



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."

—Twee L. Moore, Founder

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[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](#)

Fall is in the Air

It's hard to believe that conferences are here and that we are getting ready for winter sports to start. You can tell that fall is in the air. The leaves are fluttering in the breezes and soon will begin to fall off the trees. I have begun to see the local wildlife. Just this morning there was a small deer in the horse pasture down the street – which made me do a double take. Earlier in the week I was caught off guard by very large **black vultures** (they can be 23-26 inches tall!). Not one, or two, but probably 15 or so, on the side of the road having breakfast. I was so taken aback by the size and quantity, that I didn't see what was on the menu (not that I wanted to really know). But enough of that, how did I get on that subject?

This past Saturday the Booster Club sponsored a **Family Movie Night**. It was a wonderful success, they couldn't make the popcorn fast enough. We had about 90 people attend. The next Family Movie Night will be April 16th, so put it on your calendar. You won't want to miss this great event!

Alumni News: Cameron McIntosh (2009) has just been cast in his first show at Savannah College of Art and Design and he was the only freshman out of the class to get cast in a show his first semester! Congratulations Cameron!

Don't forget – School is **CLOSED** on Monday – We will see you Tuesday.

The Solution to the Problem



Is your child missing a lunch box? Or a belt? Or a suction cup GPS holder? Or a pencil box? Or headphones? Or...? Or...? The one thing I don't have is hoodies! But as soon as the weather becomes cooler in the mornings and warm in the afternoon, I will begin to find jackets and hoodies. What's the solution? If it is not attached to their little bodies (like arms), then please write a name on it. If I get *anything* with a name on it I will email the child and get it back to them. And if a miracle happens and someone does come for the unnamed item, I will write their name on it – I hope you don't mind. I have SIX lunchboxes here in the office, some of them came with lunch – feel free to come look.

For Dad's Eyes Only!

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



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What is LD? What is ADHD? Come to explore these issues on **Father's Night** with your host Robert Moore, Headmaster of MSA. He will be presenting the F.A.T. City Workshop video "How Difficult Can This Be?" by Richard D. Lavoie, a nationally known expert on learning disabilities.



Thursday, October 22, 2009

7:00pm

Student Activity Center

Richard Lavoie shows why the classroom can be an intimidating place for kids with learning disabilities. He leads a group of parents, educators, psychologists, and children through a series of exercises that cause **Frustration, Anxiety, and Tension** ... feelings all too familiar to children with LD's. By dramatizing the classroom experience so vividly, Lavoie lets us see the world through the eyes of a child. At the end of the workshop, you will discuss strategies for working more effectively with your children. This is a Dad's **ONLY** event, but please RSVP **TODAY!** You won't be sorry you came.

Where do I get Spirit Wear?

Show your Mustang Pride and get your **Spirit Wear** TODAY!



See selections **HERE**
Print Order Form **HERE**

Fill out order form and turn it into Jennifer Kramer in the PreUpper.

All-Select Band, Orchestra and Chorus



A HUGE congratulations to **Alex Davis (U)**, **Alex Fountain (U)**, **Alexandra Mail-Lopez (CA)** and **Eleni Tsarouhas (U)** for being selected to participate in *GISA's All-Select Band, Orchestra and Chorus!* These students will represent Mill Springs Academy and will perform a concert at 4:30pm on November 1st at the Darlington School in Rome, GA. It is a free concert and you are all invited and encouraged to attend! Congratulations on your hard work and dedication. (Elizabeth Plastiak, Music Director)

What's Going On??



Not only does Marvin Gaye want to know, but that's what grandma in Ohio wants to know! Aunt Agnes in Omaha, too. So **send me their email** addresses and I will gladly send them the MSA Weekly News each week so they know what is going on.

From Parent to Parent



Georgia Power offers an **easy fundraiser** for the schools in this area. All you have to do is go online, if you are a Georgia Power customer, and sign up for your school to receive up to \$100 per year per student. I think they donate \$5/month. That's all there is to it. The website is www.trueblueschools.com. It took all of two minutes to do and Mill Springs popped up right away. We are the first family enrolled in this program here. We thought other families might sign up too. This is something super easy and doesn't cost anything. (from Annette Harmon, CommArts Parent) Thanks for the tip Annette.

