



MISSION VALLEY USD 330 HOME OF THE VIKINGS NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



VIKING FAMILY—Here we are, the first 9-weeks of the 21-22 school year has come to a close and we are quickly moving into the second 9-weeks and soon will be ending the 1st semester. It is great to finally feel that life at Mission Valley is returning to pre-pandemic times.

As we continue to move forward at Mission Valley there will be times when opportunities are presented to us and we will need to make some tough decisions on which way we will go. As in the poem, *The Road Not Taken*, by the great Robert Frost he ends with, “Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.” The decisions that we make as educators, as parents, as patrons of the district can have a far reaching impact into the future and can make all the difference for the students of USD 330 Mission Valley.

Fifty years ago the patrons of the district made the decision to build a high school to serve the students of the newly formed USD 330 school district. Then approximately 30 years later the patrons of USD 330 Mission Valley made the decision to pass a bond which gave us the “new” K-8 facilities. Now, almost 20 years after deciding to build the K-8 facility we are approaching another time of opportunity.

At the October Board of Education meeting it was presented by the company who handles the districts’ bonds (Piper-Sandler) that the final payment on the bond, that was used to build the K-8 facilities, is scheduled to be made in September of 2023. In addition to that information, the board also was informed that a \$10 million facility project could be done without impacting the current mill levy. According to Piper-Sandler, one of the main reasons that this opportunity exists is because of the excellent state that the district budget is in and the fact that interest rates continue to remain low.

The current USD 330 Mission Valley mill levy is 58.475. Of that 58.475 mills, 11.169 mills are applied to the Bond & Interest payment. Over the past 7 years the total mill levy assessed to USD 330 tax payers by the school district has decreased each year which has resulted in a total reduction of 2.897 mills. If the current bond is paid off then USD 330 taxpayers would see a reduction of 11.169 mills in the tax levy assessed by the district.

What does 11.169 mills equate to?

- *For a \$100,000 house 11.169 mills equals \$128.44/year of taxes.
- *For a \$100,000 business 11.169 equals \$279.23/year of taxes.
- *For 160 acres of dry crop land 11.169 mills equals \$225.17/year of taxes.
- *For 160 acres of grassland 11.169 mills equals \$36.46/year of taxes.

With the information presented by Piper-Sandler that the district has the opportunity to look at doing facility upgrades with little or no impact to the current mill levy, I have recently started to meet with others, as well as, conduct short surveys in attempt to gather information for the Board of what the vision of the stakeholders are for USD 330 Mission Valley.

This preliminary information will be presented to the Board at the November 8th meeting. If you have not done so already, and would like to provide your input in regards to your vision on the possible facility projects in the future please feel free to contact me at any time. In addition, please contact me if you would like to schedule a time to meet with me to review the information presented by Piper-Sandler and provide additional factual information.

It is my goal to make sure that each patron of the district is informed about the possibility of significant school facility improvements and upgrades that will impact all the children who attend Mission Valley for 5, 10, 25, 50+ years from now.

Have a great November and thank you for your continued support of USD 330 Mission Valley Schools.

Viking Family,

The First Quarter of the year has flown by already! We have had a great start to the 2021-2022 school year! Mission Valley Jr/Sr High School has seen positive growth so far this school year in a variety of areas when compared to the Fall of 2020. We have increased our daily attendance rate, we have cut our tardies down by 50%, our weekly failing grade list has averaged single-digit numbers compared to 25+ last Fall. Our district testing has shown at least 10% improvement across all subject areas in the number of students scoring below average in reading, math, and science.

These improvements are a direct result of our building working together, problem-solving, and dedicating ourselves to the betterment of our student population.

- Our Parent-Teacher Conference Advisory model went well for the first semester once again this year. Seniors created a presentation for their parents while 7th-11th Grades conducted student-led conferences defending their grades, and progress at school to this point. Key topics were discussed to guide the students until the 2nd Semester Conferences take place later this year. Our Viking Hour Career/College Readiness Advisors did a fantastic job with these procedures and we will continue to improve this system as we go.
- One of our main goals here at MVJSHS is to make sure our students are prepared to chase and achieve their goals/dreams when they leave our building.

Thank you to the Mission Valley community for your continued support of our building this school year. I am truly honored to be a part of this team and work alongside our staff and students each day. I look forward to our continued partnerships this year while we work on strategies to better serve our Mission Valley community!

Randy Wild, 7-12 Principal

**Unofficial Minutes (subject to Board approval)
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – October 11, 2021**

Jacob Durkes called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mission Valley USD #330 to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Mission Valley Elementary Commons. Board members present were Mistina Kraus, Clinton Lambotte and Jon Deters. Clipper Goodrich, Jim Rudeen and Tuff Stephenson were absent. The superintendent and board clerk also attended.

Reagan Whitten, fifth grade teacher, presented and read a letter of her right to claim a religious exemption from future mandatory COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

Tuff Stephenson joined the meeting via Zoom at 7:06 p.m.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 5 to 0.

