



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.

-Tweeie L. Moore, Founder

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Ahhh ... Summer

It's been pretty quiet here with testing for PU/CA/U schools. With most of those students gone before lunch, that only leaves Middle and Lower. Middle has been busy practicing for their play performance tonight. They are performing "*Bridge to Teribithia*", we got a sneak preview yesterday with the other students. They do a marvelous job with their lines and the story is wonderful. There are some promising future actors in the Middle School. You should come tonight at 7pm to watch – it's FREE!

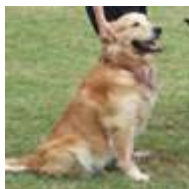
Well the heat that we expect in the summer has really held out for a little bit. But I am sure we have nothing to worry about, as it will come. The sunny days that we look forward to when we can go sit at the ocean's side and watch the waves gracefully move in and out along the coast. It's coming and it won't be long.

The time will go quickly and you will wonder where it went. I know it is cliché to say, but really do take time to smell the flowers. Savor every moment. Enjoy your summer and be safe.

Lions and Tigers and Bears! Oh, My!

Well not exactly, but dogs, cats, horses, pigs, fish, and more. Lower School held their annual Pet Day on Friday last week. There were many fun creatures, on estimate there were at least 50 of them – Oh, My!

We had a couple classrooms of small pets (dogs & cats), a classroom with the creepy or crawly pets (fish, frogs, hamsters) and outside were the large animals (big dogs, horse, pig). The kids moved room to room with their class to see and touch everything – what a fun day!



Honors Day – Join Us!

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Honors Day Schedule May 22, 2009

Parents are invited to attend all activities on Honors Day. Please join us!

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| 8:30 – 9:30am | Final Levels Meeting and Awards Ceremony in each school. |
| 10:00 – 11:30am | Honors Day Program – In the Tweetie Lewis Moore Student Activity Center. Please sit as a community. |
| 11:30am | Dismissal |
| 12:00pm | Bus Transportation will leave |



Eagle Scout Award – Zach Moore

Congratulations go out to **Zach Moore** (Upper School). An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held in his honor. The picture shows Zach, with the blue neckerchief, and the rest of his family.



The Eagle project that Zach did helped refurbish a wooden playground. He took four weeks to complete the project. It involved pressure washing the equipment, replacing boards and sanding the entire playground, applying a sealant to protect from the weather and then replacing swings and roofs on some of the structures. Finally they needed to bring in the ground covering and rake it even.

Everyone is proud of you Zach, you did a terrific job!

Graduation 2010

Another year has just about come and gone – how quickly. We have only a couple days left and then it is over. Last weekend was graduation for the Class of 2010. We always have an alum from a previous graduating class to share some thoughts and give some tips to our new graduates, this year was no different. Jordan Silver came to do that very thing. He graduated from the University of Georgia. He told the graduating class that it won't be easy and they have to manage yourself. Unlike Mill Springs teachers who care about your success, you will need to be your own advocate to help ensure your own success. Professors aren't going to be there to hold your hand. He also talked about the difficulties he is having in finding

a job now that he has graduated. He is looking at anything that may come his way. Class of 2010 – keep in mind that you have everything you need in your toolbox, just try to remember to pull out the tools when you need them. Don't be afraid to work with your professors. Stick with it and you will do well in whatever you do. Congratulations!



Jordan Silver, MSA Class of 2005
UGA Class of 2009

Lunch Bunch



The Lower School girls had their last Lunch Bunch on Thursday, May 20. To celebrate the end of the year and their final meeting, the girls enjoyed an ice cream sundae party! In addition to eating delicious ice cream together, the girls had an opportunity to share their life quilt creations with each other. The life quilt included important events, people, pets, and activities from each girl's life. A large quilt was created by connecting all of the individual quilts together which showed that each young lady has a special place in the larger Lunch Bunch group. We thank all of the girls for a wonderful year, and we greatly appreciate the support from the Lower School team! (Anne Holland, Counselor, and Sarah Brown, Counseling Intern)

Get Your News Here!



Fine Arts will be offering the *News Production* class again in the Fall and Spring. Students in this class will be creating a news program 'MPR (Mill Springs Pre-Recorded) News' throughout the semester. The focus of the news will be on Mill Springs students, what is happening on campus and beyond. Click [HERE](#) to view the PROMO video of the MPR News.

Hot off the Press



The May issue of Kickin' It includes 32 pages of sports wrap-ups, editorials, prom pictures, interviews, and awesome graphics, and MORE! Click [HERE](#) to enter the "super-gi-normous" May 2010 Issue.

FOUND – Hearing Aid



During the festivities of Baccalaureate and Graduation, we found a hearing aid on the sidewalk in front of the Upper School. If you have a relative that may have been here at some time over this past weekend that can't hear you, this might be why. We are here in the office all summer, please call if you know who it belongs to – I'm sure they would like it back. ([Cheri Harwood](#))

Your Student and the Internet



As parents we need to be aware of the websites our students visit. So we wanted to share with you some disturbing information about a particular website that involves teenage insults on the web. The website is www.formspring.me. Without going into great detail here, we thought it would be good to share **THIS** excellent article from the NY Times that highlights the issues with this website. Please take a moment and make yourself familiar with this information.

Read on the Beach!



Summer Reading Lists, Summer Math Packets and School Supply Lists will all be available on the school website by the end of school. Some of them are already there now. Just go to the **Students** tab and then **your school**. So keep an eye out for the information cause you don't want to miss out on all that fun stuff! 😊

Summer Conversation Series

The Power of Influential Words (P.O.I.W)

June 23 1:00 p.m.

K.C. Cristian is multi-talented as an author of five books, a sports commentator, and a motivational speaker. This session will help parents build the self-esteem of their students in K -12 as they learn how to:

- 1.) Use the right words at the right time
- 2.) Receive compliments
- 3.) Respond versus react



[Click to Register](#)

Indicate which session and how many will attend

Executive Function's Impact on Learning

July 27 7:00 p.m.

Sucheta Kamath has a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Ohio University and a Masters degree in Linguistics from the University of Bombay and is board certified in Neurogenic Communication Disorders. She worked at Massachusetts General Hospital specializing in cognitive rehabilitation for a variety of disorders.

Executive Function's Impact on Learning will help parents:

- Understand underlying processes in executive functions
- Maintain structure in daily life to help children develop organization in their school life

Looking for a Summer Activity?



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!

The Bulletin Board



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

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

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

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

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

Early Dismissal after Honors Day program

Last Day of School - Have a Terrific Summer

Mon, May 31 – **Memorial Day** – School Closed

Monday, August 23 – First Day of School 😊

Cares and Concerns of our Community



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

The Davis Family

The Early Family

Flood Victims

Unemployed Families

Unnamed 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



“The making of friends, who are real friends, is the best token we have of a man’s success in life.”

- Edward Everett Hale
