



MISSION VALLEY USD 330 HOME OF THE VIKINGS MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER



Even though Punxutawney Phil saw his shadow we know Spring is still quickly approaching which means that the cold, snowy, and icy days of the winter will become a distant memory and with that comes all the newness of Spring. Spring brings many things in education such as new bills from Kansas Legislature, school finance discussions, state testing, preparing for graduation, building class schedules for next year, filling vacancies, class trips, spring athletics, prom, graduation, etc...

In today's world unfortunately we also must stay on a heightened sense of safety and security. This increased level of security is not only for our schools but also in our communities and homes. There are things that each one of us can do to assist in the prevention and/or deter school violence and bullying/harassment. One of the best things that we, as adults, can do is to build meaningful relationships with students. Students who feel they are valued and have an adult that they can communicate with are more likely to make better choices and to express their feelings openly.

It should be stressed to children and young adults the importance of sharing with an adult anything that is concerning or could be an unsafe situation. The value and benefits of building relationships with students is important in so many ways, this includes the safety and security of our school, communities and home. Students and adults can all work together, "If We See or Hear Something--REPORT IT!" Concerning information can be reported to local law enforcement, school administration, Mission Valley SRO or call the **Kansas School Safety Hotline at 877-626-8203**.

Another important thing that we can do is to make sure that social media accounts are being closely monitored for anything that might be a concern. It is recommended that social media accounts such as SnapChat not be used by children because of the difficulty to track information that is being shared. The administration is often notified of social media conflicts between students and asked what "the school" can do about it.

To assist the school with addressing specific events we ask that we receive copies of what is being sent, when it was sent, from where it was sent, etc... Inappropriate messages sent during the school day that originated from MV property or using Mission Valley technology can be handled much easier than messages sent outside of school time, off school property and with personal devices. Can schools discipline for actions off of school property and outside of school time? YES! However, the messages sent need to impede the educational process or cause a disruption in the school environment.

Due to the inclement weather we have experienced which has caused the cancellation of school, USD 330 Mission Valley will be in session on May 14th, 17th, & 18th. Public schools in Kansas are required to have a minimum of 1,116 hours of student contact time.

Here are a couple quick reminders:

- 1) Please remember to download the MV App for your smartphone or other electronic device.
- 2) Please remember to contact the administrative office if your contact address, phone number, email address changes.
- 3) If you would like the monthly District Newsletter emailed or sent directly to you please contact the USD 330 District Office.

Have a great Spring and the remainder of the school 2020-2021 school year.

William J. Clark, Superintendent/Director of Special Services



As we approach the 1-year mark of schools being shut down last Spring it is important to note that all students will forever remember 2020 as the year that the classrooms and campuses closed down. As coronavirus cases surged in the spring and then again in the autumn educators and families did their best to pivot to a socially-distanced Plan B, building a new system of remote instruction overnight in hopes of maintaining learning and community. As with anything in education we have continued to grow, adapt, and learn how to deliver meaningful instruction during this pandemic. We are grateful for the tremendous support from our communities throughout the process of keeping our students learning in the building every day this year while trying to effectively teach those learning from home as well.

Something that has been on my mind as this year goes on is the thought of being empathetic to others. We have all had a tough time for one reason or another over the past year, and I worry that it is affecting how we treat other people at times. It is easy to get caught up in all of the things we have not been able to do without stopping to appreciate what we have and how others may need our support.

Here is part of an article by *Claire Cain Miller*:

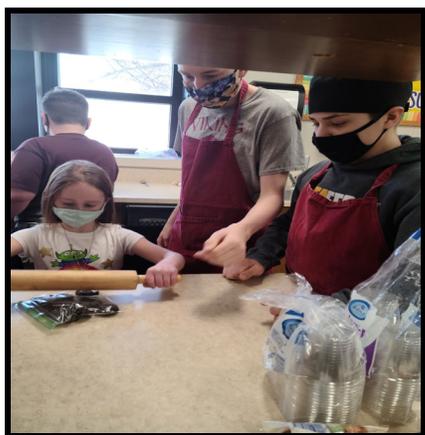
“More and more, we live in bubbles. Most of us are surrounded by people who look like us, vote like us, earn like us, spend money like us, have an education like us, and worship like us. The result is an empathy deficit, and it’s at the root of many of our biggest problems. It’s because of how homogeneous people’s social circles have become, and also because humans naturally hold biases. But researchers have discovered that far from being an immutable trait, empathy can be developed. There are steps people can take to acknowledge their biases and to move beyond their own. So what is empathy? It’s understanding how others feel and being compassionate toward them. It happens when two parts of the brain work together, neuroscientists say — the emotional center perceives the feelings of others and the cognitive center tries to understand why they feel that way and how we can be helpful to them.”

