

MISSION VALLEY USD 330 HOME OF THE VIKINGS OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



October is here, the temperatures and leaves are both starting to drop, the smells of Fall are in the air and the 2021-2022 school year is already approaching one-quarter completed. As always it has been fantastic seeing the students again, attending school events, and having the opportunity to visit with our great parent(s) & patron(s). I believe this has been one of the better starts of the school year that I have experienced. Kicking off the school year with the Back to School Pep Rally and then the Community Pep Rally was outstanding and showed how committed and awesome the Viking Family is. Students, parents, and staff all pitched in to make those events truly memorable.

Over the past several years USD 330 Mission Valley has completed facility projects in an attempt to keep the school updated, to improve safety/security, to expand learning opportunities, etc... These projects included an \$800,000 upgrade to HVAC, \$300,000 renovation to the high school which included replacing interior walls, new exterior windows, new ductwork and other upgrades. We are in the process of completing \$300,000 worth of renovations at the elementary school which included updating the PK playground, new security entrance, and updating the flooring, lights, and air ducts in the old locker rooms. We have also put in a new sidewalk and outdoor shelter at the football field, resurfaced the parking lot, installed new fume collectors in the Ag Shop, installed additional security cameras in several areas, and with significant help from grants managed to bring fiber optic into the school at the cost of over \$600,000.

USD 330 Mission Valley is in its final years of paying off our current bond which financed the building of our newest facilities (elementary, main gym, junior high locker rooms, and 4 additional classrooms used by the 7-12) almost 20 years ago. We are approaching a critical point where it is time to start thinking and talking about such things as:

- What will the students, staff, families, and patrons of Mission Valley need for the next 10, 20, 30, 50+ years?
- What do we need to do to ensure that we have the right facilities and infrastructure in place to continue to provide our students the best opportunities possible?
- What visions do you have for Mission Valley?

The Board of Education has asked me to begin gathering your input about the facilities. To begin this process the facilities will be fully open and available for you to walk-thru from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 17th and then again on Thursday, October 21st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. I will have a short presentation at the beginning of each session and then after your walkthrough provide some input back to me that I then can relay to the Board. The sole purpose of this is to allow you to see our current school facilities, allow you to envision and give me feedback on what you believe will be needed for the future of Mission Valley.

As always, thank you for your tremendous support of Mission Valley Schools and I look forward to the continued fantastic relationship amongst our Viking Family. GO VIKINGS!

William J. Clark, Superintendent/SPED Director

Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 20th and 21st. 4:00pm-8:00pm

Our conferences are centered around an Advisory Model. Your students Viking Hour Teacher will be reaching out to you soon in order to schedule your conference date and time. Seniors will be student-led so the seniors will have a presentation ready for you about their plans for the remainder of the year as well as plans after high school. 7th-11th Grade students will have a checklist to follow that their advisor will help them go over throughout the meeting.

We will have blocks of time for parents to go around the building and meet/talk to other teachers besides their student's advisor as well.

Parent's involvement in their child's education is vital to the overall success of the student. We have amazing teachers here at Mission Valley who have worked hard to provide you and your child with advice in order for them to leave Mission Valley on a pathway for success.

School Communication

Please contact the office in order to update your emails, phone numbers and sign up to receive any of our alerts through social media, text, or email.

Follow our Facebook page: Mission Valley USD #330

Youtube: 23/09/21 - HS Announcements https://youtu.be/lpKcgLGTbl8

Our students are creating great daily announcements for our communities. Please search MV Events on YouTube and click the SUBSCRIBE

button and then the bell to receive alerts. We are so proud of this added layer of communication our students have taken ownership in!

Randy Wild, 7-12 Principal

5 Important Facts About Parent Involvement l. Parent Involvement boosts student achievement 2. Parent Involvement is actually a better predictor of academic success than standardized tests. 3. Parent Involvement is defined as "any variety of activities that allow parents to participate in the educational process at home or in the school" 4. Parent Involvement declines as students age. 5. Teachers and Schools can overcome barriers to parent involvement by reaching out and building trusting relationships.

Washburn OT Students

MVE is again partnering with Washburn University's Occupational Therapist Department. Throughout Sept and Oct we will have 6 of their students in our building obtaining required observation hours. This year we have them observing in Preschool, 1st grade, 3rd grade, and 5th grade.

Livingtree

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences have been scheduled and sent home to families. These will take place on October 20th & 21st. Elementary teachers schedule each student a twenty minute time slot to share successes and/or concerns.

Halloween Plans

We will have our class Halloween parties on Friday, Oct 29th. The parade will begin at 2:30 and class parties will follow the parade. Weather permitting, we will hold the parade and class parties outside, as we did last year. If the weather does not cooperate, we will either use the gyms or classrooms.

