



MVCSC Communications Report

School Board of Trustees Meeting

4-2025

GREAT NEWS IN THE DISTRICT

School Accolades, Notable Activities & Great News:

- Congratulations to all of our building-level Teacher and Staff of the Year recipients. A special recognition goes to our District Teacher of the Year, **Yi-Fan Lin** from Mt. Vernon High School, and our District Staff of the Year, **Melissa Montague**, representing the Administration/Technology Department.
- Many thanks to the **Mt. Vernon Education Foundation** for hosting an outstanding Gala. The event successfully raised funds to provide **1,000 books to MVIS**, along with additional educational grants.
- **MVHS student Ahmed Saleh** earned **2nd place in the 3200-meter run at the indoor state championship**, setting a new indoor school record with a time of **9:09.49**.
- In collaboration with **NineStar Connect**, the **Mt. Vernon Education Foundation** proudly celebrated the launch of the **Esports program at MVMS**, supported by a collective grant of **\$28,000**. The program is off to a phenomenal start, with both MVMS teams currently ranked **#1 and #2** out of **25 middle school teams** and **89 players statewide**.
- Several **MVHS FCCLA** students participated in the **Indiana State Leadership Conference**, earning top honors: **Gold in the Lesson Planning event**, and **Silver in both the Food Marketing and Early Childhood Healthy Snack events**.
- **MVMS** proudly hosted its **50th annual Talent Show**, showcasing an array of student talent in categories such as vocal performance, instrumental music, piano, dance, variety acts, and group numbers.
- **Mt. Vernon Theatre** brought the magical tale of *Cinderella* to life on stage, delighting audiences with a heartfelt performance, stunning sets, and a gifted cast that captured the essence of this timeless story.
- The **MVHS Gold Intensity Dance Team** continued its legacy of excellence by winning **State in the Varsity Pom Division AA** for the **fourth consecutive year**. A recent publication praised the team for their "precision and creativity," noting that their performance "captivated judges and spectators alike" and demonstrated both technical excellence and deep passion for dance.

Sports Highlights:

- **MVHS Boys Basketball** made an impressive run to **Semi-State**, ultimately facing off against **Jeffersonville**, who went on to win the state championship.
- **Luke Ertel**, a **6'3" junior point guard**, was selected as one of **18 players named to the IndyStar Indiana Boys' Junior All-Stars for 2025**, a notable honor.
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Community Connections

- We proudly recognize the **fourth cohort of MV Ambassadors** on their graduation. This group of **21 engaged community members** participated in eight in-depth sessions throughout the year to gain insight into Mt. Vernon's operations and programming. As informed advocates, these ambassadors serve as knowledgeable resources within the community.
- In January, **Superintendent Dr. Jack Parker** and **Assistant Superintendent Mr. Chris Smedley** visited **Zoey's Place Child Advocacy Center** to deepen their understanding of the critical services

provided to children throughout Hancock County, including many of our own students. Moved by the center's mission and impact, they returned inspired to take action and rally support for the organization. We are proud to share that collectively, **MVCSC staff rallied to raise \$1,500 in donations** in support of Zoey's Place.

- **Dr. Parker** also hosted another session of **Traveling Talks** at **Times Bakery**, fostering community dialogue and building stronger connections through open conversations over coffee and donuts.

Donations - Donors in Attendance:

- The **Fortville branch of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)** recently contributed **\$1,000** to the **MVCSC Angel Fund**, which supports students with overdue lunch account balances. This donation was accepted in the consent agenda at the March board meeting. We are honored to welcome **Thomas Bunnell**, who is here representing the VFW.
- The **Fortville American Legion Post #391** has generously donated **\$1,000** to the **MVCSC Angel Fund as well**. This donation is **included in the consent agenda**, which will follow the conclusion of the four reports being shared this evening. Should the board vote to approve the consent agenda, this generous gift will be formally accepted. This marks the American Legion's **fourth donation this year**, totaling **\$4,500** in contributions. We extend our sincere appreciation to the American Legion for their ongoing support. In attendance this evening are: **Niki Cook**- Ladies Auxiliary President, **Brenda Zeis**- Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer, **Jay Zeis**- Mens Auxiliary President, **Stephen Daniel**- Commander

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