



MVCSC Communications Report

School Board of Trustees Meeting

5-2020

GREAT NEWS IN THE SCHOOLS

School Accolades & Notable Activities

- Mt. Vernon High School was named a 2020 Best High School by the U.S. News and World Report, specifically #17 in the central region and #64 in the state.
- Congratulations Alyson Godwin & Sydney Godwin who won first place in the Indiana Academic Superbowl Fine Arts competition. Alyson placed third in the English competition as well.
- FES students won first, second, and third place in the Hancock County Solid Waste District Elementary School Reuse Competition with their recycled inventions.
- MVCSC Food Service has distributed meals in four weeks:

○ 3/31	660 students	5,705 meals
○ 4/6	724 students (up 55 from previous week)	7,240 meals
○ 4/13	804 students (up 80 from previous week)	8,040 meals
○ 4/20	912 students (up 108 from previous week)	9,120 meals
○ 4/27	900 students (down 12 from previous week)	9,000 meals
○ 5/4	828 students (down 72 from previous week)	8,280 meals
○ 5/11	773 students (down 55 from previous week)	7,730 meals
○ 5/18	741 students (down xx from previous week)	7,410 meals
○ TOTAL:	6,342 students	62,525 meals

Community Connections

- Psi Iota Xi provided lunch for the Food Service Staff multiple times, along with a parent who partnered with Kinsey's.
- WTHR-TV 13's Angela Buchman was a guest speaker on FES's morning announcements.
- Dr. Parker held "Virtual Traveling Talks" on 5/4 and 5/14, resulting in great conversation with approximately eight different community members.
- MVCSC community supported the local "Pack the Pantries" event, which included filling a school bus's storage compartments and delivering to the pantry.
- COMMUNITY SPIRIT: All three elementary schools held a staff parade through their respective neighborhoods, led by a school bus and local police. This event resulted in a huge boost in community spirit and support of Mt. Vernon.
- COMMUNITY SPIRIT: MES, Mini-Marauder Preschool and the MVMS are holding drive through parades for students to see school staff, social-distancing style. All three elementary schools are holding similar social-distancing parades for their 5th grade students to drive as part of their "graduation."
- COMMUNITY SPIRIT: Both Jessica Brown (Character Education) and MVMS Principal Ben Williams have been posting uplifting and engaging videos for the community and the district has been doing a social media connectivity campaign.
- MVCSC held a community blood drive where all spots were filled. Throughout the school year, the MV community has filled approximately 300 blood donations, impacting thousands of patients in nearby hospitals.
- MVEF's Response & Impact Fund has supported numerous students with needs, including internet connectivity.
- FES, MVMS & MVHS staff have made masks for the MV community and our Food Service workers.
- Two MCE students (Steen) spent an afternoon picking up trash outside of MCE, filling 3 trash bags.

Noteworthy Media (links are in the Press Summary section)

- **ENews** posted MVMS Teacher Salasky teaching Civil War with a toy soldier enactment in her living room
- **WRTV 6** - segment highlighting students driving through socially distanced staff at MES, and also a second segment on Teachers working hard to keep kids engaged in eLearning
- **FOX 59** - Schools make changes Made to Grading System and also a segment on Teachers & Students reunite outside school
- **CBS 4** - Schools make changes Made to Grading System
- **Indianapolis Star** - Indiana education teacher appreciation week teachers going above and beyond (MVHS Lynette Huth)

PRESS SUMMARY

Greenfield Reporter:

- Senator Crider welcomes students to statehouse (MVHS students Nuggent, Hexamer, Prazeau & Woods)
http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/04/21/sen_crider_welcomes_local_students_to_statehouse/
- Mt. Vernon students get lesson in how germs spread
http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/04/21/mt_vernon_district_elementary_students_get_lesson_in_how_germs_spread/
- MVHS Alumni Logan Justice Awaiting a call on NFL future
http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/04/25/chasing_a_dream_justus_awaiting_call_on_nfl_future/
- MVHS Alumni Michael Ertel Opportunity Ahead at UAB
http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/04/24/on_the_move_former_mt_vernon_standout_michael_ertel_excited_for_opportunity_ahead_at_uab/
- More left to prove after a stellar 2019 season at MV - MVHS Jake Stadler
http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/04/29/more_left_to_prove_after_a_stellar_2019_season_mt_vernon_s_stadler_eager_to_continue_success_at_purdue/
- More than a game Mt. Vernon's Perry finds her happy place on the softball diamond - MVHS Sydnee Perry
http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/04/28/more_than_a_game_mt_vernons_perry_finds_her_happy_place_on_the_softball_diamond/
- Middle School to get up to \$5.3M in improvements
http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/04/30/mt_vernon_middle_school_to_get_up_to_53_million_in_improvements/
- Marauder Up Under One - Jessica Brown takes her talents beyond the court with her social media campaign
http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/04/30/marauder_up_under_one_mvs_brown_taking_her_talents_beyond_the_court_with_social_media_campaign/
- Remembering 2000 State Softball Championship
http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/05/02/great_players_better_friends_marauders_remember_2000_state_softball_title/
- Teachers parade through students' neighborhoods
http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/05/05/mt_comfort_teachers_parade_through_students_neighborhoods/
- MCE Announces third quarter honor roll
http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/05/06/mt_comfort_elementary_announces_third_quarter_honor_roll/
- Ronald Apple (MVHS Alumni) passes at 68 http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/05/07/ronald_f_apple/
- Superintendent continues Virtual Traveling Talks
<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/05/13/mv-superintendent-hosting-virtual-traveling-talk/>

Indianapolis Star

- Indiana education teacher appreciation week teachers going above and beyond (MVHS Lynette Huth)
<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/education/2020/05/04/indiana-education-teacher-appreciation-week-2020-amid-coronavirus/3014717001/>

MSN.com, Indy Star via USA Today Network (photo & caption)

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/sports/more-sports/day-41-without-sports-%F0%9F%98%AD-here-are-the-six-best-classic-games-airing-this-week/ar-BB12XYlw#image=BB12IAo3|32>

- Day 41 without sports (MVHS Nate Weaver, 17, and Mt. Vernon High School football teammate Joel Ratliff, 17, take turns flipping a tire over their shoulder and picking up and rowing or squatting a large rock on March 20, 2020 in Fortville, Ind. "With school being canceled it's really hard not having a gym," said Ratliff. "Really, we're just trying to do anything we can to train for next season.")

FOX 59:

- Schools make changes Made to Grading System
<https://fox59.com/news/indiana-school-districts-shift-how-students-are-graded-during-at-home-learning/>
- Teachers & Students reunite outside school
<https://fox59.com/morning-news/teachers-students-reunite-outside-school/>

CBS 4:

- Schools make changes Made to Grading System
<https://cbs4indy.com/news/indiana-schools-implement-new-grading-guidelines-during-e-learning/>

WRTV Channel 6:

- Drive-Thru Fun at McCordsville Elementary School - segment highlighting students driving through socially distanced staff at MES
- Teachers working hard to keep kids engaged in eLearning
https://www.theindychannel.com/news/coronavirus/covid-19-education/teachers-working-hard-to-keep-kids-engaged-in-learning?fbclid=IwAR1Dw5bPIQ_91LmrZmsO2162QF5Bu9aUJ-w5vSK9DqwZwHbzZAI9TnEOulk

ENews:

- MVMS Teacher Salasky teaches Civil War with a toy soldier enactment in her living room
https://www.eonline.com/news/1146382/17-teachers-going-above-and-beyond-during-the-coronavirus?fbclid=IwAR3N0I5kdz7-HCRs4Dt19-H4M_DeGe0b4TkwLdtHmT9Iup0p_80OJ9trGZs#photo-1089094

Broadway World

- Mt. Vernon High School Elton John and Aida (MVHS student names)
<https://www.broadwayworld.com/studentcalendar2high.cfm?id=317962>