Randy Wild, 9-12 Principal

Mission Valley Elementary celebrated Kindness week February 15-19. We had several activities planned to promote kindness through the building.

Class Meetings: The students focused on kindness during their daily classroom meetings. Some of the questions I heard asked by teachers included “If you see a classmate sad, what could you do to change their mood?” or “What is a way someone has shown kindness to you?”

Kindness in the Kitchen: Mrs. Bergin’s classes hosted each elementary class in the high school for a fun activity that involved a sweet treat. Extra bonus... teacher’s were given a bit of time to themselves to make up for all the indoor recess days they have had to endure! Thank you Mrs. Bergin and students!



Random Acts of Kindness: Mrs. Masilionis invited staff to nominate students that showed a random act of kindness. Great way to show our kids how much we appreciate being kind!

While we did focus a lot on kindness with our students, we also made sure our staff was shown kindness throughout the week through a “Kindness Kart” that served chocolate and pop, and jeans days.

Amy Johnston, K-6 Principal



Unofficial Minutes (subject to Board approval)
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – January 27, 2021

Board President, Jim Rudeen, called the special meeting of the Board of Education of Mission Valley USD #330 to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria at Mission Valley School. Board members present were Clinton Lambotte, Mistina Kraus, Tuff Stephenson, Jacob Durkes and Jon Deters. Clipper Goodrich joined via Zoom. The superintendent and board clerk also attended.

Tuff Stephenson moved, seconded by Clinton Lambotte, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve Option 1 (4 spectators per MV participants and 2 spectators per away participants) as presented for the implementation of more spectators at KSHSAA activities with the addition that the superintendent follow the county guidelines for the given maximum capacity, if/when a change is made by the county then the school will adjust as needed. Motion passed unanimously.

The Back to School Playbook was discussed and there were no changes made.

Tuff Stephenson moved, seconded by Clinton Lambotte, to adjourn the special meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tasha Raine, Board Clerk

Unofficial Minutes (subject to Board approval)
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – February 8, 2021

Board President, Jim Rudeen, called the special meeting of the Board of Education of Mission Valley USD #330 to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria at Mission Valley Schools. Board members present were Mistina Kraus, Clinton Lambotte and Tuff Stephenson. Clipper Goodrich, Jacob Durkes and Jon Deters were absent. The superintendent and board clerk also attended.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Tuff Stephenson, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The purpose of the special meeting was to hold a facility walk through.

Jacob Durkes joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Jon Deters joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to adjourn the special meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Respectfully submitted, Tasha Raine, Board Clerk

Unofficial Minutes (subject to Board approval)
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – February 8, 2021

Board President, Jim Rudeen, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mission Valley USD #330 to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria at Mission Valley Schools. Board members present were Jon Deters, Clinton Lambotte, Jacob Durkes, Tuff Stephenson and Mistina Kraus. Clipper Goodrich was absent. The superintendent and board clerk also attended.

Jon Deters moved, seconded by Mistina Kraus, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Tuff Stephenson moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Items in the consent agenda that were approved include: approval of minutes from the January 11, 2021 special board meeting and regular board meeting and approval of minutes from the January 27, 2021 special board meeting; approval of clerk's report and treasurer's report as presented; approval of warrants in the amount of \$140,927.24; approval of extra duty pay in the amount of \$818.04; approval of transfers from the general fund to the vocational education fund in the amount of \$30,000.00; approval of transfers from the general fund to the at risk fund in the amount of \$20,000; and approval of administrators written reports.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Tuff Stephenson, to approve version #3 for the 2021-22 school calendar. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Tuff Stephenson moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve the recommended policy updates from KASB for policies; EBBD (Evacuations & Emergencies), GAR (Communicable Diseases), JBE (Education Pays), JBE (Waiver of Compulsory Attendance Form), JGCA (Local Health and Wellness), JGCA (Sample District Health and Wellness Plan), JGCC (Communicable Diseases) and JHCAA (Gang Intimidation). Motion passed 6 to 0.

The superintendent gave a COVID-19 update.

