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NEWSLETTER



March 4, 2022

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COMING SOON

IREAD-3 State Testing

All 2nd and 3rd Graders
Monday, March 7 and
Tuesday March 8

Club Photos and School Picture Make-ups

New students and clubs
Thursday, March 10

End of Quarter 3

Friday, March 11

Spring Break

No School
March 14-25

Cafeteria Menus and Information

FES Families,

This was the first 5 day week in the building in a month (due to scheduled days off and weather-related eLearning days), so it definitely felt long for our students and staff (and, most likely, parents). Next week is the last week of the 3rd quarter and the final week before spring break, so be encouraged that we have almost made it through 75% of the school year. It has really flown by!

Many of our classrooms celebrated Read Across America Day this past week. There were many fun activities and quite a few entertaining costumes. We talk all the time about the importance of helping our students see themselves as readers, and an important part of that is what they get and observe at home. I am a big fan of reading aloud with kids, and I encourage you to make reading together a part of your family's rhythm. Whether it is a parent reading to the child or the child reading to the parent, those are great memories to be made together, and it is a practice that can pay dividends relationally and academically. And it isn't just for little kids—we still read aloud with our middle schooler.

Enjoy the ridiculously warm day for the beginning of March tomorrow. ;)

Dr. Edwards
Principal

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.”
- Albert Einstein

REMINDER: ID Needed

We use LobbyGuard at our front door to help identify and track all visitors to the building during the school day. This system requires a government-issued photo ID (such as a driver's license). We also use this system for when someone signs out a student, so don't forget to bring it up to the building when you arrive.



IREAD-3

All 2nd and 3rd graders will be taking the IREAD-3 minimum proficiency reading assessment next week. **Please do all you can to help ensure that your students get good sleep for those days.** We expect to receive initial results from the testing toward the end of March, and we will notify any 3rd graders who Did Not Pass and arrange for some additional support and intervention before they retake at the beginning of summer break. All families will receive a score report after the state releases those.

CogAT Testing

Our district requires additional information on the academic needs and performance of individual children in order to ensure that the school corporation is providing instruction at the appropriate level for each child. Depending on the information needed, your child may be administered a screener for the CogAT High abilities assessment. This screener is a short 30 minute test and will be given during the two weeks following spring break.

Please refer to the video below for further explanation:

[Testing Overview](#)

*Please note that testing will begin the week of March 28th, and universal screening will take place in KDG as well as 2nd grade moving forward.

If you have questions regarding the testing, please contact:
Jessica.daugherty@mvcsc.k12.in.us

Thank you!
MVCSC High Ability Identification Team

Students of the Month



These students were chosen by their classroom teachers for the month of February for “sticking together” and setting a positive example. We celebrated this week with popsicles with our administrators. We are so proud of these great kids and the great choices they make each day!



Student ShoutOuts

These students were called down to the cafeteria on Friday to be recognized. Thanks for being valuable contributors to our Viking community.



Reporting Absences

Please assist us by being sure to call our office at 317-485-3180 or email elizabeth.thomas@mvcsc.k12.in.us if your student is going to be absent. With state reporting, we have to assign specific codes for every absence, and it saves our office staff a lot of time each day if we don't have to call to follow-up on students that are marked absent by their teachers.



Lost and Found

We are getting quite the collection of items in our lost and found again. If you see something you recognize, please have your child pick it up or contact our office to help it find its way home.





MV Reads: News from the Library

"I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse." Making family reading a priority is a vital way to help your child become an expert reader. Have you read, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio? August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a facial difference that prevented him from going to a mainstream school—until now. Can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances? If you are looking for a favorite family read aloud, join the 16+ million who have read and loved this book. Get started by reading:

[9 Creative Ways to Read as a Family](#) and help us, help your child become an expert reader!



Be a Substitute Teacher and Employment

Fortville Elementary is a great place to work, and we would love to have you join our team. You can apply on the MV Employment website [HERE](#). Subs apply through Kelly (see flyer to the right).

We currently are in need of cafeteria workers, 2nd shift custodians, a High Intensity IA, and a High Ability IA.

Be the reason a kid learned something today

Substitute teaching. There's no other job like it.

We're hiring for rewarding opportunities in Mt. Vernon Community Schools!

Want to make a big difference in the lives of local students? Join our team as a substitute teacher or paraprofessional. We have flexible opportunities that allow you to create your own schedule—even if you've never worked in a classroom before. Don't miss out!

Back to school

Being prepared for your first day of school is important, and it's what we're all about. Our pre-hire training, paid orientation, and ongoing professional development ensure that you always have the skills you need to succeed in the classroom.

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Lara Kernan / Recruiting Strategist
317-610-0429 / Lark427@kellyservices.com

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Mt. Vernon Flyers



National Inventors Hall of Fame®

Camp Invention® is coming to Mt Vernon Community School District!

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF), **Mt Comfort Elementary School** is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention® program to children entering **K** through **6th** grade. This exciting, weeklong summer adventure provides opportunities for open-ended, hands-on exploration of science, technology, engineering and more! Rotating through a variety of exciting activities each day, children have fun collaborating with friends, thinking creatively and inventing their own solutions to real-world challenges.

The week begins on **June 6, 2022** with **Jessica Buell** serving as Director. The all-new 2022 Explore program will thrill both new and returning campers with an expedition full of far-reaching explorations, fascinating discoveries and exhilarating "a-ha" moments!

During this dynamic, high-energy program, young innovators will:

- Dive into cutting-edge ocean research as they adopt their own robotic fish, design and patent aquatic plants, and take their fish friend home in a mini tank.
- Discover real space exploration technology when they create Space Packs and AstroArm devices, mine an asteroid and observe erupting ice volcanoes.
- Combine science and art to build their own robotic artist, engage in design thinking, make spin art and learn how inventions can change the way people create.
- Experiment with the fun of physics, engineering and gaming as they design, build and test their own mega marble arcades.