OPAA! presented information on the struggles facing food availability and delivery. Clayton Kelley with Piper Sandler gave an update on our current bonds. Clara Johnston spoke about the upcoming National Conference FCCLA trip to Washington D.C.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Items in the consent agenda that were approved include: approval of minutes of the September 13, 2021 special board meetings and the September 13, 2021 regular board meeting; approval of clerk's report and treasurer's report as presented; approval of warrants in the amount of \$132,648.76; approval of extra duty pay in the amount of \$3,340.56; approval of transfers from the general fund to the vocation education fund in the amount of \$40,000.00; approval of administrators written reports as presented; approval of the termination of Kristen Hill as paraprofessional and approval of the hiring then the termination of Ashley Christiansen as paraprofessional.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve that bids be sent out for a new transportation truck. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve the sale of district property to the highest bidders as presented. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Tuff Stephenson left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Jon Deters moved, seconded by Clinton Lambotte, to approve a \$0.64/hour raise for all eligible classified staff and to increase the fringe benefit by \$84/month for 12 month classified staff from \$376 to \$460/month and to increase the fringe benefit by \$50/month for all other eligible classified staff from \$376 to \$426/month. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Mistina Kraus, to go into executive session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss administrative salaries pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and that they return to open session in the same room at 8:35 p.m. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:35 p.m.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to go back into executive session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss administrative salaries pursuant to non-elected

personnel exception under KOMA, and that they return to open session in the same room at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed 4 to 0. The superintendent also attended.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:00 p.m.

Mistina Kraus moved, seconded by Clinton Lambotte, to go back into executive session at 9:02 p.m. to discuss administrative salaries pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and that they return to open session in the same room at 9:12 p.m. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The board clerk joined the executive session at 9:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:12 p.m.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Clinton Lambotte, to go back into executive session at 9:14 p.m. to discuss administrative salaries pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and that they return to open session in the same room at 9:29 p.m. Motion passed 4 to 0. The superintendent, Amy Johnston and Randy Wild also attended.

The superintendent, Amy Johnston and Randy Wild left executive session at 9:24 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:29 p.m.

Mistina Kraus moved, seconded by Jacob Durkes, to approve the following salary increases; Randy Wild with an increase of \$6,000 to his contract, Amy Johnston with an increase of \$3,000 to her contract; a \$700 per month stipend for Randy Wild, Amy Johnston and William Clark beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Mistina Kraus, to approve the transportation supervisor/payroll clerk job description as presented. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Mistina Kraus, to approve that bids be sent out for a new bus for the 2022-23 school year. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Mistina Kraus moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve a position for a 3rd JH boys' basketball coach for the 2021-22 season. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Mistina Kraus, to approve the donations from The Dover Foundation in the amounts of \$3700 for the 7-12 graders to attend the Auschwitz event at Union Station in KC and a \$2000 donation to support MV FFA SAE projects. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve the donation of a shotgun to the Trap Team to be raffled off. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Mistina Kraus, to approve the placement of State Traffic Law signs on school property. Motion passed 4 to 0.

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

Clinton Lambotte moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tasha Raine, Board Clerk



Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.
~~ Unknown

The month of October has come and gone and throughout the rest of the semester the counseling department will be focused on finishing up the PreACT for freshmen, and completing the KCTC survey for the 8th, 10th, and 12th grades. Viking Hour is going strong and the students are completing their assignments with a majority of the students being eligible for the monthly incentive.

With the completion of the Senior's Student-Led Conference in October, the seniors have achieved a small part of their work when it comes to their Individual Plans of Study (IPS). More work is needed to help the students prepare for, identify, and obtain the skills necessary to not only transition out of high school, but to do so with a high probability of success.



Why fill out the FAFSA®?

- It's how you get access to financial aid from the government and from your college
- Students who submit the FAFSA® get **\$15,000 per year** (on average) in financial aid—via a combination of grants, work-study, and loans
- Many private/outside/merit scholarships also require the FAFSA®

Seniors have the option to use the **GoingMerry FAFSA Made Easier** platform. It is free to use for each senior. Please check with your senior about their account on GoingMerry to complete the FAFSA. It is better to have it and not need it, than need it and not have it done. Financial aid money dries up fast



Scholarships/College Visits

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). They have all received an invite to www.goingmerry.com. This website 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 for. All the students have to do.. is APPLY!



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.



COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Mr. Hancock's Website

Please visit the counselor's website by clicking on the picture or by going here:

<https://www.mv330.org/page/mv-counselor>



Mission Valley 330
Home of the Vikings

Here you will find web pages for the students, parents/guardians, and anyone else within the district to view in regards to 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 State University's Admissions Representative will be on campus on 11/9/2021 during seminar in the HS commons from 12-1pm



FHSU Fort Hays State University's Admissions Representative will be on campus on 11/16/2021 during seminar in the HS commons from 12-1pm



Independence Community College's Admissions Representative will be on campus on 11/18/2021 during seminar in the HS commons from 12-1pm



Highland Community College's Admissions Representative will be on campus on 11/30/2021 during seminar in the HS commons from 12-1pm

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

Senior Kennedy Brooks was selected as a finalist for Artsonia "Artist of the Week" with her digital design titled "George and Him" created with the Sketchbook application. Although the contest winner received over 600 votes, Brooks earned 437 votes in this web based competition. Thank you for taking the time to recognize her artistic efforts and supporting the visual arts in our district. Check out more amazing examples of Vikings K-12 work by scanning this code:



*Happy
Thanksgiving*



MISSION VALLEY



TRAP TEAM
RAFFLE

**Stoeger Over/
Under 12ga
Shotgun**

\$10 per ticket

Drawing will be
held this Fall



***Must be 18 years of age to pur-**

FFA



Just as the leaves turn in the fall, so do the FFA members gather around the trap house for the Fall Turkey Shoots. The FFA turkey shoots were a success during the month of October. We had an great turnout all 4 Sundays and had 12 people in the drawing for \$50. On the final Sunday, Corbett Hinck won the drawing for attending all 4 Sundays of turkey shoots. We had hotdogs at the final shoot and played a round of knockout to finish off the fall season of turkey shoots.

Fruit and Meat sales have begun this year and we have some exciting new products to offer customers. The FFA will be selling fruit and meat October 7th—November 3rd. Members will have a chance to win money for the highest seller, selling 20 items by the 22nd, and will also earn money for each item sold. The fruit and meat sale is the FFA's largest fundraiser. With these funds, we are able to fund community service projects, complete leadership building activities, attend the virtual state and national conventions and provide leadership to the JVCL within the school. For more information, contact your local FFA member or call the Ag Department at 1-866-557-6686 (ext 222). We also have an online store, where customers can order and FFA members can deliver to the customers, <https://www.seitzfundraising.com/store/fundraiser.aspx?ID=8DA07C48> or pay shipping and have it delivered directly from the company www.d2dmarketplace.com We appreciate your continued support of our fruit, meat, dessert, spices and gifts sales.



QUIZ BOWL

Junior High Quiz Bowl is starting practices in preparation for the upcoming season. Students in the 7th and 8th grades answer questions about Science, Language Arts, Social Science, Math, Fine Arts, Sports and Current Events. The events are as follows:

- Monday, February 7 at 4:30 pm hosted by Osage City
- Monday, February 14 at 4:30 pm hosted by Council Grove
- Thursday, February 17 at 4:30 pm hosted by Chase County
- Monday, February 28 at 4:30 pm hosted by Mission Valley
- Monday, March 7 at 4:30 pm League hosted by Central Heights

We are looking forward to a fun season! Please contact Sherri Jacobson at sjacobson@mv330.org if you have any questions.

FCCLA Leads On:



Earlier this month our chapter attended Fall Leadership Conference at Council Grove. While at the conference members heard from a guest speaker, Dustin Galyon. They also took part in the workshops and won the Spotlight Chapter Award for being the most active chapter in Kansas and the Chapter Image Award for good behavior, positive attitudes, and following dress code at the conference. Members are hard at work with the STAR Event projects which will be presented in February. This month we also delivered room service treats to the MV staff for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Our October chapter meeting will be on the 27th. We are going to

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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!!

November 2021

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17th*

FFA ECD Horse Judging @ Lawrence

FHTC Wrangler Rally @ Emporia 9 am-2 pm

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Scholar's Bowl @ Silver Lake

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Picture Retakes & Senior Pictures

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FCCLA District D Fall Conf. @ Council Grove
FHTC Wrangler Rally @ Emporia 9 am-2 pm

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FFA State Eco Meet
JH G/B BB VS. West Franklin 4:30 pm

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HS FB Regionals

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Quarter Mania Fundraiser @ MV

FCCLA Capital Leadership Conference @ Washington, DC

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Pre-ACT—9th Grade @ MV 8:15
JH G/B BB @ Osage City 4:30 p
Site Council @ MV 6-7 pm
BOE Mtg. @ MV 7

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FHTC Wrangler Rally @ Emporia 9 am-2 pm

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Veteran's Day Assembly @ MV 9-10 am
JH G/B BB @ Chase County 4:30 pm

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HS FB Sectional

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JH G/B BB @ Council Grove 4:30 pm

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KCTC Survey 8th Grade @ MV 1-2 pm

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KCTC Survey 10th Grade @ MV 8:15-10:45 am
FFA ECD Entomology @ Alma

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JH G/B BB @ Lyndon 4:30 pm
FHTC Wrangler Rally @ Emporia 9 am-2 pm

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HS FB Sub-State

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HS Drama Production @ MV 7-8:30 pm

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HS Drama Production @ MV 2-3:30 pm

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FFA ECD Leadership School & Ag Communication @ MV 9 am-3 pm

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HS FB State Salina

NO SCHOOL—THANKSGIVING BREAK

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JH G/B BB @ Central Heights 4:30 pm

22nd*

JH G/B BB VS. N. Lyon County 4:30 pm

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