



# MSA Weekly News

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## This Week @ MSA

Right now as I am typing, the kids are across the street in the Gym enjoying the madness that is Mustang Mania! Every once in awhile when someone comes through the door, I hear the kids in their excitement at the dunk tank. It's VERY lively over there. I went to go take pictures, the foyer of the "Tweet" is a sea of bookbags and as is appropriate all the kids have their shoes off and in a pile, on either side of the doorway, right inside the gym. Everyone looks like they are having a blast – even most of you that visited.

We started this week with a day off (yah for Monday!) and then early Tuesday we had a school-wide fire drill. We have held an Open House, there was a meeting for the parents and students that will participate in the fine arts activities and then Mustang Mania! I suspect there was some learnin' goin' on as well. That along with all the wonderful sports, which you should be sure to read about below, made for a very full week.

In all our busy-ness we should be certain to take a moment and remember those families that lost loved ones in the tragedy of 9-11 eight years ago. Daily we should be thankful for the friends and family that we sometimes take for granted.



## It's Front Page News!!



What is? Mill Springs is! OK, so the article is about the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship program, but it mentions MSA, it's on the front page of the paper and we thought you might like to know what is being said about YOUR school. So check it out at the AJC's website [HERE](#).

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](#)

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School Calendar on the MSA website

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## From the MSA Sports News Desk



**Cross Country:** MSA hosted the first AAC meet of the season on Tuesday and did very well. Everyone did their best and in the end the boys JC team took first place and the boys Varsity placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations!

**Volleyball:** The Lady Mustangs won Tuesday's match with Cottage in 3 straight games and Wednesday's final score was 3-1 against AASD for another victory! Way to Go!

**Soccer:** Varsity Soccer against Cottage yesterday - Final Score 2-2. Well Played Mustangs!!

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## CommEduCenter Presents ...

**Learning Differences Create Opportunity for Success**

Saturday, September 19, 2009

9:00am - SAC



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)

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## "Serve it up for Athletics" Tennis Tournament

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

*Last chance to sign up before it's too late!*



**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 TODAY](#)

Play, Sponsor, Donate

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## News on the Alumni Front



You know that from time to time we have some interesting tidbits from some of our Alumni. It is great to hear how well they are doing and to hear about all the wonderful experiences they are having as well. Well this month is no exception, make sure you check out the latest [Kickin' It Magazine](#) as several Alum have checked in over the past month and there are a few pages dedicated to that - not to mention other interesting things you will find in the magazine! You don't want to miss this fabulous issue.

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## Keep our 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 or buses
- Watch for children
- Arrive at the right time (L-2:45; M-3:00; PU/CA/U-3:15)
- Wait your turn
- Smile while you wait ;-)
- 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 everyone safe and the carpool

line moving smoothly.

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## Guest Speaker – MOM's

Wednesday, October 7 at 8:30am  
CommArts Great Room

There will be a special guest speaker, Shelley Brenner Yedvarb, MS from The Parent Coaching Academy. Parent coaching is about building relationships with your children.

Come join us to discuss:

- Action plans to deal with specific situations
- Creative solutions with helpful and meaningful information
- Support and understanding needed to help with children who have special needs
- Ways to reduce stress



The MSA MOMs group is an informal, confidential group for mothers of students at MSA with learning challenges created to share experiences and resources, enhance the lives of ourselves, our children and our families, and support the mission of MSA.

For more information contact [Paulette Solis](#) (PreUpper mom) at 678-267-0362 or [Sheree Crowe](#) (Middle mom) at 770-354-3657.

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## O Say Can You See – National Anthem Day

On Monday the school will celebrate **National Anthem Day** with all the students gathering to sing, *The Star Spangled Banner*. Over the course of the past week or so, they have been practicing and learning a little bit about their country's heritage. You should ask them what they have learned. In case you were wondering, September 14 is the day that *The Star Spangled Banner* was written.



