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Happy Labor Day

Here we are on the verge of a three day weekend. Coming from the Midwest, this weekend always used to signify back-to-school and the end of summer to me. Time to put away the shorts and bring out the slacks and sweaters. Well we are well into school and I'm still waiting for summer to happen – I probably shouldn't say anything – but we haven't really had many days in the 90's and not one that I can recall that reached 100 this summer. So now that I have said it and it is out there, we will probably have an entire weekend that will be hot as Hades. Well if it happens you can blame it on me and not Glenn Burns! Have a safe and fun weekend!

No Classes on Monday – Labor Day

Click [HERE](#) for the history of Labor Day

From the Desk of the Headmaster – Robert Moore



President Barack Obama is going to make an historic speech to America's students on September 8th at noon.

While Mill Springs Academy has made no change in our schedule for this event, we invite each family to visit www.whitehouse.gov to find out more.

Girls on the Run



The Girls on the Run team has begun to prepare for the 5K race that will be held on November 15, 2009. Many of the team members completed a mile or more at practice on Wednesday afternoon! The following young ladies are participating in the inaugural season as Mill Springs Academy this fall: **Ashtyn Ayres** (L), **Gracie Bernstein** (L), **Caroline Berman** (M), **Erin Horst** (CA), **Mia Hummel-Levy** (L), **Emily Pearman** (M), **Jasmine McDow** (M), **Steffi Schneider** (L), and **Erin Welch** (M). Girls on the Run is a nationally known organization, and over 140 programs are located in 40 states. The Girls on the Run mission is "to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living". During the next few months, the team will participate in interactive

about the President's
speech to the students

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workouts, activities and discussions as they prepare for the 5K race with other Atlanta area programs. We look forward to an exciting season! (Coach Anne Holland)

CommEduCenter Presents ...

Learning Differences Create Opportunity for Success

Saturday, September 19, 2009

9:00am - SAC



Chelsea Eubank
Class of 2006
Founder, FaithfulFish.com

Mark Victor Hansen, co-author of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series and *The Richest Kids in America: How they earn it; How they spend it; How you can too*, along with Mill Springs Academy graduate, **Chelsea Eubank**, one of the kids highlighted in Hansen's book, will speak on empowering people with learning differences to see the positive in what they are capable of doing and to harness their strengths. Both speakers will address the difficulties of learning differently and how they personally overcame these difficulties. This conversational style presentation will also allow time for questions from the audience and the moderator. Admission is free, but [reservations are required](#) as seating is limited. (Cindy Thorne, Technology Teacher)

National Anthem Day is Coming!!



National Anthem Day is an event that was created by the National Association for Music Educators to encourage all schools across the nation to come together at 9am on September 14th to all sing the National Anthem. Last year 3000 schools did this as a moving tribute to our country and a statement of the importance of fine arts in our schools. September 14th just happens to be the day that The Star Spangled Banner was written! Mill Springs has decided to partake in this endeavor this year to show our support for music and our national heritage.

All of our students will gather at 9am, hear from our headmaster, Robert Moore and Joe Lockwood, the Mayor of Milton, as they share their thoughts on the importance of fine arts at Mill Springs Academy and schools in general. If your student has not yet received their copy of the compilation CD, it will go home with them this coming week in their Friday folder. #11 on the CD is the version that we will sing during this assembly so they can practice for this special event. (Kate McElliott, Chorus Teacher)

New PVA Fundraiser this Year!!



Be on the lookout! Student packets for our upcoming magazine sale will be sent home with students on Thursday, September 17, 2009. Please make sure to look for the packet and parent letter. Then make plans to contact friends and family members to purchase magazines or renew their existing subscriptions. Don't forget to place an order for your family as well – magazines make great Christmas gifts! Our school will receive 40% of the profits from every purchase and the funds raised will be utilized by the PVA to help support educational, academic and extracurricular programs for our students. Thanks in advance for your support!
(from Middle Parent, Cindy Ross)

Fine Arts Parent/Student Meeting

ATTENTION: All Talented, Creative, Artistic Students and their Lucky Parents!

The Fine Arts Department is hosting an important informational meeting to discuss participation in the MSA One Act Play, Spring Musical, Band, or Chorus. If your student is currently in Band/Chorus or wants to be in the One Act Play and/or Spring Musical, we need to see you at this meeting.

Come to find out:

- How to Audition
- How to sign up
- What's required to participate
- Time commitment
- Fine Arts Winter Learning choices
- How to volunteer to support these amazing artists
- And meet the Fine Arts Staff for a Q & A



This is your opportunity to find out how to be involved in something meaningful, creative and filled with fun!!! So all parents & students join us on **Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00pm** in the SAC Theater. If you have questions contact [Lynn Stallings](#). See you there! Whoo-hoo!!

“Serve it up for Athletics” Tennis Tournament

Our Fifth Annual “Serve it up for Athletics” tennis tournament is just around the corner.



When: September 18, 2009

Where: MSA Courts

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Cost: \$75 (breakfast/lunch/goodie bag)

Format: Round Robin Doubles/Individual Entry

[Register Online HERE](#)

Play, Sponsor, Donate

Mustang Mania!!

When: Friday, September 11

Time: L/M 3:00 – 5:30pm (parents MUST be present)

PU/CA/U 3:30 – 5:30pm

Where: Mustang Corral – a.k.a. the Gym

Admission: \$5.00

There will be **games** – dunk tank, obstacle course, jumbo slide, face painting, etc.). Everyone is invited – students and their family and friends. **Concessions** will be available:



Hot Dog/Hamburger - \$3.00

Cookie/Chips/Candy - \$0.50

Drinks/Ice Cream - \$1.00

Combo Meal - \$5.00 (hot dog or hamburger with chips, drink and cookie)

The school with the most attendance earns and out of uniform day. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact [Jennifer Kramer](#).

