highlights: **Chris Thorne** took first place in all 3 of his individual events, setting a personal high jump record at 6'2" (the state record in our division was set in 1979 at 6'5.5"). He earned a total of 36 points for the team, being possibly the highest scoring male of the meet. This was **Jake Lipsitz'** first meet of the season and he took first place in the 300m hurdles. **Nick Monterroso** added almost 6 feet to his personal best in the shot put with a new record of 25'.

Tuesday Track Meet: The Mustangs did a fantastic job at

the meet on Tuesday finishing second place behind Brandon Hall. Other schools attending the meet were Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, The Howard School, Brenau, Gables, and Mt. Vernon. (Coach Victoria Jones)

Go Mustangs!

On This Day in ...



A Man of the Future

- 1955** - "Ballad of Davy Crockett," becomes the #1 record in US
- 1969** – Marcus Welby MD, a TV movie is shown on ABC-TV
- 1970** - 500th nuclear explosion announced by the US since 1945
- 1973** – Soap "Young & Restless" premieres
- 1979** – Camp David peace treaty between Israel & Egypt
- 1982** – Ground-breaking in Washington, DC for Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- 1989** - 1st free elections in USSR; 190 M votes cast; Boris Yeltsin wins
- 2228** – the birthday of James T. Kirk, science fiction captain of USS Enterprise of Star Trek fame (That is NOT a typo)

The Bulletin Board

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

The **Galileo password** has changed as of March 24 to “**date**”.

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



Wed, Apr 14 – 9:00am – **Public Open House** – if you know of someone that might benefit from the services that MSA offers make sure to invite them to this last open house of the year.

Fri, Apr 16 – 7:00pm – **Family Movie Night** – SAC – Movie to be chosen by students next week.

Sat, Apr 17 – **Prom** – 7:30pm – Capital City Club House

Cares and Concerns of our Community

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



The Baloh Family

The Coady Family

The Friedland 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



Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

- **John Wesley**

To: All Mill Springs Parents, Board of Trustees, Newsletter Friends, Newsletter Family,
New 2010-11 Families, Newsletter Professionals, Newsletter Foundations and All Staff/Faculty

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