Topic of the month: GEI

GEI stands for General Education Intervention

GEI team: Johnston (principal), Kemp (Rdg & Math interventionist), Burnett (school psychologist), & Masilionis (elem counselor/social worker)

Purpose: When a student is struggling academically (low or high end) or social/emotional and the teacher feels they are out of ideas, the GEI team meets with the teacher to brainstorm and set goals to improve in the area of need.

Then what? The teacher and team meet back in 6-8 weeks. If we are meeting the needs of the student, we either set our next goals to continue to close the gap or adjust our goals if needed. Typically, if we have 3 or more times of no growth, the team and teacher will discuss if an evaluation should be completed to get more information.

What does an evaluation tell you? It can tell us if there is a need for a more appropriate GEI goal or, possibly, a conversation with related staff and parents if special education should be considered.

How many elementary students are in the GEI process?

- K-2: 9 (7 students are on watch)
- 3-6: 14 (3 students are on watch)

Amy Johnston, K-6 Principal



Unofficial Minutes (subject to Board approval) SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – September 13, 2021

President, Jacob Durkes called the special meeting of the Board of Education of Mission Valley USD #330 to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Mission Valley Elementary Commons. Board members present were Clinton Lambotte, Jon Deters, Mistina Kraus, Jim Rudeen and Clipper Goodrich. Tuff Stephenson was absent. The superintendent and board clerk also attended.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a hearing for the 2021-22 Revenue Neutral Rate resolution.

Jim Rudeen moved, seconded by Clipper Goodrich, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Clinton Lambotte, to adopt the resolution for the 2021-22 Revenue Neutral Rate as published and presented. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Jim Rudeen moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tasha Raine, Board Clerk

Unofficial Minutes (subject to Board approval) SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – September 13, 2021

President, Jacob Durkes called the special meeting of the Board of Education of Mission Valley USD #330 to order at 6:45 p.m. in the Mission Valley Elementary Commons. Board members present were Clinton Lambotte, Jon Deters, Mistina Kraus, Jim Rudeen and Clipper Goodrich. Tuff Stephenson was absent. The superintendent and board clerk also attended.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a hearing for the 2021-22 budget.

Jim Rudeen moved, seconded by Clipper Goodrich, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Mistina Kraus, to adopt the 2021-22 budget as published and presented. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Jim Rudeen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tasha Raine, Board Clerk

Unofficial Minutes (subject to Board approval) REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – September 13, 2021

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

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

Shay Foster and Nick Beasterfeld introduced themselves. Both are running for school board positions.

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

Items in the consent agenda that were approved include: approval of minutes of the August 9, 2021 regular board meeting; approval of clerk's report and treasurer's report as presented; approval of warrants in the amount of \$204,708.39; approval of extra duty pay in the amount of \$19,468.36; approval of transfers from the general fund to the voc ed fund in the amount of \$40,000; approval of the hiring of Kristen Hill and Leslee Harp as paraprofessionals and approval of administrators written reports as presented.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Clipper Goodrich, to approve the list of out of district students as presented. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Mistina Kraus moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve certified negotiations for 2021-22. The agreement includes \$2500 added to all cells on the salary schedule and a \$500 retention payment to be paid in 2 installments. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Jon Deters moved, seconded by Jim Rudeen, to approve the Board Clerk and Treasurer Job descriptions as presented. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Jim Rudeen, to approve the USD 330 COVID testing program. Administrators will be responsible for making sure "quarantined" students congregate together during lunch and recess in order to social distance from those not quarantined. Motion passed 4 to 2, with Clinton Lambotte and Clipper Goodrich voting no.

Mistina Kraus left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Jim Rudeen, to approve the presented list of property to be sold through a sealed bid process. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Mistina Kraus joined the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Bids for a new transportation truck and the value of the current truck will be presented at the October regular board meeting.

Jim Rudeen moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve the hiring of a third high school volleyball coach. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Mission Valley USD 330 applied for an extension on the ESSER III application

The list of certified sick leave owed back due to rounding discrepancies was reviewed.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Clinton Lambotte, to approve retention pay of \$500 for classified staff as presented to be paid in two installments. Motion passed 6 to 0.

There was discussion of forming a board committee to review classified salaries and raises each year.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Clipper Goodrich, to approve retention pay of \$500 for administration and the superintendent as presented to be paid in two installments. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Clipper Goodrich, to go into executive session at 8:59 p.m. to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and that they return to open session in the same room at 9:14 p.m. Motion passed 6 to 0. The superintendent also attended.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:14 p.m.

It was agreed to have the same board committee review administration salaries and raises each year as discussed above for classified staff.

The superintendent contract was reviewed.

Jon Deters moved, seconded by Clinton Lambotte, to approve the low incidence stipend in the amount of \$5000 per semester. Motion passed 6 to 0.