The Back to School Playbook was reviewed.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Tuff Stephenson, to approve The Greenbush Virtual Academy for the 2021-22 school year. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Summer projects were reviewed and the board will recommend projects to be performed for the summer at the March board meeting.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Tuff Stephenson, to approve the federal mileage rate of 56 cents per mile. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve a third baseball coach for the 2020-21 baseball season. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Tuff Stephenson, to approve Darin Godfrey as the third baseball coach for the 2020-21 baseball season. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Tuff Stephenson, to approve the 2019-20 audit report performed by Summers, Spencer & Company, P.A. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Tuff Stephenson, to approve moving forward with applying for the 4 year old at risk program. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Mrs. Johnston, Mr. Hasenbank and Mr. Wild gave building and program reports.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Tuff Stephenson, to approve the retirement of Rita Swenson at the end of the 2020-21 school year and to approve the hiring of Cade Fiske as the Vocational Agriculture teacher/FFA Sponsor beginning the 2021-22 school year. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Tuff Stephenson moved, seconded by Clinton Lambotte, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tasha Raine, Board Clerk



Junior High Quiz Bowl has ended up delayed due to several snow days. We missed the first meet due to a snow day. The second meet was held on February 1. The A-Team finished in third place after a close match. The B-Team finished in fourth place. The next meet was held on February 18 after several snow delays. The A-Team placed fourth and the B-Team placed second. We will host a meet on February 22 and the final league event will be held on March 1 (hopefully).

Eighth Grade Quiz Bowl



**Front Row: Ava Gustin,
Adaline Bloomfield,
and Jena Grame
Back Row: Autumn Goldsmith,
Conner Hoelting, and
Kylee Jacobson**



2021

HUNTER EDUCATION

LOCATION: Mission Valley High School

Type: Internet-assisted Hunter Ed Course

Date: Saturday, March 20, 2021

Contact: Bruce Schlesener Elvin VanMeter

Phone: (785)256-6652 (785)449-2607

Email: jj Schlesener@aol.com etvanmeter@kansas.net

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Class Description: **This is a two part class.**

- 1) Complete the online hunter education course.
- 2) Attend the Field Day and Testing Session.

Students must pre-register. Class is limited to 40 students.

In order to receive four hours credit (of the 10 hour minimum required by law) all students will be tested over the Internet course material. This test will be administered at the beginning of the **Field Day**. A passing score of 22 correct answers out of 25 questions is required to proceed with the rest of the course. **Students failing to achieve the minimum score of 22 will be dismissed from the class.**

Students should wear appropriate clothing for the outside Field Day and Shooting Activities.

****Lunch will be donated by the MV FFA or you're welcome to bring your own.**



“I’m a great believer in *luck*, and I find the harder I work, the more *luck* I have.”
— Thomas Jefferson

The month of February has come and gone, and March is looming at our doorstep. The ACT was administered and completed in February providing all the juniors opportunities to take the college-admission level exam for free. The ACT Workkeys will be administered on March 4, 2021 (results will be available right after testing). Results for the ACT will be provided 3-8 weeks after the test was administered (Feb. 23, 2021).

With March comes the hopes of spring, great sunrises on your way to work/school, a big break in the middle, and 2 months left of school before the summer break. There is still a lot to be done to help students in their college/career readiness, their preparation for Fall 2021 enrollment, and helping the seniors transition into their next chapter in life.

ASVAB interpretation was completed on February 22, 2021. All of the sophomores who took the ASVAB will be bringing home a copy of their test scores as well as the Career Exploration Program (CEP) results provided from the interpretation administered by the U.S. Army.

As always, thank you for your help with making our school and our students great.



Scholarship(s) Are Still A Focus!!!

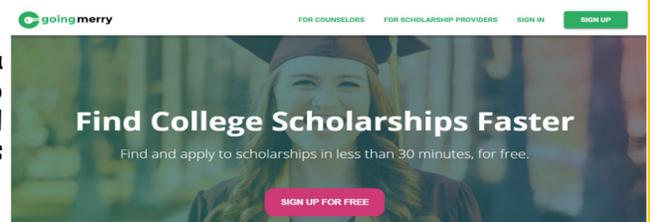
Time is passing quicker and quicker it seems, and soon our seniors will be graduating. Because of this, securing the seniors financial requirements for post-secondary education is vital. If your child is thinking about or will be attending a post-secondary educational institution, it is time to focus on scholarships, financial aid information, and the steps the students should already be taking to ensure that their college experience does not include high levels of indebtedness.