Early registration discounts available! Register using SUM25 by March 31 to save \$25, or SUM15 by May 18 to save \$15 off the \$245 registration fee.

Availability is limited, so visit invent.org/mylocalcamp or call 800-968-4332 to secure your child's spot today!



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A second grader builds persistence by testing how marbles move through her arcade design!



A sixth grader gains confidence as he builds a robot to make awesome spin art!



A fourth grader uses problem-solving skills to create a Spacepack for a galactic journey!

EXPLORE A TYPICAL DAY AT OUR ALL-NEW 2022 PROGRAM

A.M. BASE CAMP

Drop off your camper with certified local educators who start each day with games that spark creativity.



ROBOTIC AQUATICS™:

Camper create a habitat for a robotic fish — complete with a symbiotic friend — and then take their fish home in its mini tank!



SPACECATION™:

Inspired by real space exploration, campers construct Spacepacks and Astro-Arm devices, mine asteroids and observe ice volcanoes!

GAMES & LUNCH

Half the campers head outside to play action-packed games while the others eat lunch — and then they switch.



NIH'S THE ATTIC™:

Combining science and art to build their own robotic artists, campers make spin art and learn that everyone can be creative!



MARBLE ARCADE™:

Camper get their game on as they experiment with the fun of physics and engineering to build their own mega marble arcades!

P.M. BASE CAMP

The day wraps up as campers wind down with problem-solving games.

All images feature actual campers enjoying our new 2022 program.

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY

Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332

Camp Invention® is for children entering grades K-6th.

Location: Mt. Comfort Elementary School
5694 W 300 N, Greenfield, IN 46140

Date: June 6 - 10, 2022

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
\$245 (before discount)

Camp Director: Jessica Buell
jessica.buell@mvcsc.k12.in.us

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camp](https://www.invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.

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your spot today!



Why is “**home**” so important to us? Perhaps, because for better or worse, by presence or absence, it is a crucial point of reference—in memory, feeling, and imagination—for inventing the story of ourselves, our life-narrative, for understanding our place in time. No matter what place you call home, the very word strikes a chord deep inside each of us. “**Home**” to some means sanctuary, the place we can rest, relax, enjoy time with friends, and family, learn, grow ... and just be. Our “**home**” says a lot about who we are and what we think is important.

Since our inception 15 years ago, The Mt. Vernon Community School District has served as the “**heart**” of our Mt. Vernon Education Foundation, “**home**” it has been the constant thread that weaves the fabric of our community together from casual conversation, cheering on players who represent us in sports, (Go Marauders!) to all of our amazing educators, the teachable moments and learning experiences along the way in creating a place where the foundation could invest thanks to the generosity of our donors in the *hopes, dreams, needs, and wishes of our students, staff, and community* as we build brighter futures together.

As we gather to celebrate the foundation's 15th Anniversary on Saturday, April 23, 2022, we hope you will join us in supporting our “**home**” through attending the Black and Gold Gala, sponsorship, donating to the silent auction, or granting a wish to one of our amazing teachers for their classrooms!

The Mt. Vernon Education Foundation will continue to work in supporting the gap between the tax dollars available and the funds needed to preserve the comprehensive education that our community values and expects for all of our Mt. Vernon students.

We hope you will join us at this year’s Black and Gold Gala on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the JW Marriott Indianapolis. To purchase tickets go to www.MtVernonFoundation.org



From the MS Athletic Director:

Our 7th & 8th grade girls basketball coaches are holding an "open gym" on Monday's starting March 28 from 6pm-8pm at the Middle School. This invitation is ONLY for current 5th grade girls who are interested in playing basketball next year.

Participants are to enter door 8 (the fieldhouse/athletic entrance).

If you have questions, contact Dave Merica at Mt. Vernon Middle School.



Community Flyers

Daddy Daughter
DANCE



Up, Up, and Away! Join us on
March 5th from 6 to 8pm and
get carried away with music,
dance, photos, and so much
more!

Who? Girls aged
6-12 years old
Where? Boys
and Girls Club

Pre-register only at
parks.greenfieldin.org
- today through Feb
19th!

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\$22NR

The Enchantment of
Beauty and the Beast

The Hancock County Children's Theater is currently accepting applications for their summer program. If your child is interested in acting, singing, dancing, art, or theater tech, be sure to turn in an application. Go to hancockcountychildrenstheater.org and fill out an application. For more information contact Pam Johnson pjohnson@gcsc.k12.in.us



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Kids' Art Contest

Have you always wanted your art on exhibit? Hancock County students aged 5-18 are encouraged to enter their unique art into our upcoming art contest! Themes are community, inclusivity and kindness in Hancock County.

Winners will receive art supply baskets along with a cash prize and have their entry on long-term display at Hancock Regional Hospital and Healthy365.

If a winning piece is submitted through a local Hancock County art teacher, a special \$250 supply grant will be awarded to that teacher, too.

The back of the art piece must include artist's name, grade and guardian's contact info. An entry submission form also must be filled out by artist's guardian when you submit your entry at Healthy365 (120 W. McKenzie Rd., Suite G, in Greenfield), M-F 9 a.m.-4 p.m. by March 30, 2022!

Submissions may be no larger than 11" x 14." Art may be on canvas or sketch paper and use paint, ink, crayon, pencil, marker, digital formats or texture. One entry per student.

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Kids' Art Contest Entry Submission Form

Student Name: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

Grade: _____ School: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____

All art submissions are the property of the 2022 Kids' Art Contest and are non-returnable. The right to modify any submission for reproduction purposes is reserved.