This Week's Soccer Results



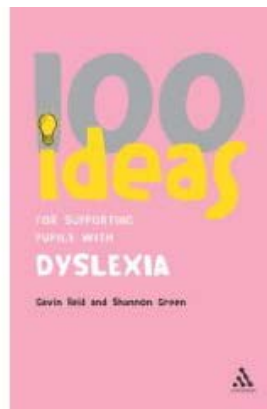
Please congratulate the Varsity Soccer team for their 6-2 victory over The Howard School! The team traveled to Howard Tuesday afternoon, and the Mustangs never let up against their opponent. Our defense was strong, and our offense pounded Howard's goal the entire 80 minutes. Three of our goals were scored in the first half, and the remaining three came after halftime. The team did not fare as well at Thursday's match against Brandon Hall, but they managed to hold them off during the first half. During the second half our team worked extremely hard, but the Panthers still overcame with a final score of 3-0. Thanks to everyone for your support and encouragement. (Coaches Phil Hanson and Anne Holland)

100 Ideas for Supporting Students with Dyslexia

Thursday, September 24, 2009

7:30pm – The Holiday Inn

909 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, GA



Mill Springs Academy is co-sponsoring a discussion led by international dyslexia experts Dr. Gavin Reid and Shannon Green of useful, resourceful and practical guidelines to provide those working with and parenting dyslexic children with one hundred ideas of how to support the child's learning development. They will look at a range of subjects from identifying the needs of individual pupils and their learning styles to developing pupils' reading, writing, numeric and communication skills. This community forum is free and open to the public, but you must register by calling The Swift School at 678-205-4988 ext. 206 or email them [HERE](#).

Free Money!!



Let's not pass up on the opportunity to easily earn money for MSA! Box Top Labels are packaged in so many products and it takes just a few seconds to rip them off and put them in a baggie. The collection is ongoing throughout the year, the first submission deadline being October 28th. The students can give them to their principals or drop them off in the office. So far I have received ONE donation, but I am ready for

them to come pouring in! (MaryAnn Masson, CommArts parent & Free Money Chair)

Safety First – Carpool Tips - Keeping Students Safe

Carpool time can be hectic, but here are some tips to help keep our students safe:

- Drive S-L-O-W-L-Y
- Stay in the carpool line, do not drive around other cars
- Watch for children
- Arrive at the right time (L-2:45; M-3:00; PU/CA/U-3:15)
- Smile while you practice patience
- Wait your turn
- Pick up students in front of their building
- If you need to talk to a teacher or principal, please park your car and go inside.

These tips will help keep the carpool line moving smoothly and keep everyone safe.



Lunch FAQ's

Our lunch service this year is Lovable Foods. When you order lunch or have a question about lunch, you will contact them directly. They can be reached at 770-314-0043 or www.lovablefoods.com. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions:

- Drinks do not normally come with your order, but Lovable is now serving water. Be sure to add that to your order if your student will not be bringing a drink.
- Be certain to indicate the timeframe of your order – if you want to order the same thing each week, let them know. They think that you are ordering for one week, unless you specify.
- Your order should be processed with Lovable Foods. If you bring it to school, it has to go through a myriad of hands before it gets in the box with orders to go to Lovable – this will cause a delay.



Speech-Language Therapist Available



Suzanne Van De Mark M.Ed., CCC-SLP, will again be available on campus for private speech – language therapy. Please [EMAIL](#) or call Suzanne (404-313-0434) for additional information.

The Scoreboard



Scores (MSA score first)

9/1 – Soccer vs. Howard 6-2

9/3 – Soccer vs. Brandon Hall 0-3

9/3 – Volleyball vs. Cottage (25-9, 25-14, 25-7) for the win!

Next Week's Schedule

9/8 – 4:00p – Volleyball – Cottage – H

9/9 – 4:00p – Volleyball – AASD – A

9/10 – 3:15p – Soccer – Cottage – A

The Bulletin Board

If the school had a bulletin board, here is what you would find on it (besides your picture of course):

Don't Forget Chick-Fil-A breakfast on Tuesday mornings

– Get your chicken biscuit

Sandwiches are \$2.75 – Plain Biscuits are \$1.25

Mon, Sept 7 – Labor Day – **NO SCHOOL**

Wed, Sept 9 – 9:00a – **Public Open House** – SAC – Do

you know someone who needs Mill Springs? Let

them know about Open House.

Wed, Sept 9 – 6:00p – **Fine Arts Parent/Student**

Meeting – Student Activity Center

Fri, Sept 11 – 3:30p – **Mustang Mania**

Mon, Sept 14 – 9:00a – **National Anthem Day** – Gym

Wed, Sept 16 – 1:30p – **MOMs Meeting** – CA Great

Room

Fri, Sept 18 – 9:00a – **Serve-it-Up for Athletics** Tennis

Tournament – MSA Tennis Courts

Sat, Sept 19 – 9:00a – **Family Workshop**: Learning

Differences Create Opportunity for Success – SAC



(Please RSVP [HERE](#))

Community Cares and Concerns



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

The Murphy Family

The Plastiak Family

Jobless 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 family names and claim ignorance if you ask me for details.

Character Quote of the Week

The decisions
are what we make and the way we behave
ultimately shape our
character.
George G. Mehan

It takes no more time to see the good side of life than it takes to see the bad.

- Jimmy Buffett
