



# MISSION VALLEY USD 330 HOME OF THE VIKINGS MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



## Let Local—Stay Local

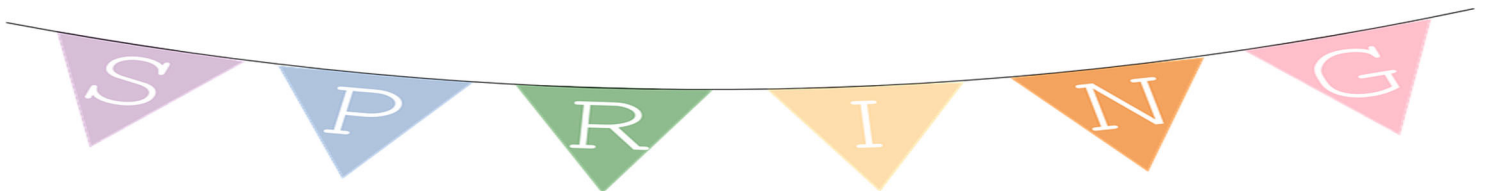
Many, not all, legislators under the dome in Topeka are trying to strip away local control of the board of education in public schools across Kansas. Over the course of the past several years, and especially this year, many bills have been proposed which identify signs that many of the current law makers in Kansas are not in favor of public education. These signs have come in the form of decreasing funding to public education, not funding special education as required by law, and by developing bills which limit and remove local board of education decisions.

As parents and patrons of USD 330 Mission Valley and of residents of Kansas, you already have the right to know and request information about what is being taught in public schools, what rights you have as a parent, etc... Speaking as a person who has been in public education for over 25+ years, at no point have I heard of a parent being denied access to what their child(ren) is being taught in public schools. House Bill 2662 and substitute bills created from it, establishes what is being called the Parent’s Bill of Rights and Academic Transparency Act. This act is a ruse to promote the thought that parents are not being informed about what their children are being taught, when in fact, parents already have the right to know about what curriculum their child(ren) are being taught. One extreme downfall of this bill is that it wishes to require that every bit of information, resources, etc... that is used in the school be made readily available through parent transparency portals prior to the start of a school year or semester. Not only would this take an enormous amount of time to put together for an entire district but it also takes away from the flexibility of our educational professionals, it places barriers on their instruction by not allowing them to use “teachable moments”. A teachable moment is something that just sometimes occurs in the classroom when it is not expected, it is a moment that is grasped by the teacher to have a discussion or lesson about a real life situation. In essence, HB 2662 is a mechanism for educational opponents to generate mistrust of content being shared between public school and parents/patrons.

Two other bills which remove local control by the elected board of education include HB2511 and HB 2553. House Bill 2511 which includes the eligibility of “home schooled” students in KSHSAA Activities, while HB 2553 includes allowing students to transfer to and attend school in any school district in the state. Again, both of these bills remove local control by the elected local school boards. Currently, school boards may allow students who receive their education in a homeschool setting the opportunity to participate in KSHSAA activities, so long as the students meet KSHSAA requirements. There is not a law that says they are automatically ineligible, but rather, only if decided upon by the local board of education. HB 2553 is in regards to allowing students to transfer to and attend school in any school district in the state. This bill also requires school districts to set transfer capacity and adopt certain transfer policies, as well as establishing an appeals process if a transfer request is denied. Again, school districts can already decide if they choose to allow out-of-district students so what is the purpose of this bill other than to remove control that already exists for local school boards. USD 330 Mission Valley already has a process in place for students/families who wish to attend school at Mission Valley but do not reside in the district. It is understood and followed by our public school district that denial of out-of-district attendance can not occur because of ethnicity, national origin, gender, income level, disabling condition, English proficiency, measure of achievement, aptitude or athletic ability, religion, etc... Public schools are just that.....schools for anyone who resides in the district no matter of race, ethnicity, ability level, religion, etc... By requiring public school districts, who are led by board members voted in by the public, to accept out-of-district students.....then who is making decisions on local control? Is it the board members elected at the local level.....or is it by the legislative body elected at the state level? If that is the case....then maybe the vision by some of our elected officials is to do away with public education in Kansas.

If you have concerns about public education in the State of Kansas, as well as at the local level, please take time to contact your local leaders

William J. Clark, Superintendent/Director of Special Services



I sure hope this weather stays nice as we head into Spring Break. While some may be planning a trip, I wanted to include some ideas that families can do if they are staying home for Spring Break that cost little to no money!