Scholarship help can be found in the Mission Valley scholarship listing by going to this website:

<https://www.mv330.org/scholarship-information--37>

Just a reminder, all of the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors have received emails from me regarding multiple scholarship opportunities (local, state, and federal level). Two major scholarship websites are shown below, and I have information on both if requested.

1. They have all received an invite to www.goingmerry.com. This is a free website, and is a 'one-stop-shop' that allows students to do one application for many different scholarships, and it will continually provide new scholarships that Mission Valley students qualify.



2. Fastweb (www.fastweb.com) is a free website that focuses on scholarships, college searches, FAFSA/Financial Aid, and job searching.



Other websites for scholarship/financial resources:

Mycollegemoneyplan.org

Cashcourse.org

Collegescorecard.ed.gov

Net Price Calculators

KSdegreestats.org

Studentaid.ed.gov

Financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE VISITS:



Admissions Representative will be on campus March 4, 2021 during 6th hour in Mrs. Hoelting's classroom

As always, my contact information is: Mr. Jamey Hancock @ 866-557-6686 x230 or e-mail jhancock@mv330.org with questions.

Busy February for FCCLA & FCS Classes!

It's been a big month in the FCS room! From District D Elections and Awards Results to having a Dirt Cake Day with the elementary, it sure has been a lot of fun this February!

Mission Valley received the District D Power of One Award for most units completed per member! Along with this, our chapter also received the STAR Event award for the largest percentage of our chapter competing in STAR Events.

District D STAR Event Results:

Clara Johnston earned gold and is the State Qualifier in Chapter in Review Portfolio!

Megan Deters earned top silver and is the State Qualifier in Sports Nutrition!

Karlyn Gustin earned gold and is the State Qualifier in Job Interview!

Athena White earned top silver and is the State Qualifier in Leadership!

Kiki Widau & Paige Sims earned gold and are State Qualifiers in Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation!

Emma Slade and Lucy Bryan earned gold and were runners-up in Focus on Children!

Finally, Megan was one of two members to earn the District D Scholarship!

Results for elections:

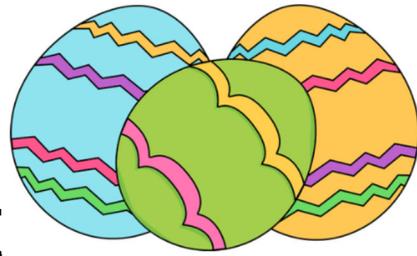
Clara will serve as District D VP of Publicity and Karlyn will move on as a State Officer Candidate.

Congratulations to all of these girls for representing Mission Valley so well!



By: Megan Deters, VP of Public Relations

Dover Egg Hunt



Sponsored by Dover PRIDE

Everyone is welcome to join us on Saturday, March 27 @ 11:00 AM behind the Dover Community Center for our community egg hunt!

- Ages 0-12 are welcome to hunt.
- Be sure to bring a basket and a camera.
- Please wear a mask and plan to socially distance.
- Hunt will be moved indoors if the weather is bad.



Mission Valley Schools

USD #330

Early Childhood Screening

March 25, 2021

- **Early Childhood Screenings** will be conducted for children ages 3-5 who reside in the district. Following the screening, if there are suspected delays in one or more areas listed below further information will be given:
 - ◇ Motor
 - ◇ Speech/Language
 - ◇ Cognitive
 - ◇ Social-Emotional
- If no suspected delays are present, information about possible peer model slots will be provided
- **Additional Preschool options may be available for the 2021/2022 school year!!! All preschool aged children are encouraged to attend the screening. If you have specific questions regarding your child's birthday and whether or not they should attend please contact the Special Services office at the number listed below.**
- To schedule an appointment:
 - ◇ Call: (866) 557-6686 option 4
 - ◇ Email: bbecker@mv330.org

The Mission Valley School District, USD 330, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries or complaints regarding the non-discrimination policies including requests for accommodations or access to a District facility to participate in a program, activity, or service: William J. Clark, Mission Valley, USD 330, 511 East 2nd Avenue, PO Box 158, Eskridge, Kansas 66423, Phone: 785/449-2297 or 785/449-2293. For further information about anti-discrimination laws and regulations, or to file a complaint of discrimination with the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education, please contact OCR at (816)268--0550 (voice), or (877)521-2172 (telecommunications device for the deaf), or ocr.kansascity@ed.gov



Providing Services and Supports to Children with Developmental Delays and Their Families

Have you ever wondered if your child plays like other children her age?