The Transportation Director/Payroll Clerk job description was reviewed.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Mistina Kraus, to approve the Title I parent meeting date to be held on Wednesday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m. Motion passed 6 to 0.

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

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Clipper Goodrich, to go into executive session at 9:43 p.m. to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorable affecting a student under KOMA, and that they return to open session in the same room at 9:53 p.m. Motion passed 6 to 0. The superintendent and Mrs. Johnston also attended.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:53 p.m.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Jim Rudeen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tasha Raine, Board Clerk





"The IMPORTANT question is not how assessment is DEFINED, but whether assessment INFORMATION is USED..." - Palomba and Banta

Welcome to the October edition of the newsletter. I hope that the information that I am sending out to you is beneficial. If you have any questions about any thing that the counseling department is doing, trying to accomplish, or you have suggestions, please feel free to email me or call me.

October is going to be a busy month. Starting off in the 1st full week is the 'Apply KS' event on October 1, 2021 and ACT District Testing on October 5th. In the second week, we have the PSAT/NMSQT assessment on October 13, 2021, and the third week we have the ACT Workkeys for the juniors (free) on October 19, 2021. Parent/Teacher conferences on the 20th/21st for 7-11th grades, and student-led conferences for the seniors.

Assessments

The following assessments are going to be administered here at MVHS:

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB - September 30, 2021) - The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple choice test, administered by the United States Military Entrance Processing Command, used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces. We use the ASVAB to help students recognize strengths, abilities, capabilities, interests, and skill sets. To learn more about the ASVAB, please click here. <a href="Any sophomore that takes the ASVAB will not have their test scores sent to the military. It is only as a junior/senior will any ASVAB test scores be sent to the military.

ACT District Testing (October 5, 2021) - High school sophomores through seniors. The ACT District Testing is offered during the school day at a discounted rate (\$42.50) per student (except for those who are taking the ACT Prep course). This is a standardized academic evaluatory test that is used by a majority of colleges and universities as an admissions and placement tool. The test is administered by the school and the students are scored in 4 specific areas (english, math, reading, science) plus a STEM area. Students can obtain a 'superscore' if they take more than one ACT. The 'superscore' is where ACT takes the highest scores in each area and creates an overall score (composite) for the student to present to future colleges and universities. To learn more about ACT District Testing, please click here.

PSAT/NMSQT (October 13, 2021) - High school sophomores and juniors. The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (**PSAT/NMSQT**) is a standardized test administered by the College Board and cosponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) in the United States. To learn more about the PSAT/NMSQT, please click here. **A student has** to take this two years in a row in order to qualify for any of the National Merit Scholarships.

ACT Workkeys (Juniors - Free - October 19, 2021) - The ACT Workkeys is a standardized academic evaluatory test that is used by a majority of junior colleges and vocational technical colleges as an admissions and placement tool. This test is 'FREE' to juniors as it is paid for by the State of Kansas (not the district). This assessment 4 testing areas: graphic literacy, applied mathematics, workplace documents, and applied technology. To learn more about the ACT Workkeys you can click here.

ApplyKS Event - 10/1/2021

The first step in going to college is to apply! For many students, applying to college can be a daunting task, but it can be particularly overwhelming for students who may be the first in their family to pursue post-secondary educational dreams or have yet to consider their plans after high school. Apply Kansas, is our annual statewide campaign in which high schools conduct events to help seniors apply to college with their peers and with help, guidance and a cheering squad from school staff, local community supporters, and post-secondary volunteers. In partnership with the American College Application Campaign, Apply Kansas is a month-long, state-wide initiative to increase the number of students applying, enrolling and succeeding in college or other post-secondary goals.

Parent/Guardian - If you would like to attend the ApplyKS event to assist your senior in the application process, please let me know. Some applications have associated costs, and the students often do not plan on having a means to pay for the application during this event

For more information go here: https://www.kansasregents.org/students/apply-kansas



Viking HOUR



The Viking HOUR is now 5 days a week. This means that there will no longer be a seminar and an advisory period, just Viking HOUR. Viking HOUR will focus on college/career readiness, academic improvement, employability skills, and socio-emotional growth.

This is just one avenue that the counseling department will be using to address the Socio-Emotional Character & Development standards created by the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL) (both are known as

Socio-Emotional Growth or SEG) has found its way into all aspects of the educational curriculum to insure that our students are being given many opportunities to develop the necessary relationship-building, communication, and coping skills in order to meet the rigor and relevance of their academic and vocational goals starting this fall 2021 and continuing with future classes.

The lessons and assignments are geared to fit the student at their specific grade/age level. The students will have each month to complete the assignments that are assigned to them monthly, and the core lessons are needed to be completed by the end of each semester.

