

MVCSC Communications Report School Board of Trustees Meeting

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GREAT NEWS IN THE SCHOOLS

School Accolades & Notable Activities

- MVCSC Superintendent Dr. Parker testified in support of HB 1186, which requests school districts to not be financially penalized for seniors who graduate early.
- Mr. Michael Raters has been named the Interim MVMS Principal.
- MVHS Bowling Team won the Indianapolis East Conference Sectional.
- MVHS Sierra Pienkowski placed second at the girls' wrestling state finals.
- Boys swimming & diving became the Hoosier Heritage Conference champions for the first time in school history.

Community Connections

- Amazon donated \$20,000 to the Mt. Vernon Education Foundation for STEM activities or programming for Mt. Vernon students.
- Kyle Kinker of MVMS won the NineStar Youth Power & Hope Award for his outstanding community service.
- The National Junior Honor Society at MVMS decorated holiday cards for the residents of Traditions of Brookside in McCordsville.
- In a response to a MCE first grader's Letter to Santa in the Greenfield Daily Reporter, a local artist reached out and painted a picture of the first grader's dog that recently passed away in an effort to lift the child's spirits.
- The artwork from MCE student, Lillian Nicklin, was selected by Neighborhoods Against Substance Abuse to be featured in their 2021 calendar.
- In an attempt to boost staff morale, 13 local businesses are offering discounts to MVCSC staff during January and February when an employee badge is presented. Some of these companies offering discounts include the Grill, Lincoln Square, Scarlet lane Brewing Company, Time & Again, Greenfield Daily Reporter, Brand & Morelock Attorneys, Rick's Service Center, and Conner Prairie.
- MVCSC has 14 community members who have scheduled an appointment to meet with Kelly Services to substitute in Mt. Vernon Schools as a result of the recent marketing push.
- The Fleming Interior Group donated some of their excess furniture from their warehouse to FES.

Noteworthy Media

• WRTV's coverage of Mt. Vernon students being told to play in the snow and throw snowballs as assignments on the first snow day made national coverage and was also covered locally by WISH-TV 8, WTHR-13, the Indy Star, and Geist Current.

https://www.wrtv.com/news/local-news/mt-vernon-students-told-to-play-in-snow-and-throw-snowballs-as-assi gnments-on-first-snow-day

• National ABC, CBS & NBC coverage made it into Yahoo.com news, national radio stations and over 20 other local markets from Seattle to Tucson, to Boston and everywhere in between (details linked below).

PRESS SUMMARY

Greenfield Reporter:

• Restaurant inspections http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/15/restaurant_inspections__december_15-2/

- opportunity knocks marauders cougars swimming split during hhc preview dual <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/15/opportunity_knocks_marauders_cougars_swimming_split_dur</u> <u>ing_hhc_preview_dual/</u>
- Difference makers community minded young women are named 2021 Lilly scholars <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/15/difference_makers_communityminded_young_women_are_n</u> <u>amed_2021_lilly_scholars/</u>
- Making waves Marauders boys swimming buit to content <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/16/making_waves_marauders_boys_swimming_built_to_contend</u> /
- MV Students excitedly accept snowday homework http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/17/mv_students_excitedly_accept_snowday_homework/
- Challenging times: Wrestling continues to feel impact of pandemic era <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/17/challenging_times_wrestling_continues_to_feel_impact_of_p</u> <u>andemic_era/</u>
- Space heaters in time of distancing churches seek to fill gaps with Christmas warmth <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/19/space_heaters_in_time_of_distancing_churches_seek_to_fill_gaps_with_christmas_warmth/</u>
- Bringing home the gold Marauders surge past rivals to win HHC team title (Boys Swimming)
 <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/22/bringing_home_the_gold_marauders_surge_past_rivals_to_w</u>

