

Mile High Academy

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The 3rd quarter is well underway with spring break around the not-too-distant corner. The seniors are preparing for their class mission trip while the entire school is involved in the upcoming auction fundraiser.

We have several exciting things to share with you about what we've been up to at school. Read on!

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- Parker Adventist Hospital Donates \$ for New Computers
- Spring Bling Auction & Dinner March 28
- Alumni Reunion April 17
- Students Help Kids in Africa & Haiti

Alumni News:

Cafeteria Manager Earlene Williams Passed Away

Those of you who were at MHA in the late 60's and early 70's knew Earlene Williams, Cafeteria Manager from 1966-1974. She passed away on February 14. Her service took place at Littleton SDA Church on Friday, February 26, at 11 AM. Our thoughts and prayers are with Earlene's family.

RSVP & Donate for *Spring Bling* Event March 28

There are 4 ways to help with Spring Bling, the annual auction fundraiser. They include:

- 1) Sponsor
- 2) Attend
- 3) Donate an auction item
- 4) Make a cash donation

Sponsor Levels:

- Diamond - \$5,000 – includes 10 tickets
- Emerald - \$2,500 - includes 8 tickets
- Ruby - \$1,500 - includes 6 tickets
- Sapphire - \$1,000 includes 4 tickets
- Pearl - \$500 - includes 2 tickets
- Event sponsor (\$100)

Donate an auction item! Do you have a service, product, or weekend getaway to donate? Contact Kristi Weber at 303-807-5219 or Cheryl Chiasson at 303-607-4917 or cchiasson@milehighacademy.org.

To register, sponsor, and donate at item, call Cheryl Chiasson at 303-607-4917, visit the website at www.milehighacademy.org or send an email tocchiasson@milehighacademy.org

Parker Adventist Hospital Makes Dream Come True for New Computers in Elementary Computer Lab

A huge “thank you” to the administration at Parker Adventist Hospital for their generosity! Their donation of several thousand dollars enabled the purchase of 14 new laptops with the latest software and technology for the elementary computer lab. Students have found a new joy in computer lab time!

Alumni Reunion & Golf Tournament April 17 & 18

Honor Classes: 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, & 2005

The next Alumni Reunion is on April 17, 2010. The weekend will provide a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and classmates to share valuable memories and make new ones!

Are you in touch with your classmates? If you are, please encourage others to join you for the Reunion! We need a class representative to coordinate communication. If you are willing to serve as the class contact please call or email me at 303-607-4917 or send an email to cchiasson@milehighacademy.org.

The reunion schedule allows for individual class activities beyond the “official” activities. We are happy to provide a meeting room here at MHA for Friday evening or Sabbath afternoon if you need one. The Alumni Reunion schedule outline is:

Saturday, April 17

- 10:00 AM Adult Sabbath School & Fellowship Time
- 11:00 AM Church service
- 12:30 PM Lunch provided by Mile High Academy
- Evening Basketball game: MHA Varsity Women vs. Alumni
- Evening Basketball game: MHA Varsity Men vs. Alumni

Sunday, April 18

- Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

You can help make the Sabbath School, church service, and golf tournament more fun and interesting by being involved. If you are willing to participate with prayer, scripture, special music, etc., we want to hear from you!

Are you in touch with your classmates? We are looking for class coordinators/contacts for each of the honor classes for the Alumni Reunion in April. This role involves simply getting in touch with classmates to encourage them to attend and to confirm contact information. If you are willing to help with your class, please contact Cheryl at cchiasson@milehighacademy.org or call 303-607-4917.

Lodging: We arranged the following rates at several area hotels. For those of you familiar with the hotel at Hampden & I25, please be advised that it is in the process of demolition and no longer available.

- LaQuinta, Cherry Creek (Colorado & I25)

\$45/night

303-758-8886

Website:

<http://www.lq.com/lq/properties/propertyProfile.do?ident=LQ518&IATA=99020726&WT.srch=1&sisr=1>

- LaQuinta Denver Tech Center

\$45/night

303-799-4555

Website:

<http://www.lq.com/lq/properties/propertyProfile.do?ident=LQ518&IATA=99020726&WT.srch=1&sisr=1>

- Courtyard Denver Tech Center

\$64/night

303-721-0300

Website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dense-courtyard-denver-tech-center/>

- Embassy Suites Southeast (Hampden & Tamarac)

303-696-6644

\$99/night

Website: http://embassysuites1.hilton.com/en_US/es/hotel/DENHPES-Embassy-Suites-Denver-Southeast-Colorado/index.do

We look forward to seeing you in April!