If your student is currently a part of the Scouting program, they are welcome to wear their Scout Uniform to school on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

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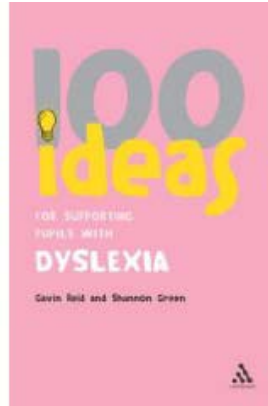
## 100 Ideas for Supporting Pupils with Dyslexia

*Community Forum*

Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7:30pm

The Holiday Inn

909 Holcomb Bridge Road - Roswell



A discussion led by international dyslexia experts Dr. Gavin Reid & 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 pupil's reading, writing, numeric and communications skills.

This Community Forum is free, but reservations are required. Please [RSVP HERE](#). The Community Forum is presented by The Cottage School & The Swift School and sponsored in part by Mill Springs Academy and The Schenck School.

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## Family Movie Night – What would You Like to See?

Coming Soon!

Mill Springs Academy

### **Family Movie Night**

Saturday, October 3

7:00 – 9:30pm

On the MSA Soccer Field

Concession Stand will be available

**\*\*Bring a blanket to sit on\*\***



Help us Choose the Movie

Send suggestions to Jennifer Kramer [HERE](#)

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## Share School News with Grandma



The cat's out of the bag. We can no longer keep this newsletter to ourselves. It's only right that we share it. So if there is a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or anyone that might enjoy receiving this newsletter, please feel free to send me their email addresses and I will gladly add them to our distribution list.

**\*\*If you have already sent me their email address, then they have begun to receive this newsletter\*\***

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## The Scoreboard

### MUSTANG MANIA IS TODAY!

#### Scores (MSA score first)

9/8 – Volleyball vs. Cottage 3-0

9/8 – AAC Cross Country – Boys JV 1<sup>st</sup> place, Boys Varsity 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

9/9 – Volleyball @ AASD 3-1

9/10 – Soccer @ Cottage 2-2



#### Next Week's Schedule

9/15 – 4:00p – Volleyball vs. Howard

9/15 – 4:00p – Soccer vs. Chrysalis

9/15 – 4:00p – GISA Cross Country Meet

9/17 – 4:00p – Volleyball @ Kings Ridge

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## The Bulletin Board

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

*Latest Edition of **Kickin' It** is Available [HERE](#)*

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

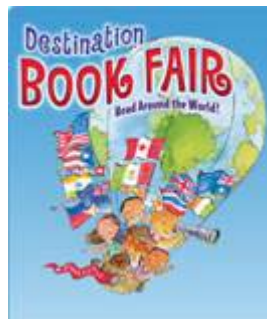
Tue, Sept 15 – 6<sup>th</sup> Period – **One Act Play Auditions** – Theatre

Tue, Sept 15 – 6:00p – MOMs Night Out – [RSVP HERE](#)

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

Fri, Sept 18 – 9:00a – **Serve-it-Up for Athletics** Tennis Tourney – MSA Tennis Courts – [Sign Up HERE NOW](#)

Sat, Sept 19 – 9:00a – **Family Workshop**: Learning Differences Create Opportunity for Success – SAC



**Book Fair Coming Soon  
September 21**

(Please RSVP [HERE](#)) Last Chance!

Mon, Sept 21-25 **Fall Book Fair** all week – Stop by the Library

Mon, Sept 21 – 1:30p – **PVA Meeting** – CommArts Grt Room

Tue, Sept 22 – 6:30p – Parent Workshop: **Internet Safety for Families** – Droege Rose Hall (PU Grt Rm) – [RSVP HERE](#)

Thur, Sept 24 – 7:30p – Community Forum: **100 Ideas for Supporting Students with Dyslexia** – The Holiday Inn, Roswell GA – [RSVP HERE](#)

Fri, Sept 25 – **Early Dismissal**

12:15 – Lower/Middle Carpool

12:30 – PreUpper/CommArts/Upper Carpool

12:45 – Buses Depart

Fri, Sept 25 – 12:30p – **MOMs & Kids Play Date** – Wills Park – bring your lunch and eat at the park after school

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## Community Cares and Concerns



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.

**The Ramirez Family**

**Jobless Families**

Contact me [HERE](#).

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## Character Quote of the Week

*The decisions we make and the way we behave ultimately shape our character.*  
— James G. Thompson

**It's nice to be important but  
it's more important to be  
nice.**

**- Trini Lopez**