 <u>in_hhc_team_title/</u>
- COVID-19 vaccinations continue <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/22/covid-19-vaccinations-continue/</u>
- Playing the waiting game after a strong start tot he season, Marauders are stuck sitting idle <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/24/playing_the_waiting_game_after_a_strong_start_to_the_seas</u> on_marauders_are_stuck_sitting_idle/
- Trying to find a groove: Marauders win second straight after restart off quarantine (MVHS Girls basketball) <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/23/trying_to_find_a_groove_marauders_win_second_straight_af</u> <u>ter_restart_off_quarantine/</u>
- Glad tidings nonprofit surprises families with a holiday bounty (Blue Angel Connect MVHS Nicole Burris) <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/23/glad_tidings_nonprofit_surprises_families_with_a_holiday_bounty/</u>
- Defending the shield Mt. Vernon's Cole named allcounty defensive player of the year <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/02/defending_the_shield_mt_vernons_cole_named_allcounty_de</u> <u>fensive_player_of_the_year/</u>
- Mt. Vernon Middle School Principal to change careers <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/31/mt_vernon_middle_school_principal_to_change_careers/</u>
- Tough day Marauders fall to stateranked Tigers in Hall of Fame Classic (MVHS Girls Basketball) http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/30/tough_day_marauders_fall_to_stateranked_tigers_in_hall_of_fame_classic_finals/
- Amazon donates \$20,000 to Mt. Vernon <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/30/amazon_donates_20000_to_mt_vernon/</u>
- Building boom officials building report a big year for development <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/30/building_boom_officials_builders_report_a_big_year_for_dev_elopment/</u>
- Counting down looking back at the top sports stories of 2020 (MVHS Boys Tennis) <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2020/12/29/counting_down_looking_back_at_the_top_sports_stories_of_2020/</u>

- New Years gift couple welcome daughter just in time for holiday (MVHS Alumni, Joey Claus) http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/06/new_years_gift_couple_welcome_daughter_just_in_time_for_holiday/
- Robert Troy Alexander -obituary (MVHS alumni) <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/04/robert_troy_alexander/</u>
- A portrait of the best girl ever (MCE 1st grade student, Hadley (Lechner?) & MCE Teacher McCleery) <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/05/a_portrait_of_the_best_girl_ever/</u>
- Marauders' struggle to find rhythm, lose to No. 5 Shamrocks (boys basketball)
 <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/06/marauders-struggle-to-find-rhythm-lose-to-no-5-shamrocks/</u>
- Schools navigate remainder of year amid pandemic <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/08/schools_navigate_remainder_of_year_amid_pandemic/</u>
- Schools announce rising stars: juniors Riley Britt, Kiley Hunzinker, Molly Reece, Lillian Woolston
- Mt. Comfort elementary Letters to Santa
- Marauders get Hall of Fame nod
- Take your best shot: Mrs. Downend's 4th grade class at Mt. Comfort Elementary decorated door
- Ears to hear: ministry grows programming for online radio station (MVHS athlete has youth-based radio show)
- Breaking Through: local female prep wrestlers heading to state finals <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/12/breaking-through-local-female-prep-wrestlers-heading-to-stat</u> <u>e-finals/</u>
- Defending the Court: Marauders hold off rival Cougars in HHC Showdown <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/09/defending-the-court-marauders-hold-off-rival-cougars-in-hhc-showdown/</u>
- Mt. Vernon names interim principal for middle school
- Alley rally: Mt. Vernon wins school's first bowling sectional <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/14/alley_rally_mt_vernon_wins_schools_first_bowling_sectional/</u>
- School starting second semester with new principal <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/15/school_starting_second_semester_with_new_principal/</u>
- Breaking Through: Local female prep wrestlers heading to state finals
 <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/12/breaking-through-local-female-prep-wrestlers-heading-to-stat</u>
 <u>e-finals/</u>
- County records 146 COVID-19 cases over the weekend http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/19/county-records-146-covid-19-cases-over-weekend/
- Right on Pace <u>http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/20/right-on-pace/</u>
- Prep roundup: http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/19/prep-roundup-dragons-win-third-straight/
- County records 146 COVID-19 cases over weekend http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/19/county-records-146-covid-19-cases-over-weekend/
- Showing their toughness: Marauders' Pienkowski, Cougars' Smith-Foster take second at state
- Obituary Eston Dooley http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/01/21/eston_e_dooley/

Fortville McCordsville Reporter:

- Marauders, Dragons split in swimming dual
- Glad tidings: Non-profit surprises families with a holiday bounty
- MV students excitedly accept snow-day homework
- Playing her way: Mt. Vernon's Bulmahn named All-County Volleyball Player of the Year
- A winning culture: Marauders' Bulmahn named All-County Volleyball Coach of the Year
- Bringing home the gold: Marauders surge past rivals to win HHC swimming team title
- Trying to find a groove: Marauders win second straight after restart
- Changing the culture: Mt. Vernon's Kirschner named All-county Football coach of the Year
- Alley Rally: Mt. Vernon team wins school's first bowling sectional