Have you felt like your toddler's behavior is getting out of control?

Does your child get frustrated when you can't understand him?

Infant Toddler Services, also known as Tiny-K, provides services to Infants and Toddlers with developmental delays and their families. Your local program employs early interventionists with backgrounds in Early Childhood Special Education, Speech/Language Pathology, and Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy. We are available to answer questions about your child's development, conduct developmental evaluations, and if a developmental delay exists, provide ongoing support and assistance. All services through this program are provided at no cost to families.

The first three years of life are so important to your child's later development. Early experiences matter! Please contact us with your questions... POTTAWATOMIE/WABAUNSEE INFANT-TODDLER SERVICES (785) 456-7366 ITS@usd320.com

Dillon's Community Rewards

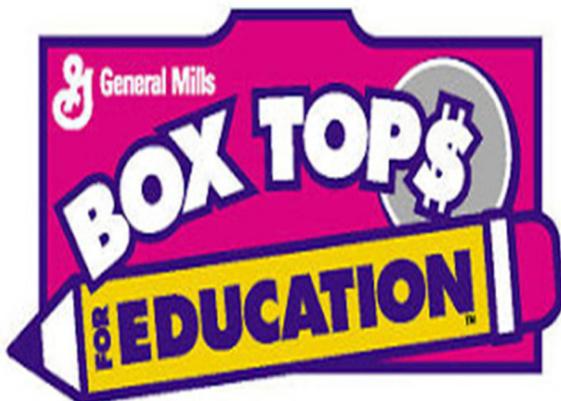


Do you shop at Dillon's? If so, you can help our school each time you buy groceries! Mission Valley PTO has teamed up with the Dillon's Community Rewards program, which will donate a portion of your sale purchases to our PTO. After doing a one-time enrollment, each time you shop for groceries and swipe your Dillon's Plus card, Mission Valley PTO will automatically start earning a rebate. This DOES NOT take away or affect any fuel points you earn.

It only takes a few minutes to sign up:

1. Go to www.dillons.com.
2. Under the "Save" tab, go to "Community Rewards Program."
3. Click on "I'm a Customer."
4. Login or set up an account in order to link your Dillon's Plus card.
5. Search for Mission Valley PTO or our code, FL702, and click "Enroll."

Please pass the word to your family and friends of this easy way to help our school! If you have questions or difficulty, please email: mvpto@mv330.org. Thanks for supporting Mission Valley PTO!



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS!!!

Mission Valley PTO collects Box Tops to raise money for our school.

The money we earn from the Box Tops that you help us with, makes a BIG difference!! There is an app that you can download & then scan your receipt. The app is Box Tops for Education & is very easy to use!! Once you download the app, you will have to sign up for FREE & then you can start scanning your receipts. We hope you will continue to help us by scanning your receipts when you make a purchase with an item that qualifies for Box Tops.

We appreciate your support to the Mission Valley K-12 PTO!!

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 JH Quiz Bowl @ West Franklin 4:30 pm	2 Individual-Group-JH Wrestling Pictures JH Wrestling @ MV 4 pm	3 FFA Ag Mechanics @ Louisburg	4 ACT Workkey Online @ MV 8:15 am-Noon UTI Rep @ MV in Ag Building 1-2 p	5	6 JH Wrestling @ Chase County 9:30 am
HS BB Sub-State @ TBD			HS BB Sub-State @ MV			
7	8 Elementary Site Council @ MV 6-7 pm BOE Mtg. @ MV 7 pm	9 ACT (make-up) @ MV	10 ACT (make-up) @ MV	11 ACT (make-up) @ MV	12 JH/HS Band Performance for 4th-6th grade @ MV 10:30-11:30	13
HS BB State @ TBD						
14 	15	16	17 	18	19	20 Hunter Safety Course @ MV 8 am-5 pm SPRING BEGINS
NO SCHOOL—SPRING BREAK						
21	22 NO SCHOOL Staff Development	23 Book Club Series Party in the HS Library @ MV	24	25* Preschool Screening @ MV HS Baseball @ Eskridge Vs. Chase County 3:30 pm	26 FSCC Aggie Days @ Fort Scott	27
28	29	30 HS Forensics FHL @ Northern Heights 2 pm	31 FFA Speech Contest @ Spring Hill	25th* HS Softball @ Harveyville Vs. Chase County 4:30 pm		

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