



# MSA Weekly News

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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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## Gearing up for May – 23 School Days Left

The pace is starting to pick up around here as we gear up for all the events in May. We start tonight with our Year-End Accomplishments event for Lower and Middle. Lower School families will meet in the Student Activity Center and Middle School families will meet in the Upper Great Room.

Some of our PreUpper students went on a day trip to Washington, DC Thursday. So I expect there will be more information about that trip in next week's newsletter. Lower School went to the **Center for Puppetry Arts** earlier this week. Today we have had a wonderful performance of the **Spring Musical** for the students and tonight (or tomorrow night) you can see that and an Art Exhibit for yourself. The Mill Springs Players ALWAYS do a spectacular job on the stage and in all of the art arenas. Come Monday we will hold the Tee-Off for Technology golf tournament.

There is no lack of activity or fun around here, all you gotta do is look for it! Have a terrific weekend.

## Feature Teacher – Meet Carissa Townley, Lower

Carissa Townley joined the Lower School team last year to teach 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Phonics and Reading. This year she has taught self-contained 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teaching all core academic classes. Carissa has also taught Social Studies and Science in afternoon classes. She previously taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the Cobb County school system. Carissa also works part-time at Mellow Mushroom, where MSA families often come in for dinner. Carissa helps with the Mark Trail Summer Camp program as well.



I love green, earth tones, Mexican & Italian food, anything spicy really.

Her hobbies include hiking, camping, reading, going to see live music, and playing with her dog, Emma. Carissa just loves to be outside enjoying any activity. She designed, with the help of our students, Lower School's beautiful garden that is in the front of the building.

Some exciting news is that Carissa just became engaged to be married over the Spring Break. Her now fiancé, Kevin, popped the question before they took off on a 7-day cruise to Grand Cayman, Cozumel, and Belize. Congratulations!

Carissa's teaching philosophy is, "It is my desire as an educator to help students meet their fullest potential by creating a

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structured nurturing environment for them to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. I hold high expectations for the students and always encourage them to strive to reach their maximum potential."

Laurie tells me that "Carissa is such a wonderful addition to Lower School. She brings so much energy and enthusiasm to our program and community. She is very dedicated to the students and their academic and social needs. Lower School is so fortunate to have a fun and energetic teacher who always smiles as she walks through the door each day."

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## Mighty Mustang Duffers

We have at least two golf matches to report on this week:

*MSA vs. Christian Heritage School* – This match was played Friday (4/16) against what might be the best team we have competed against in a long time. **Austin Coleman** led the scoring with a 5 over 41, and **Robert Golden** made a birdie on the par-5 1<sup>st</sup> hole after lipping out his eagle putt on his way to an 8 over 44. The final score reflecting a loss was 183 – 161.



*MSA vs. Howard School* – The Mustang Golf team scored a victory of 191 – 210 over AAC rival on Monday at Rivermont Country Club. Austin Coleman led the scoring with a season low 2-over-par 38, including a birdie on the par-3 6<sup>th</sup> hole. All three of the top scorers for both teams were Mustangs, as Robert Golden and **Brett Jackson** shot 44 and 46 respectively.

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## MSA Receives Award from ABWA

Every year, the Crabapple Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association recognizes community leaders, businesses, or individuals who support women's advancements in the community by exemplifying the ABWA mission of helping women personally and professionally through leadership and education. Among some of the past recipients have been Bank of North Georgia, General Motors/Carl Black, and the City of Roswell.



Because of the contributions and commitment to provide women with outstanding opportunities for professional advancement, continuing education, leadership roles, and

life balance. Mill Springs Academy has been selected as Crabapple Charter Chapter's 2010 Business Associate of the Year.

Robert Moore received the award on behalf of MSA at the Business Associate Event held last week. Middle School teacher, Shelley Robinson is a member of the ABWA.

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## Lacrosse News

Friday (4/16): Mustangs scored a win against Cherokee! Final Score of 16-1!



Sunday (4/18) Mustangs played Creeks from Jacksonville, FL and beat them 12-8! This was a hard fought victory against a very physical team. Coach Favata let the team know that they were playing well and that he appreciated how they were holding their composure against this rough team. He was proud of them for playing great lacrosse. This was Creeks first loss and a great lesson in sports for our team.

Current record is 2 – 2, the previous losses were to Centennial and Roswell. Great job **Team Green!**

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## What I did on my Spring Break



The Fabulous Fox Theater

A couple weeks ago, while many of you were on vacation somewhere on a sunny beach, Elizabeth Plastiak was working. She was contracted to play French Horn for the orchestra which played every night at The Fox Theatre with the touring musical of Rogers and Hammerstein's South Pacific. The production received rave reviews, and Elizabeth had a blast playing in the pit and watching the show every night. She is excited and amazed that she can actually get paid for doing what she loves to do – make music! (Janet Ford, Fine Arts)

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## From the Track Field

We struggled just a little bit on Saturday (4/17) against some tough schools and secured a third place finish in the GISA Region 4AA Championship that was held on our campus. Eight of our athletes set new personal records and we have several athletes that will be advancing to the state meet as either competitors or alternates. Congratulations Everyone!



