MVCSC Communications Report
School Board of Trustees Meeting

5-2019

GREAT NEWS IN THE SCHOOLS

School Accolades & Notable Activities

- As a Unified Champion School District, MVCSC participated in a collective Unified Champions program for preschool, elementary and secondary levels. This program creates climates of acceptance, respect and human dignity for ALL students, with and without disabilities, to compete on the same team, providing an environment of inclusion.
- D.A.R.E. graduation was held at MVHS for the class of 2026.
- MVHS Fine Arts Academic Team finished FIRST PLACE at STATE in a two-way tie for Class One. Congrats Joan Lee, Alyson & Sydney Godwin & Sophie Frank.
- MVCSC Out-of-District Transfer Application has been launched and seemingly well-received. Over 600 (some duplicates) have been received to date.
- MVMS student Cali Sutton competed at the Women's Jr. Olympic Shooting Competition in CO & finished 11th in her age group/bracket.
- MCE hosted "One School, One Book" creating a community of readers and common connections throughout the school. All staff, bus drivers, and even the cafeteria workers read the book at the same pace throughout the month. This was provided to MCE as a grant from MVEF.
- MVHS recorded a Lip Dub recently; video should be released in the near future.
- MVHS Alumni Olivia Coleman received the Heart of a Don Award from Purdue Fort Wayne for being a good example in the classroom, in competition, and in the community.
- MVMS 8th Grade students visited Washington D.C., providing hands-on learning about our nation's history.
- MVMS 7th Grade students visited Chicago, learning about the city and expanding students' world views.
- MES held a STEM night, hosted by the 2nd grade teachers. Attendees could engage in interesting activities, including playing notes on five pianos due to electrical currents.
- Mini-Marauders also held a science night, engaging in hands-on activities to expand their wonderings.
- MCE 5th graders visited Junior Achievement's Biz Town, learning about real-world jobs and adult responsibilities.
- MVHS students shared their final physics projects with FES STEM classes.
- MVCSC taped segments for a new district video, scheduled to arrive this summer.

Community Connections

- MVEF Executive Director, Renee Oldham, and team raised an unprecedented amount of over $100,000 for the MVEF Black & Gold Gala.
- Sunrise Donuts held an event "Donuts to Donate" featuring FES students' flavors they created when Sunrise Bakery previously brought learning lessons to FES students to simulate their business.
- Superintendent Dr. Jack Parker & cabinet visited all schools & Administration/Maintenance/Transportation, and treated staff to a sundae bar for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.
- Two MCE teachers received a service learning grant to provide a Stocking for residents of a local nursing home & were recently featured in the Learning to Give eNewsletter.
- Dr. Parker has met with a variety of community organizations, including, but not limited to, MVHS Band Boosters, MVHS Athletic Boosters, MV Optimist Club, all PTO's, Fortville-McCordsville Chamber, Town of McCordsville (Fortville & Cumberland are scheduled for this summer), "Traveling Talks" open to the community

in MVCSC's three towns, the Hancock County Community Foundation, among others. All have been positively received and appreciated.

- Mt. Vernon Education Foundation and MVCSC participated in the Geist Marathon race as a fundraiser for MVEF and MVHS student groups.
- Professional clarinetist Mr. Julian Bliss visited representatives of our MVHS band, sharing his talent and journey.
- MVHS hosted a Career Fair with over 35 businesses who met with MVHS juniors and seniors, sharing their industry and potential jobs with the teens.
- MVHS junior Hunter Louk completed his Eagle Scout project by beautifying the picnic area and the shot put area with landscaping, mulch & providing a picnic table.