• School starting second semester with new principal

Ninestar Connection News:

 Mt. Vernon student wins 2020 youth power & hope award <u>https://www.ninestarconnect.com/2020/12/mt-vernon-student-wins-2020-youth-power-hope-award/</u>

Hamilton County Reporter

• Obit - Linda Lou Landis (former bus driver) <u>https://readthereporter.com/linda-lou-landis/</u>

Geist Current

- Growth spurt Mt. Vernon school district considers building or renovation for new elementary <u>https://www.youarecurrent.com/2020/12/15/growth-spurt-mt-vernon-school-district-considers-building-or-ren</u> <u>ovation-for-new-elementary/</u>
- Mt. Vernon Community School Corp. names interim principal <u>https://www.youarecurrent.com/2021/01/13/mt-vernon-community-school-corp-names-interim-principal/</u>
- ATI Drive-In Theatre concert will feature variety of music: Michele McConnell MVHS Grad
- MVCSC offers 65+ Club
- MVHS ranked as one of top high schools

Pendleton Times

• A look back at the 2020 year in sports <u>http://www.pendletontimespost.com/2020/12/31/a_look_back_at_the_2020_year_in_sports/</u>

Immunization vs vaccination blogspot

• Tough day Marauders fall to state <u>http://immunization-vs-vaccination.blogspot.com/2020/12/tough-day-marauders-fall-to-state.html</u>

WRTV - Channel 6

- Mt. Vernon students told to play in snow and throw snowballs as assignments on first snow day
 <u>https://www.wrtv.com/news/local-news/mt-vernon-students-told-to-play-in-snow-and-throw-snowballs-as-assi
 gnments-on-first-snow-day

 </u>
- Teachers are adding new skills to help students during the pandemic <u>https://www.wrtv.com/news/coronavirus/covid-19-education/teachers-are-adding-new-skills-to-help-engage-st</u> <u>udents-during-pandemic</u>
- Photos Mt. Vernon students enjoying their snow day assignments
 <u>https://www.wrtv.com/news/local-news/photos-mt-vernon-students-enjoying-their-snow-day-assignments</u>

WISH TV - Channel 8

 Mt. Vernon students assigned to play in snow and throw snow balls on first snow day <u>https://www.wishtv.com/news/local-news/students-on-snow-day-follow-school-leaders-instructions-they-went</u> <u>-outside-to-play/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cb_bureau_in</u>

WTHR Channel 13

• Superintendent gives students a unique snow day assignment <u>https://www.wthr.com/article/news/mt-vernon-snow-day-fun/531-5f510a32-aa9e-479d-b30d-59179f402cda</u>

IndyStar.com

- Indianapolis area school district Mt. Vernon Schools assigns snow day <u>https://www.indystar.com/story/news/education/2020/12/16/indianapolis-area-school-district-mt-vernon-school-district-mt-vernon-schools-assigns-snow-day/3923146001/</u>
- Mt. Vernon students play in snow virtual snow day <u>https://www.indystar.com/picture-gallery/news/2020/12/16/mount-vernon-students-play-snow-virtual-snow-d</u> <u>ay/3926854001/</u>
- IN HS Basketball Lapel Jimmie Howell retires IHSAA <u>https://www.indystar.com/story/sports/high-school/2020/12/21/indiana-high-school-basketball-lapel-coach-jim</u> <u>mie-howell-retires-ihsaa/3999861001/</u>
- IN HS Football Mike Kirschner Warren Central Head Coach <u>https://www.indystar.com/story/sports/high-school/2020/12/30/indiana-high-school-football-mike-kirschner-w</u> <u>arren-central-head-coach/4086673001/</u>
- IN HS basketball rankings (boys) <u>https://www.indystar.com/story/sports/high-school/2021/01/04/indiana-high-school-basketball-rankings-new-</u> <u>entry-joins-fab-15/4123840001/</u>

KIRO (ABC Affiliate in Seattle)

Today's assignment: go out, play in snow, school district tells students
 <u>https://www.kiro7.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-students/6YSIJ</u>
 <u>OQ3DJAJBPRKCVRRFXPORU/?_website=cmg-tv-10090</u>