The Chicks are Coming



Stay tuned for more information from the **Lower School**. Remember you heard it here first! (cheep, cheep)

Parent Resources

Here are the Parent Resources that were shared with me this week:



www.visualspatial.com

www.greatschools.net/LD.topic?content=1541

ADDitude magazine. Sign up for **Twitter** and follow them for the ADHD Tip of the Day or visit their website ADDitudemag.com

Thanks to Wendy Silverman (Middle School parent) and Kathy Muma (Administration).

What's in your toolbox? If you have any resources that you think are worthwhile and would like to share with the rest of our parents, **send them to me** and I will include them in the next newsletter.

Egg-stra Farm Time with Friends



Lower and Middle school students are invited to the Art Barn on Monday, October 12 from 10 – 1. The cost will be \$10 per person and children must be accompanied by an adult. For adults who need to drop off, limited availability will be from 10-3 and the cost is \$50 per child. This is also available on Thursday, October 15 during conferences. RSVP's are mandatory, please call 678-319-0286 or **email Farmer Sue**.

Golf Team Practice



Due to my recent absences and the uncooperative weather we have had this fall, I have decided to have extra golf practices on Thursdays for the rest of the month, so we will now be doing 4 days a week instead of three. If you have any questions, please contact **Matthew** (Mateo) McConnell.

Did You Know??



"Cadaques" 1910
Pablo Picasso

Some of the world's most creative and innovative people have ADHD or some type of learning disability. Pablo Picasso was born in 1881. Picasso's father, who was an art teacher, notice his budding artist early in life. At the age of 13, his father talked the art school into allowing him to take the advance placement test for admittance, they were impressed with Picasso. They could see he had talent, but he lacked discipline. By 16 he moved out on his own and into the country's foremost art school. But it was not long before he was struggling with the formal instruction and left the school to study on his own. Over the course of his life he had many rocky relationships and friendships. Not only was he successful with art, but he also did films. He died in 1973, leaving behind 4 children - 3 of which are still alive. (Anything sound familiar?)

The Scoreboard – Go Mustangs!!

Scores (MSA score first)

10/5 – Volleyball @ Howard (3-0)

10/5 – Soccer vs. Chrysalis

10/6 – Soccer @ AASD (AASD forfeited)

10/7 – Soccer vs. Howard (4-3)

10/7 – Volleyball vs. AASD Canceled



Next Week's Championship Schedule

10/13 – 2:00p – Soccer Championships @ Brandon Hall

10/14 – 4:00p – Cross Country Championships @ MSA

10/15 – 4:00p – Soccer Championships @ Brandon Hall

10/16 – 4:00p – Volleyball Championships @ Cottage

10/17 – 10am – Cross Country Region Meet @ The Heritage School

10/17 – 10am – Volleyball Championships @ Cottage

The Bulletin Board

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

Chick-fil-a will be on **Thursday** next week NOT Tuesday

Don't forget the **Suit Drive** through the end of October, donations can be brought to the office

Mon, Oct 12 – Columbus Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**



Mon, Oct 12 – PU's **Marine Lab Trip** Departs

Wed, Oct 14 – PSAT/Plan/Explore Test

Thur, Oct 15 – **Parent Conferences L/M Only**
NO CLASSES for L/M Only

Fri, Oct 16 – **Parent Conferences L/M Only**
NO CLASSES for L/M Only

Fri, Oct 16 – PU's **Marine Lab Trip** Returns

Sat, Oct 17 – Cheri is in Cozumel

Mon, Oct 19 – Winter Sports Begin

Tue, Oct 20 – 6:30p – **Parent Workshop:** Internet Safety for Families – Upper Grt Room – **RSVP HERE**

Wed, Oct 21 – Upper School's **Level L Leadership Workshop** @ Lake Rabun

Wed, Oct 21 – 9:00am – **Public Open House** – SAC

Thurs, Oct 22 – 7:00pm – **Father's Night with Robert** – SAC – **RSVP HERE**

Sat, Oct 24 – 11:30am – **Founders Day** – in the fields

Sat, Oct 24 – 1:30pm – **One Act Play Performance**

Community Cares and Concerns

Please keep the following individuals in your thoughts and prayers:



Jobless Families

The Magill Family

The Ramirez 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.

Contact me **HERE**.

Character Quote of the Week



Joy is the holy fire that keeps our purpose warm and our intelligence aglow.

- Helen Keller

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