Students MUST complete these requirements during the 9 weeks/semester or it will affect their eligibility status within KSHSAA and extracurricular activities.

Mr. Hancock's Website

Please visit the counselor's website found here: https://www.mv330.org/page/mv-counselor

Here you will find web pages for the students, parents/guardians, and anyone else within the district to view in regards academic, scholarship, 'post-secondary career information' and 'collegiate information.' Within these pages are a compilation of information that is often scattered around the internet and brought to your fingertips.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE VISITS:



Kansas Wesleyan University Admissions Representative will be on campus on 10/11/2021 during lunch period in the commons

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

T HAPPENS EVERY SUMMER

Mission Valley Jr./Sr. High School Drama will be presenting "It Happens Every Summer" by David Rogers for this year's play. This comedy follows a group of college girls working as guest editors for the June issue of *Debutante* magazine. This year the girls are wackier and more wonderful than ever! Come support this group of talented students on Saturday, November 20th, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, November 21st, at 2:30 PM.



FCCLA

The FCCLA members took an overnight trip to Manhattan for the Take AIM Conference, where Miss Kansas was a keynote speaker! They also ran a temporary tattoo parlor for the Community Pep Rally Family Night! Their next community service event will be a hygiene drive to put carts in our school's bathrooms, so remember to bring donations to help out! (Spray deodorant, feminine products, body spray, etc.)

By Lucy Bryan







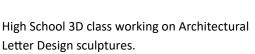
Please encourage your Viking family and friends to visit our digital art gallery. Grandparents and extended family may become fans to see work created by our kindergarten through 12th grade artists. Thank you for supporting our talented students as they explore creative problem solving.

High School 2D art class working on mixing colors with frosting and vanilla wafers as a warm up for their next project.



Dagan Murray, Talia Lira & Kale McCart

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Elsie Foster Chris Cain







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

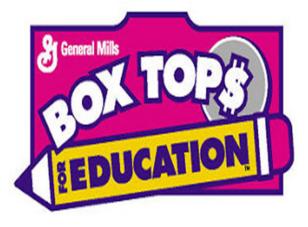


Do you shop at Dillon's? If so, you can help our school each time you buy groceries! Mission Valley PTO has teamed up with the Dillon's Community Rewards program, which will donate a portion of your sale purchases to our PTO. After doing a one-time enrollment, each time you shop for groceries and swipe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

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5th* ACT Testing/ Paper 8:15-12:15 KSHSAA FB District Mtg. @ Salina 10 am	7th* JH FB Vs. Chase County 6:30 pm 8th Grade Recognition	11th* JH FB @ Burlingame 6:30 pm	14th* JH FB Vs. Manhattan JH 6:30 pm JH VB Vs. Central Heights 4:30 pm		ApplyKansas for Seniors 2-3 pm HS FB Vs. Silver Lake @ 7 pm	2
3	4 Student Pictures PTO @ MV 6-7 pm	5* HS VB @ Central Heights 5 pm FCCLA State Board of Directors Mtg. @ Salina	6 SportsWorld Assembly 7-12 grade 1-3:30 pm	JH/HS X-Ctry @ Osage CC 4 pm JH VB Vs. Chase County 4:30 8th Grade Recognition	8 HS FB @ Oskaloosa 7 pm	9 HS VB @ Holton 9 am Hunter Safety @ MV 8-5
10	11* HS VB @ Burlingame 5 p JV HS FB Vs. N. Heights 6 pm BOE Mtg. 7 pm	12 HS VB Vs. Chase County 5 pm Senior Recognition	13 PSAT/NMSQT @ MV 8:15 am— 12:15 pm	14* JH X-Ctry FHJL/LCL @ N. Lyon Cty. 4 pm HS X-Ctry FHL @ N. Heights 4 p	15 End of 1st Quarter HS FB @ McLouth 7 pm	16 HS VB FHL @ W. Franklin 9 am JH VB FHJL @ Council Grove 9 am
17	18 NO SCHOOL Staff Develop/ Grade Prep	19 ACT Workkeys Online 8:15-Noon	20 MV on the Field Marching Festival @ MV 10 am	. 4-8 pm	22 NO SCHOOL COMP Day HS FB Vs. Rossville 7 pm	23 HS X-Ctry Regional HS VB Sub-State
24	25 Stuco Blood Drive JH Vocal FHJL @ ESU	26	27	28 1st Grade Field Trip @ Gary"s Berries	29* HS FB Bracket Game 7 pm HS VB-	30 * −State
31		National FFA Convention $egin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$				
MAPPY MALLOWESK					PK-6th Halloween Parade/Class Parties 2:30-3:30 pm	HS X-Ctry State @ Victoria-Sand Plum Nature Trail

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