ABC National News (New York)

 Snow Day School Assignments <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fs1Q5alTBsPoSVrrlR17tOkuFGxj_XlZ/view?usp=sharing</u>

ABC15 (ABC Affiliate in Arizona)

• Superintendent gives virtual learning assignment on snowy day play in snow and throw snowballs <u>https://www.abc15.com/news/national/superintendent-gives-virtual-learning-assignment-on-snowy-day-play-in</u> <u>-snow-and-throw-snowballs</u>

WCPO - (ABC Affiliate in Cincinnati)

• Superintendent gives virtual learning assignment on snowy day play in snow and throw snowballs <u>https://www.wcpo.com/news/national/superintendent-gives-virtual-learning-assignment-on-snowy-day-play-in</u> <u>-snow-and-throw-snowballs</u>

The Denver Channel (ABC Affiliate in Denver)

Superintendent gives virtual learning assignment on snowy day play in snow and throw snowballs
 <u>https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/national/superintendent-gives-virtual-learning-assignment-on-snow
 v-day-play-in-snow-and-throw-snowballs

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WFTV9 (ABC Affiliate in Orlando/Daytona Beach, FL)

Superintendent gives virtual learning assignment on snowy day play in snow and throw snowballs
 <u>https://www.wftv.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-students/6YSIJ
 OQ3DJAJBPRKCVRRFXPORU/</u>

WHIO (ABC affiliate in Dayton, OH)

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 <u>https://www.whio.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-students/6YSIJ</u>
 <u>OQ3DJAJBPRKCVRRFXPORU/</u>

KATC (ABC affiliate in Lafayette, Louisiana)

• Supt gives virtual learning assignment on snowy day play in snow and throw snowballs <u>https://www.katc.com/news/national/superintendent-gives-virtual-learning-assignment-on-snowy-day-play-in-s</u> <u>now-and-throw-snowballs</u>

WSBTV (ABC affiliate in Atlanta, GA)

Todays assignment go out play snow school district tells students
 <u>https://www.wsbtv.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-students/6YSI</u>

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WSB Radio (Atlanta, GA)

Todays assignment go out play snow school district tells students
 <u>https://www.wsbradio.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-students/</u>
 <u>6YSIJOQ3DJAJBPRKCVRRFXPORU/</u>

The Bone Radio (St. Petersburg, FL)

• Todays assignment go out play snow school district tells students <u>https://www.theboneonline.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-stud</u> <u>ents/6YSIJOQ3DJAJBPRKCVRRFXPORU/</u>

Easy Radio (Hollywood, FL)

Todays assignment go out play snow school district tells students
 <u>https://www.easy93.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-students/6Y</u>
 <u>SIJOQ3DJAJBPRKCVRRFXPORU/</u>

WDBO Radio (Orlando, FL)

Todays assignment go out play snow school district tells students
 <u>https://www.wdbo.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-students/6YSI</u>JOQ3DJAJBPRKCVRRFXPORU/

FOX13 (ABC affiliate in Memphis, TN)

Todays assignment go out play snow school district tells students
 <u>https://www.fox13memphis.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-stud</u>
 <u>ents/6YSIJOQ3DJAJBPRKCVRRFXPORU/</u>

KGUN9 (ABC affiliate in Tucson, AZ)

• Superintendent gives virtual learning assignment on snowy day play in snow and throw snowballs <u>https://www.kgun9.com/news/national/superintendent-gives-virtual-learning-assignment-on-snowy-day-play-in</u> <u>-snow-and-throw-snowballs</u>

CBS 47 (CBS affiliate in Jacksonville, FL)

• Todays assignment go out play snow school district tells students <u>https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-stude</u> <u>nts/6YSIJOQ3DJAJBPRKCVRRFXPORU/</u>

TMJ4 (NBC Affiliate in Milwaukee, WI)

• Superintendent gives virtual learning assignment on snowy day play in snow and throw snowballs <u>https://www.tmj4.com/news/national/superintendent-gives-virtual-learning-assignment-on-snowy-day-play-in-snow-and-throw-snowballs</u>

WSOC TV (ABC affiliate in Charlotte, NC)

Todays assignment go out play snow school district tells students
 <u>https://www.wsoctv.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-students/6Y</u>
 <u>SIJOQ3DJAJBPRKCVRRFXPORU/</u>

