MVCSC Communications Report
School Board of Trustees Meeting

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GREAT NEWS IN THE DISTRICT

School Accolades & Notable Activities

- All Mt. Vernon schools honored Veterans on Thursday. Fortville Elementary and Mt. Vernon Middle School had in-person celebrations with a modified crowd; ceremonies were broadcast in all classrooms. Mt. Comfort Elementary and McCordsville Elementary had virtual celebrations and Mt. Vernon High School shared numerous announcements throughout the day to honor Veterans.
- Mt. Vernon Athletic Boosters hosted an inaugural "Track or Treat" event where over 15 MVHS teams/clubs distributed treats to over 500 children in the community.
- MVHS Sports Success:
    - The football team captured the regional title and advanced to semi-state
    - Cheer team advanced to state finals bringing home 3rd place
    - Volleyball advanced to sectional finals, one of the toughest sectionals to win. Cici Bulmahn was named American Volleyball Coaches Association's 3rd team All-American and 4A All-State Team
    - Boys cross country brought home the regional title; Tristan Trevino and Austin Rush competed at state (1st appearance since 2015) and finished in the top 100 of more than 200 runners.
    - Meridith Johnson and Alaina Nugent advanced to state in girls golf. Nugent was named Greenfield Daily Reporter's Girls Golf Athlete of the Year and Coach Miner was named Girls Golf Coach of the Year.
    - MVHS graduate McKenna Jones is now a Tampa Bay Buccaneer cheerleader, and our very own Emily Loughman, FES 1st grade teacher, is a current Indianapolis Colts Cheerleader.
- Congratulations to MVHS Seniors Maitlyn Griner & Hayden Kovell who have been named as 2022 Lilly Endowment Scholarship Finalists by the Hancock County Community Foundation.
- Deb Thomas at Mt. Vernon Middle School was awarded the Indiana Middle School Geography Teacher of the Year by the Geography Educators Network of Indiana.

Community Connections

- Mt. Vernon's School Resource Officer (SRO), Lee Carnish, raced to a nearby emergency while on duty and helped to save a girl in the back seat of a car that rolled into a retention pond.
- The Mt. Vernon football team was awarded a $1,000 equipment grant from the Colts Blood Donation Challenge this summer. The donation clinic at MVHS collected the most units in the Indianapolis area.
- The Mt. Vernon Education Foundation hosted a successful Parent University event with programming full of resources for Mt. Vernon parents and staff. More than 50 attended and gave very positive feedback.
- A special breakfast event for realtors and builders showcased updates on Mt. Vernon's Future Growth Plan, enrollment, decreasing transfer student numbers, and other programming information. A personalized tour at Mt. Vernon High School was given by Principal Casey Dodd.
- The Mt. Vernon Education Foundation's Executive Director, Renee Oldham, has been elected to serve as the President of the Indiana Association of Public Education Foundations.
- Mt. Vernon hosted a Hancock County Visioning Meeting for county planning.

Noteworthy Media

- WISH TV covered how MV is successfully attracting substitute teachers; our fill rate has gone from the 30% range to the 60-80% range https://www.wishtv.com/news/local-news/substitute-teachers-in-mt-vernon-school-district-see-pay-increase/
- WISH TV also interviewed MVHS Football Coach Lidy prior to the regional game

PRESS SUMMARY

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- SEARCHING FOR SUBS: Schools struggle to fill teacher absences https://www.greenfieldreporter.com/2021/10/29/searching-for-subs-schools-struggle-to-fill-teacher-absences/

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- Passing the Test: Marauders overcome Arabians, advance to sectional semis https://ourcommunitynow.com/lifestyle/passing-the-test-marauders-overcome-arabians-advance-to-sectional-semis

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