New Personal Records

- West Connor** – Triple Jump – 25-01.75
- Jake Lipsitz** – 110m hurdles – 19.32
- Peyton Lockwood** – 3200m – 12:02
- Nicolas Monterroso** – Discus Throw – 49-07
- Michael Palmer** – Long Jump – 11-07
- Esme Smith** – 200m – 33:18
- Andrew Solis** – Discus Throw 40-07
- Chris Thorne** – 110m hurdles – 18.77

(Victoria Jones, Coach)

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## Mill Springs Players Present “Masquerade”

Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm – Student Activity Center Theatre (but be there at 6:30pm for the Art Exhibit)

*Rated PG*



*“Masquerade”*

Masquerade is an exciting, contemporary musical that deals with the important subject of bullying. Have you ever felt out of place? Ever been in a new place and tried to fit in? The central characters in Masquerade are going through the very same thing. Corri & Jamie move to a new school in the middle of the year. They encounter the various 'cliques' and the class tough guy. The story explores their efforts to find their place. Join them on their zany, energetic and often touching journey!

Tickets @ Door: \$10 general admission, \$8 students and Arts Alliance Members

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## So Whatcha Doin’ this Summer???



Can I interest you in some Summer Camp, Sports Camp or maybe Summer School? We will have all of those activities here on campus this summer. This year we have added a second session to our Summer School to help accommodate the local community. Mark Trail Camp will be just as fun as ever. And Sports Camp? Well let me tell you, we currently have Basketball Camp, Volleyball Camp and Lacrosse Camp all scheduled. So don't wait until the last moment to **sign up for Camp** – it's going to be fun!

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## PreUpper's Big Trip for WLP 2011 – Kenya!

The PreUpper School will be travelling to Kenya, with a one-day adventure in London, during the 2011 Winter Learning Program!! The trip is scheduled for January 5-14, 2011 (subject to change). Students and Parents - come learn more about this exciting opportunity:



Informational Meeting  
PreUpper Great Room  
April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM

This trip is open to future and current Level R/L students who are rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This trip will also be open to select (with Bruce Brownlow and Kay Morrison's permission) rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders who are level R/L's.

This incredible opportunity is limited to 14 students so don't miss out!

Please contact **Karen Bradley** or **Victoria Jones** if you have additional questions about the meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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## AAC Track Championship



Pictured: Michael Palmer(U),  
**Dave Friedland** (CA), Peyton

The Mustangs took second place in the AAC Championship Wednesday. It was a fantastic meet and all the kids did very, very well. The team standings before the last race of the day put us in a close race for second with Howard School and Cottage. With the Mustangs and Cottage able to field two relay teams and Howard only able to field one, the odds were in our favor but only if our second team scored points in the second heat. Howard beat the Mustangs by one place

Lockwood (PU), Jake Lipsitz (U),  
and Andrew Solis (PU).

in the first heat putting us 3 points behind. This meant our second team had to beat the clock to edge out teams from the first heat. They blazed ahead and were able to make up the points and hold on to our standings. Andrew Solis, **Alex Masson**, Peyton Lockwood, West Connor make up Team B. Way to Go Team B! Aside from that there were loads and loads of individual awards earned. (Victoria Jones, Coach)

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## Sports Banquet



Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm in gym

\$10 (excluding athletes)

Please RSVP to **Jennifer Kramer**  
by April 30<sup>th</sup>



Summer Programs for High School Students is an amazing experience that will prepare academically focused teens for study at the college level. In addition to attending challenging courses, students will enjoy extracurricular activities, live in UGA residence halls, and build important social connections that will help them define themselves and broaden their horizons!

Call 706-542-3537 or go to [www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/youth](http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/youth)  
(Susan Day, Counselor)

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## Spring Exam Schedule



The Spring Exam Schedule can be found under the Students tab on the MSA website.

Or Click [HERE!](#)

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## The Bulletin Board

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

Fri, Apr 23 – 6:30pm – **Art Exhibit and Spring Musical Performance** – SAC (rated PG)

Sat, Apr 24 – 6:30pm – **Art Exhibit and Spring Musical Performance** – SAC (rated PG)

Mon, Apr 26 – 1:30pm – **PVA Meeting** – CommArts Great Room

Mon, Apr 26 – 9:30am – **Tee-Off for Technology** – Atlanta National Golf Club

Sat, May 1 – 6:00pm – **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Banquet** – Upper Great Room

Mon, May 3 – **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Week** – PreUpper

Thur, May 6 – 7:00pm – **Sports Banquet** – Student Activity Center

Fri, May 7 – 7:00pm – **Spring Chorus and Band Concert** (M/PU/CA/U) – Student Activity Center

Sat, May 8 – 6:30pm – **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Banquet** (PU) – Student Activity Center

Sun, May 9 – **Mother's Day**



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## Cares and Concerns of our Community

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



**The Cohen Family**

**Jobless Families**

**The Holland Family**

**The Stallings 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.

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## Character Quote of the Week



**“The dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success.”**

**- Vince Lombardi**

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