



# 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.

-Tweetie L. Moore, Founder

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## Web Links of Interest

### [MSA Sports Calendar](#)

*The most current information when it comes to MSA Sports Schedules*

### [MSA Home Page](#)

*Find everything you need to find about MSA is here*

### [MSA PVA Web Site](#)

*Learn what is going on with your PVA*

### [MSA Weekly News Archives](#)

*Catch up on past news*

### [MSA Current Calendar](#)

*School Calendar on the MSA website*

## Final Preparations have Begun!

We have begun to make final preparations for the end of the school year. Programs for the myriad of events are being reviewed and printed, lists of certificates are being made which will also be printed, food ordered, tables and chairs moved around again and again, people have begun to move in and out. There are a million little details that go into the seven major events and that does not include the concert tonight and the middle school drama in two weeks. "Who's got the presentation", "what happened to that tablecloth", "where is the so and so, it should be here by now"??? The flurry of activity makes life interesting in May!

This week: I heard good things about last night's Sports Banquet. The room looked great and the food tasted great. The presentation was not too long. A huge success. The PreUpper celebrated 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Week and that culminates with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Banquet tomorrow evening. **Read** about this evening's Concert.

In case you heard and wondered, yes the fireman were on campus and came in the big **red** truck earlier this week – not to worry. They come every so often to make sure they know the layout of the campus and the buildings in case there is a serious emergency. They make drawings of the inside of the buildings that include where the fire exits and fire extinguishers are located, etc. All to keep us safe.

Until next week!

## Feature Teacher – Meet Hank Jones, Upper



Notice the maroon tie.

Hank teaches British Literature and Honors classes. His favorite color is maroon, he doesn't like cell phones and he will be 50 next month! How's that for interesting stuff? No really he is even more versatile than that, his hobby is reading, but not those trash novels, he likes British Romantic and Victorian poets! He enjoys looking for used books at Goodwill and other similar places because "I feel it's a grievous sin to pay full cover price." He likes to watch Saturday night sci-fi produced movies with computer generated monsters. And Coaching the wrestling team has been interesting this year.

"I truly love teaching; my father and mother and grandparents were teachers. I feel grateful to teach and to do it here at MSA where in a small way I can contribute in a



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positive manner and possibly influence that student to reflect either academically or socially. I love the natural aspect of the campus too, and that everyone is friendly.”

Having spent the last three years with us here, Hank has taught for a total of 12. He also taught college in China for 5 years. One of his special memories of that time was living with a peasant family for 10 days. He didn’t shower the whole time, clothes were washed in the stream and he would wake up in the morning with chickens roaming the bedroom. “I saw so much begging, poverty, and hardship. My life there changed my perception of the US radically: I love America.”

Hank says, “I think it’s particularly important to develop the student into being an independent learner with a sense of responsibility, respect for self and others, and have good manners - I know that sounds antiquated, but I feel our society lacks this more than ever – and to maintain a good sense of humor while doing so.”

Hank definitely does that, he frequently is a practical joker. Wanna know what his faves are? He loves pizza, BBQ, steak, fried catfish and jalapeno corn bread – what a combination!

Thanks for what you do every day – we are glad you are here.

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## The Option of Bookshare



**Bookshare**, a service that supports children with learning concerns, gives Mill Springs Academy students new options in reading and studying books used in the classroom. Bookshare enables the student to download the unabridged book for the class on his computer. With the free Read:Out Loud software students can read, annotate, bookmark, and even listen to the book being read in one of several available voices. Throughout Mill Springs students are using Bookshare to give them a multitude of ways to access the text and a new flexibility in scholarship and reading comprehension success. (Errol Sanders, PU and Paul Barkley, Tech)

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## Thank You for Donating!



By now you have received the special edition email from the Development Office. If you haven't had an opportunity to watch the video, there's no time like the present. And speaking of present, this video is our present to you. Thank you for donating to the Annual Fund!

[Watch video here](#)

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## Ask and You Shall Receive!



A couple years ago we added the option of a white overblouse for the girls. You have asked if you could purchase them in other colors, so beginning in the upcoming school year you can also get those overblouses in either white **or** navy with the MSA logo on them. If the hunter green becomes available, that can also be worn.

The overblouse is preferred by the girls over the polo shirt because they don't have to be tucked in, yet they give a neat, tucked in appearance. We like them too, because it is one less child to ask to tuck in their shirt tails. 😊 Thanks for asking!

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## They're Having a Sale!!



**Buckhead Uniforms** is having a sale from May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> on school uniforms.

**Uniform Depot** is also currently having a sale. Uniform Depot has moved to online uniform sale only.

You can get a 20% discount at either supplier during their sale period.

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## Looking for a Summer Program?



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** or Summer School – it's going to be fun!

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## Don't Miss Out!

This evening at 7:00pm in the Student Activity Center you can see the Spring Chorus and Band Concert. The Band is comprised of students from Middle School and up. The Lower School Chorus and the Glee Club also sing. Lower School will sing and perform several songs from School House Rock (which you might remember from when you were their age or so). The Glee Club sings a beautiful song from the TV show Glee – very nicely I might add! This is a great opportunity to see some of the things that your terrific children can do – and watch them enjoy it as well! We got a sneak peek this afternoon, but you don't want to miss out on this performance. They are all very good and there aren't enough adjectives to describe how fun it was.

I took lots of photos a couple of them are also on **Twitter** and others are on **Facebook** – SOOOO ... check 'em out – Don't miss out!



The Band!



Lower School – NOUN!



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## The Bulletin Board

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Jason (Technology) and Stephanie Mack (and big brother Flynn) on the birth of their son *Kye Samuel Mack*, born May 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:40pm weighing in at 7lbs 9oz and 20  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

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**

Mon, May 10 – **AAC Banquet** – Student Activity Center

Thurs, May 13 – **Senior Breakfast**

Thurs, May 13 – Spring **PM Program ENDS** – KK's club DOES happen today

Fri, May 14 – **Volunteer Service Hours Due** – M/PU/CA/U

Fri, May 14 – 1:30pm – **Lower School Pet Day**

Fri, May 14 – 7:00pm – **Baccalaureate** – SAC

Sat, May 15 – 10:00am – **Graduation** – SAC

### **Congratulations Class of 2010**

Tue, May 18 – **1<sup>st</sup> Period Final Exam** – PU/CA/U

Wed, May 19 – 8:30am – **Moms on a Mission** – CA Great Room (Last meeting of the year)

Wed, May 19 – **2<sup>nd</sup> Period Final Exam** – PU/CA/U

Thur, May 20 – **3<sup>rd</sup> Period Final Exam** – PU/CA/U

Fri, May 21 – **4<sup>th</sup> Period Final Exam** – PU/CA/U

Fri, May 21 – 7:00pm – **Middle School Performance** of "*Bridge to Teribithia*"

Mon, May 24 – **5<sup>th</sup> Period Final Exam** – PU/CA/U

Mon, May 24 – **Luau Picnic** – Middle School

Tue, May 25 – **6<sup>th</sup> Period Final Exam** – PU/CA/U

Wed, May 26 – 10:00am – **Honors Day** (check with individual school for Pre-Honors Day activity)



**13 School Days Left**

Early Dismissal after Honors Day program  
Last Day of School - Have a Terrific Summer  
Mon, May 31 – **Memorial Day** – School Closed

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## Cares and Concerns of our Community

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



### **Jobless Families**

### **Unnamed Families**

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 great hope of society is individual character.”**

**- William Ellery Channing**

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