MHA Students Making a Difference to Kids in Africa & Haiti

Our students put the mission in motion recently with two service projects, one for Africa and the other with “Kids against Hunger.”

“Children’s Clothing for Africa”

Recently the preschool-5th grade classroom collected clothing, toys, and other items for the “Children’s Clothing for Africa” project.

The donations are on their way to children in rural Kenya. Included in the shipment is fabric for an orphanage where women with treadle sewing machines will make curtains and dresses for the girls. “You can scarcely imagine the joy on the faces of these destitute children when they receive their very first underwear and socks,” said Dr. Stanley Wheeler, who sorted and shipped the donations.

The missionaries in Kenya utilizing the items will make a DVD and send back to Mile High Academy. It will show the Kenya children wearing the clothes, playing with the toys.

“Kids Against Hunger”

The students in 6-12th grade raised money and partnered with the South Denver Kiwanis club to package food on February 10 for families in Haiti. They raised over \$2,500 which resulted in the packing of 10,000 meals.

This is the second packing event that MHA conducted with the South Denver Kiwanis “Kids Against Hunger” project. “It is a privilege to network with community leaders at our school. They work hand-in-hand with our kids to reach out and make a global difference,” said Jeremy Wall, Campus Ministries Coordinator.

Local news stations 7 (CBS) and 9 (NBC) shared the story on their broadcasts later that day.

A huge thanks to Gary Philpott, Development Board Member, for connecting MHA with Kiwanis for this project.

Varsity Basketball Teams Attend Tournaments

The Men’s and Women’s Varsity basketball teams participated in two tournaments recently, one at Southwestern Adventist University and one at Union College. Both teams played exceptionally well in the tournaments!

Much thanks to those who helped out – including coaches Gale Hendrick, Kiff Elstrom, Chad Hegsted, Michael Boyson, Mariah Belveal-Thompson, and bus driver Mark Hainey.

Thanks to the parents and other family members who attended the tournaments to support our kids.

--Erik Pardo, Athletic Director

PTA Planning High School Career Fair

You can help a teen succeed – by coming to MHA to talk to the high school students about your job and/or taking a student to work with you to job shadow for a day. Whatever you do – we want to hear from you! Contact Leslie Haworth at lhaworth65@yahoo.com.

Senior Class Website

Check out the senior class website at www.mhaclassof2010.blogspot.com. They have information on their class activities and their upcoming mission trip to Costa Rica.

Family Open House on March 11

On March 11, at 6:30 pm MHA will host an open house for any prospective families to come meet the staff and hear what MHA has to offer. Spread the word that MHA is a great place to get a Christian education and invite them to come that evening.

Facebook Site for Alumni & Friends

Have you visited the MHA Alumni Facebook site? Our site is “Mile High Academy Alumni.” It’s a fun and casual way to keep in touch. Check out the photos from the beginning of school and the golf tournament. See you there!

Do You Shop at Sunflower Market or King Soopers?

Purchase Sunflower Gift Cards from the Junior Class and King Soopers Gift Cards from the Senior Class.

The junior class is selling Sunflower Market Gift Cards in \$25 and \$50 increments. The senior class is selling King Soopers Gift Cards in various increments—regular or reloadable. See any of our juniors or seniors or contact the office at 303-744-1069.

Do You Shop at Target? Use Their REDCARD & Help MHA!

We recently received a check from Target—a 1% rebate from parents who used a Target REDCARD (any of Target’s charge cards). Remember, become a regular Target REDCARD shopper, and help Mile High earn a rebate! For more information about how you can help MHA by using a Target REDCARD, call Cheryl at 303-607-4917 or email her at cchiasson@milehighacademy.org.

Online Gift Giving Made Available via PayPal

You may give to MHA online through PayPal. Just go to the PayPal website, click on "send money," and enter the email address gift@milehighacademy.org to complete. You will receive an email acknowledging your gift, and a tax receipt will follow by mail. Thank you in advance for supporting the mission of Mile High Academy.

Calendar Highlights

- March 28: "Spring Bling" auction/dinner, 6 pm
- April 17: Alumni Reunion, 10 am
- April 18: Alumni Golf Tournament

Blessings,

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