



# MSA Weekly News

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*Learn what is going on with your PVA*

## Are YOU Counting the Days?

We had a great start to the week with **National Anthem Day** Monday morning. It was a wonderful assembly for everyone (see the pictures below). Then there were auditions for the One Act Play competition on Tuesday, **Middle School had a field trip** on Thursday – make sure to read that story, as it was written by a Middle School student. The PVA kicked off their major fundraiser for the year **QSP Magazine Sales**. There has been a lot of activity in the Library as they prepare for the **Book Fair** Monday – they have some fun reads. And finally today was the Serve-it-Up for Athletics Tennis Tournament and I expect to hear the results of that at any moment. It's amazing how fast the week went and how soon another newsletter had to be published.

It seems like school only just started, but 5 weeks have gone by already. With all the fun stuff (yes, I know this is a school – can't that be fun too?) going on I wondered if the children were already counting the days until ... What?

Thanksgiving or Winter Holidays? I don't know how they could be thinking about that yet. There is so much more to come that they will miss out on if all they think about is a vacation. Heck we have an Early Dismissal day coming next Friday! (Thought I was going to be profound, didn't you?) Have a great weekend and

### Happy Rosh Hashanah!



Pictured: **Maura Stevenson** (U) paints the face of **Ashtyn Ayers** (L) and flag bearers **Josh Moore** (M), **Justin Haynes** (CA), **Zach Moore** (U) and **Aaron Bradsher** (U)

Other pictures were posted on [Twitter.com](#) from National Anthem Day – they could be of your child! Log in to see and find out!

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## Read Around the World

MSA Weekly News  
Archives  
*Catch up on past news*

MSA Current Calendar  
*School Calendar on the MSA  
website*



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## Mill Springs Academy's Annual Fall Book Fair

September 21 – 25, 2009

8:00am – 4:00pm

Library Building

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## Middle School Takes a Field Trip!!

On Thursday, the Middle School went on a trip to the **Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center**. We divided into two groups and went on the bus, when we got there we stepped outside to meet our guides, then went inside to watch a 3D movie about water, and went outside to tour the building. We learned a lot about the building, it was all environmentally friendly. There were even plants on the roof, the exterior was made of recycled tombstones and there was a whole roof full of windows to let the light in so no electricity is wasted! We learned about some plants and saw some cool bug eating plants. After that we went into the museum part we learned about the Native American ways of how to build a boat, about wells and mills, cotton, piping and a lot of other cool stuff. Also these exhibits had a scene with life-like statues. After we looked at those we got to see some cool animals like fish, and horseshoe crabs. Then everybody enjoyed going and playing in the H2O room. It showed how the water can be renewed, about evaporation, condensation, and precipitation; also we had fun on an awesome gadget that I like to call the wonder water machine. This is all powered by a bike. We had so much fun, learned a lot and did a great job in representing our school. Also it is recommend to always watch out for the environment and to check out the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center with your family. It was an overall great experience for us. (this article was written by **Sarah Kopkin**, Middle School Student – Good Job Sarah and Thank You!)

**H2O Room**



(not an MSA student  
pictured)

## Mustang Mania Update – Out of Uniform Day



Mustang Mania was a great event and we appreciate all who came out to support Mill Springs Athletics. Almost HALF of our student population participated in this fun event – that is really great! If you recall, participation was key to winning an out of uniform day for your school. SOOOO ... *the winner of the Out of Uniform Day is LOWER SCHOOL!* Congratulations and watch for further information from your principal about the date. Way to go Lower School!

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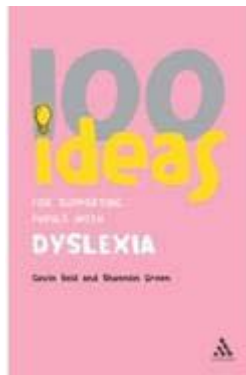
## 100 Ideas for Supporting Pupils with Dyslexia

*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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## Extra! Extra! Now you can Donate On-Line!



You can now make your Annual Fund donation on-line!

That's right ... Mill Springs has finally entered into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Annual Fund, please click on the green button to the left to **make your donation today**. Remember, we must receive 100% participation from our entire school family in order to be successful.

Please note that the site only tracks the total of donations made electronically. Please look for totals raised in future updates of the newsletter.

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## Internet Safety for Families

*CommEduCenter Presents*

### Parent Workshop: Internet Safety for Families

Upper School Great Room

September 22, 2009

6:30 – 8:30pm



This presentation of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Special Task Force for Internet Crimes against Children will present information and answer questions about how to keep your children safe on the Internet. This workshop will repeat on October 20.

Childcare available – Please advise when you

**RSVP**

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## The Parts have been Cast for the One Act Play!



Wow! There were a huge number of GREAT auditions on Tuesday! I was so impressed!!! If only we could cast them all. There were not many roles in this show, so there were many really good people that we could not cast. BUT the cool thing is that there are several other opportunities to perform this year! The Cabaret is coming up very soon and the Spring Musical has a lot more roles available. Everyone did an awesome job! The following students (in alpha order) have been

chosen for the available parts for the One-Act Play and competition: **Claire Droege, Rachael Freeman, Jake Kamrass, Cassie Kanelos, Peyton Lockwood, Abby Miles, Jeff Roberts, Jonathan Seavey, Siobhan Sterling, Jordan Swartz, Joshua Swartz, Josh Turner, and Alex Williams.** Take the horseshoe of the Mustang with you for good luck everyone. (Lynn Stallings, Drama)

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## The Scoreboard



### Scores (MSA score first)

9/15 – Volleyball vs. Howard 3-0

9/15 – Soccer vs. Chrysalis – RAIN OUT (10/5 rain date)

9/15 –GISA Cross Country Meet

9/17 –Volleyball @ Kings Ridge 0-3

### Next Week's Schedule (green = home game)

9/21 – 4:00 – Volleyball @ Kings Ridge

9/21 – 4:00 – Soccer vs. Howard

9/22 – 4:00 – GISA Cross Country @ MSA

9/23 – 4:00 – Volleyball vs. Brenau

9/23 – 4:00 – Soccer vs. Brandon Hall

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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](#)*

**NOTICE:** We would love for you to use the Red/Green Recycling bin at the end of the large parking lot, but please DO NOT put any kind of plastic or corrugated cardboard into it. They recycle the paper in their paper mill to make newsprint and these items do not help that process.



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

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

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

Tue, Sept 22 – 6:30p – Parent Workshop: **Internet Safety for Families** – Upper School Great Room – **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, Oct 2 – **Student Conferences CA/U Only**  
*NO CLASSES for CA & U Only*

Sat, Oct 3 – **Family Movie Night** – Clanin Soccer Field @ MSA - \$5 admission – Movie to be determined

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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.

**Jobless Families**

**The Ramirez Family**

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.*

**Keep your face to the  
sunshine and you cannot  
see the shadows.**

**- Helen Keller**

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