



MVCSC Communications Report

School Board of Trustees Meeting

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GREAT NEWS IN THE DISTRICT

School Accolades, Notable Activities & Great News:

- Throughout February, our schools celebrated Black History Month with engaging activities highlighting the achievements of Black individuals in American history. Students participated in trivia, research projects, artwork, and library readings, while hallways showcased murals and visual displays. MVHS aviation students also explored the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen.
- Congratulations to Lucinda Blair, MVHS Agriculture Teacher and FFA Staff Sponsor, for being nominated for the 2025 Indiana FFA Golden Owl Award, which recognizes outstanding agricultural educators.
- Indiana's Secretary of Education, Dr. Katie Jenner, kicked off Read Across America Week with a visit to Shona Kelly's first-grade classroom at MES. Principal Stephanie Miller praised the visit as a valuable opportunity for the students to interact with such a high-ranking education official and learn about the importance of reading. Miller said it's teachers like Ms. Kelly who made it possible for half of the school's second-graders to pass the IREAD-3 test early last year, referring to the state standardized assessment given to third-graders to measure foundational reading skills.
- FES fourth-graders participated in the local American Legion Essay Contest. Two winners were selected from each classroom and each received \$25 while overall winners earned \$50. All winning students enjoyed a pizza party, ice cream and read their essays to their families.
- Our incredible high school and middle school students in VOICE, a student-led tobacco-free advocacy, had the opportunity to represent Mt. Vernon at the Statehouse, joining other students from across Indiana. They engaged in meaningful discussions, learned about the legislative process, and demonstrated their leadership skills by advocating for a tobacco-free world!
- Some MVHS students who are studying Mandarin recently visited MVMS Social Studies classes to share insights about the Chinese culture and language. Their visit was especially relevant as MVMS students are currently learning about China.
- Congratulations to Effie Miller at MVHS for completing 18 graduate credits toward a dual credit credential in Political Science.
- Kindergarten and second-grade students participated in a special "Cardiology Day" on Valentine's Day at MES, becoming "doctors" tasked with fixing "broken hearts" through hands-on learning.
- The FES Kindergarten team transformed their classrooms into a Dino-topia and planned for a full day of fun, dinosaur-related activities.
- Mt. Vernon's growth continues, with a projected enrollment of 5,003 students in grades K-12 for the 2025-26 school year.
- Senior Daniel Harter earned a spot in the swim state finals, showcasing his exceptional talent and determination throughout the competition.
- Five criminal justice students from Mt. Vernon High School/Hancock County Career Center were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)—the nation's premier honor society for CTE-based courses. They earned this honor based on their skill development and academic achievement in their CTE courses.

- The recent Teacher Recruitment Event was a great success, bringing together over 60 current and aspiring educators. Attendees enjoyed a presentation, listened to a teacher-student panel, and interviewed with principals based on their respective licenses.

Sports

- Junior wrestler Eli Broady competed in the prestigious state championship and earned an impressive 4th-place finish.
- Six county football players, including seniors Joliba Brogan and Rylan Vinard, were selected for the IFCA Region 8 All-Star Team.
- As of March 6, the MVHS boys basketball team is headed for the sectional semi-finals against Anderson.
- MVHS's Daniel Harter competed in the 200 freestyle at the boys swimming state finals.
- Boys cross country, swimming, and wrestling state finalists were recognized recently at a boys basketball game. Ahmed Saleh (9th -XC) and Eli Broady (4th - Wrestling) were the two podium finishers for state.

Community Connections

- MVCSC was delighted to host the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's "Talk of the Town" luncheon. Nearly 80 attendees, including local dignitaries, gathered to hear town managers share community updates.
- As part of FCCLA Week, MVHS student members created and delivered Valentines to the residents at Traditions Assisted Living in McCordsville.
- For National Kindness Week, MVMS students decorated coffee sleeves with caring messages on them for Coffee at the Crossing.
- The MES Choir had the wonderful experience of singing the National Anthem at the Indy Fuel game.

Noteworthy Media

- WTHR covered Dr. Jenner's visit to MES for Read Across America week. [Read Across America Week aims to encourage young readers to pick up a book](#)

PRESS SUMMARY

Greenfield Reporter:

- [County teams among favorites in sectional tournaments](#)
- [Mt. Vernon joins GC, NP, IBCA poll](#)
- [Five County Wrestlers finish on state podium](#)
- [Sectional title stays in Hancock County](#)
- [High School Sports](#)
- [Local Roundup](#)
- [Marauders put end to Dragons' 13-game winning streak](#)
- [One down, three to go: Five County wrestlers secure a sport on state podium](#)
- [County vets, rookies to compete in 87th IHSAA Boys Wrestling State Finals](#)

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- [County has six top seeds in swimming sectional](#)
- [Mt. Vernon's Ertel among IBCA Players of the Week](#)
- [High School Sports](#)
- [Marauders finish weekend sweep with win at Southport](#)
- [County grapplers earn three titles](#)
- [Wrestlers, swimmers, bowlers in postseason action this weekend](#)
- [High School Sports](#)
- [Ertel sets new career-high, scores 34 in win at Marion](#)
- [Heartbreak: Marauders fourth- quarter lead slips away in loss to Westfield](#)
- [Ertel sets new career high](#)
- [High school sports](#)
- [Youthful Exuberance](#)
- [Maruaders falter in second half](#)
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- [Prep roundup](#)
- [High school sports](#)
- [Led by nine](#)
- [Basketball roundup: Marauders beat Trojans](#)
- [Marauders rally to claim share of HHC title](#)
- [Indiana High School Boys Basketball Rankings](#)
- [Take your best shot](#)
- [Community briefs](#)
- [Read Across America: State's education secretary visits McCordsville classroom](#)
- [School leaders asses the state of growth in Hancock County](#)
- [Sports Schedule](#)
- [Marauder open sectional with 30 point rout of Richmond](#)
- [IHSAA's 115th boys basketball tournament begins today](#)
- [Marauders win regular-season finale](#)
- [Community Briefs](#)

IndyStar

- [IHSAA boys basketball Feb 15: No. 1 survives upset scare, several top matchups loom](#)
- [Their longtime coach said 'there's no crying in swimming.' Well, they've shed a few tears for her.](#)
- [Pendleton Heights can blow up its runner-up basketball after blowout sectional title win.](#)
- [USA TODAY Network Indiana high school basketball poll: A new No. 1 \(again!\) in Class 3A.](#)
- [IHSAA boys basketball Super 25: Three Central Indiana teams on the rise](#)
- [Indiana boys basketball Class 4A sectional preview: Schedule, players to watch, predictions](#)
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- [Read Across America Week aims to encourage young readers to pick up a book](#)