Noteworthy Media

- **WTHR Channel 13** had Sunrise anchor Carlos Diaz do live segments of Fortville Elementary School students and staff demonstrating yoga. https://www.wthr.com/article/fortville-students-teachers-find-their-focus-weekly-yoga-school

PRESS SUMMARY

Greenfield Reporter:

- Fortville elementary students become youthful yogis http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2019/04/16/fortville_elementary_students_become_youthful_yogis/
- Take your Best Shot
- Six Straight: Marauders win another tennis county title
- Marauders earn split win in doubleheader
- Marauders finish 3rd at Kokomo meet
- Last superintendent meet-and-greet is May 7
- Champions Again: Marauders regain county crown
- Marauders sweep doubleheader from Olympians, improve to 7-0
- Hot-Hitting Marauders get sweep
- Mt. Vernon names new assistant superintendent http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2019/05/11/mt_vernon_names_new_assistant_superintendent/
- Courtside courage: McCordsville first-grader finds many allies in his cancer battle http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2019/05/10/courtside_courage_mccordsville_firstgrader_finds_many_allies_in_his_cancer_battle/
- Hancock County 3rd fastest-growing in state - http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2019/05/15/hancock_county_3rd_fastestgrowing_county_in_state/
- Mt. Vernon sets new policy for out-of-district students http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2019/05/16/mt_vernon_sets_new_policy_for_outofdistrict_students/
- Destination: Hancock- County is third-fastest-growing in state, figures show
- Marauders finish 3rd at Pendleton
- Community foundation issues education grants
- Marauders, Cougars to meet in tennis sectionals
- Mt. Vernon announces change in leadership
- Courtside Courage: Boy battles cancer with support from school
- Mt. Vernon preparing for annual tennis camp
- Marauders knock off defending state champions
- Out With ISTEP, In With ILearn
- Double Figures: Marauders get 15 hits, score 11 runs in win
- Imagination Gallery: Annual art exhibit shows students' creative works

- Mt. Vernon presents “High School Musical”
- Marauders shut out county rival Cougars

Fortville-McCordsville Reporter:

- MVHS
- Annual art exhibit shows students’ creative works
- Marauders softball shuts out county rival Cougars 5-0
- Athlete of the Week: Sydney Perry
- Courtside Courage- McCordsville boy battles cancer with support from school
- Mt. Vernon names new assistant superintendent
- Take Your Best Shot
- Marauders regain county boys golf crown
- Six Straight- Marauders win another tennis county title
- School District plans Workshops
- McCordsville Students Recognized for Fairness
- Starting Strong- Marauders stay perfect with 3rd straight sweep against Shenandoah
- All-county boys basketball team
- Youthful Yogis: Elementary students discover benefits of mindfulness
- Fortville Elementary Students Celebrate Fairness
- Upping the Intensity: Marauders fall to county rival Dragons in battle of unbeatens
- Marauders knock off defending state champions

Geist Current

- Taking a hike: Geist Area teachers receive Lilly Endowment grants
  http://youarecurrent.com/2019/04/23/taking-a-hike-geist-area-teachers-receive-lilly-endowment-grants/
- Obituary: Adam Bisesi
- Teacher receives grant for books
- Bisesi leaves legacy of kindness
- Fortville Elementary students participate in yoga
  http://www.youarecurrent.com/2019/05/11/fortville-elementary-students-participate-in-yoga/
- Fortville Elementary students benefit from yoga
- Taking a Hike: Geist-area teachers receive Lilly Endowment grants

Chalkbeat E-Newsletter (education newsletter)

- Fortville Elementary Students & teachers practice yoga once a week to help them focus - WTHR link
  https://www.wthr.com/article/fortville-students-teachers-find-their-focus-weekly-yoga-school?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cb_bureau_in

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EIN Presswire

- Mount Comfort "Corridor of the Future" Vision Takes Shape Following Urban Land Institute Study https://www.einpresswire.com/article/485154148/mount-comfort-corridor-of-the-future-vision-takes-shape-following-urban-land-institute-study

Evansville Courier & Press

- Dozens of kids have died from the "choking game." There are three of them (Isaiah Mitchell, 2006, 9-yr old, MCE) https://www.courierpress.com/story/opinion/columnists/jon-webb/2019/05/13/dozens-kids-have-died-choking-game-here-3-them/1192668001/

Riley Children's Health eNewsletter

- Riley teacher brings the 1800's to life for MCE's 10 year-old https://www.rileychildrens.org/connections/riley-teacher-brings-the-1800s-to-life-for-10-year-old

Learning to Give eNewsletter

- Feature of two MCE teachers who received a service learning grant to provide a Stocking for residents of a local nursing home. https://www.learningtogive.org/news/stocking-surprise