WXPI TV (ABC affiliate in Pittsburgh, PA)

Todays assignment go out play snow school district tells students
 <u>https://www.wpxi.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-students/6YSIJ</u>
 <u>OQ3DJAJBPRKCVRRFXPORU/</u>

KOAA News5 (NBC Affiliate in Southern CO)

• Superintendent gives virtual learning assignment on snowy day play in snow and throw snowballs <u>https://www.koaa.com/news/national/superintendent-gives-virtual-learning-assignment-on-snowy-day-play-in-snow-and-throw-snowballs</u>

KMTV3 (CBS affiliate in Omaha, NE)

• Superintendent gives virtual learning assignment on snowy day play in snow and throw snowballs <u>https://www.3newsnow.com/news/national/superintendent-gives-virtual-learning-assignment-on-snowy-day-pl</u> <u>ay-in-snow-and-throw-snowballs</u>

PIX 11 (ABC affiliate in New York, NY)

Superintendent gives virtual learning assignment on snowy day play in snow and throw snowballs
 <u>https://www.pix11.com/news/national/superintendent-gives-virtual-learning-assignment-on-snowy-day-play-in
 -snow-and-throw-snowballs

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KRMJ (ABC Affiliate in Tulsa, OK)

Todays assignment go out play snow school district tells students
 <u>https://www.krmg.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-students/6YSIJ</u>
 <u>OQ3DJAJBPRKCVRRFXPORU/</u>

Boston 25 (ABC affiliate in Boston)

Todays assignment go out play snow school district tells students
 <u>https://www.boston25news.com/news/trending/todays-assignment-go-out-play-snow-school-district-tells-stud</u>

 <u>ents/6YSIJOQ3DJAJBPRKCVRRFXPORU/</u>

Chalkbeat e-Newsletter

 pulled WISH TV-Channel 8's coverage of Mt. Vernon students assigned to play in snow and throw snow balls on first snow day
 <u>https://www.wishtv.com/news/local-news/students-on-snow-day-follow-school-leaders-instructions-they-went</u>
 -outside-to-play/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cb_bureau_in

WIBC Radio 93.1 FM

 Mt. Vernon schools has kids away from computers for snow day assignment <u>https://www.wibc.com/news/local-indiana/mt-vernon-schools-has-kids-away-from-computers-for-snow-day-ass</u> <u>ignment/</u>

Yahoo.com

<u>https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/school-report-card-schools-assign-students-play-snow-teachers-pandemic-18</u>
 <u>2625164.html</u>

WITFilms - (Blog in Russia)

 Mt. Vernon substitute teacher and lifeguard facing criminal charges for child seduction <u>http://xitfilms.ru/online/eXpLUER3LUVtMjg=</u>

Pendleton Times Post

• Giving Up the Helm (Former MVHS Girls Basketball Coach Jimmie Howell) http://www.pendletontimespost.com/2020/12/24/giving_up_the_helm/

Autoimmune-diseases-ist.blogspot.com

• Students on snow day follow school leader's instructions: they went outside to play - (WISHTV.com's coverage) <u>https://autoimmune-diseases-ist.blogspot.com/2021/01/isdh-3477-new-covid-19-cases-142-more.html</u>

High School Football America.com

• Mt. Vernon High School is looking for a head football coach <u>https://highschoolfootballamerica.com/job/mt-vernon-high-school-is-looking-for-a-head-football-coach/</u>

Yourtopia.fr (eNewsletter / blog from France)

 La Mt. Vernon Community School Corp. nomme un directeur interimaire - Publication actuelle - translates to "The Mt. Vernon Community School Corp. appoints and interim director (Raters) (<u>https://yourtopia.fr/la-mt-vernon-community-school-corp-nomme-un-directeur-interimaire-publication-actuell</u> <u>e/</u>

Taphaps.com

• Teacher Bans First-Graders from saying 'Jesus' - Parents fight back <u>https://taphaps.com/mccordsville-elementary-school-god-3/</u>

Wabash College Blog

Mike Raters '85 Named Mt. Vernon Middle School Interim Principal
 <u>https://blog.wabash.edu/alumninews/2021/01/19/mike-raters-85-named-mt-vernon-middle-school-interim-principal/</u>