- Take a nature walk around your home or on the Governor's Trails
- Pick a chapter book to read together
- Do research on vegetables to plant in a garden and when to plant them
- Use sidewalk chalk to draw and spell
- Visit the Mulvane Art Center at Washburn - FREE (check times online)

Sincerely, Amy Johnston, Elementary Principal

# MVE FAMILY FUN NIGHT

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH**  
**6:00PM TO 8:00PM**

## **ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

**FREE PIZZA DINNER FROM MV PTO**

**BINGO FOR BOOKS**

**GLO MOVEMENT**

**MATH GAMES**

**PHOTO STATION**

**ESTIMATION ALLEY**

**ART PROJECTS**

**FREE  
ENTRY!**

**Unofficial Minutes (subject to Board approval)**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – February 14, 2022**

Board President, Jacob Durkes, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mission Valley USD #330 to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria at Mission Valley Schools. Board members present were Jon Deters, Chris Campbell, Nick Beasterfeld, Tuff Stephenson and Mistina Kraus. Clipper Goodrich was absent. The superintendent and deputy board clerk also attended.

Tuff Stephenson moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to adopt the agenda with the following change; VII. Action. F. Estimates for Upgraded Roof Material moved to VII. Action. A. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Tuff Stephenson moved, seconded by Chris Campbell, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion failed 0 to 6, with Jacob Durkes, Mistina Kraus, Tuff Stephenson, Jon Deters, Chris Campbell and Nick Beasterfeld voting no.

Tuff Stephenson moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve the consent agenda with the following change; remove the hiring personnel form for high school assistant softball coach in order to advertise the position. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Items in the consent agenda that were approved include: approval of minutes from the January 10, 2022 regular board meeting; approval of clerk's report and treasurer's report as presented; approval of warrants in the amount of \$232,095.51; approval of extra duty pay in the amount of \$4,631.85; 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 \$15,000; approval of transfers from the general fund to the pre-k at risk fund in the amount of \$4,000; approval of transfers from the general fund to the virtual education fund in the amount of \$1,000, and approval of administrators written reports. Approval of Deanna Kemp's leave of absence as para professional, retirement of Karen Tennison as para professional at the end of the 2021-22 school year, resignation of Holly Borsdorf as elementary secretary effective 3/11/2022, resignation of Michelle Hofman as para professional effective 2/25/2022, hiring of Darrin Godfrey as assistant baseball coach for the 2021-22 season and Brent Slade as assistant high school track and field coach for the 2021-22 season.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve the Midwest Coating option 2A for the roof upgrade. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Policy updates were discussed but not approved.

HTK agreements were discussed but not approved.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to go into executive session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss administrator contracts pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that they return to open session in the same room at 7:54 p.m. Motion passed 6 to 0.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:54 p.m.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Chris Campbell, to go into executive session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss administrator contracts pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that they return to open session in the same room at 8:06 p.m. Motion passed 6 to 0. The superintendent also attended.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:06 p.m.

Nick Beasterfeld moved, seconded by Mistina Kraus, to go into executive session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss administrator contracts pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and that they return to open session in the same room at 8:17 p.m. Motion passed 6 to 0. The superintendent also attended.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:17 p.m.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Tuff Stephenson, to approve the 2022-23 administrator contracts as follows; Amy Johnston as the Elementary Principal, Randy Wild as the JH/HS Principal and William Clark as the Superintendent. SPED Director is removed from the Superintendent contract and the contract of Rodney Hasenbank's will be non-renewed at the end of the 2021-22 school year. Motion passed 6 to 0.

The efficiency audit of the food service program was discussed. At the next board meeting, the board would like to look at any past survey results from students in regards to meal choices and quality.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Nick Beasterfeld, to approve the district office upgrades (\$74,586) as presented with the addition of replacing the north windows in the conference room (\$23,750). Motion passed 6 to 0.

The 2022-23 school calendar was reviewed.

Technology Coordinator job description was reviewed.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Nick Beasterfeld, to approve the 2022-23 out of district request as presented. Motion passed 6 to 0.

The superintendent gave a COVID-19 update.

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

Tuff Stephenson moved, seconded by Mistina Kraus, to approve the resignation of Amanda Glotzbach as 7-12 math teacher at the end of the 2021-22 school year, hiring of Patrick Stevenson as elementary teacher beginning with the 2022-23 school year and hiring of Cade Fiske as the assistant high school track and field coach for the 2021-22 season. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Tuff Stephenson moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tasha Raine, Board Clerk



“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 will be administered on March 29, 2022 providing all the juniors opportunities to take the college-admission level exam for free. Results for the ACT will be provided 3-8 weeks after the test was administered.

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 with students in their college/career readiness, their preparation for Fall 2022 enrollment, and helping the seniors transition into their next chapter in life.

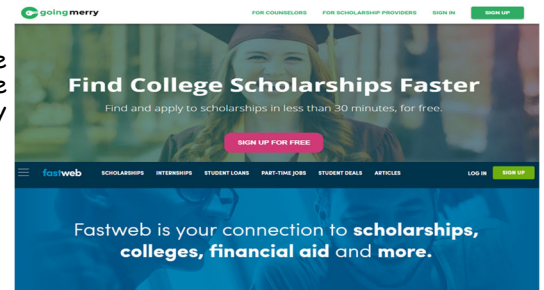
As always, thank you for your help with making our school and our students great.



## Scholarships

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



### **!!! IMPORTANT - FAFSA INFORMATION !!!**

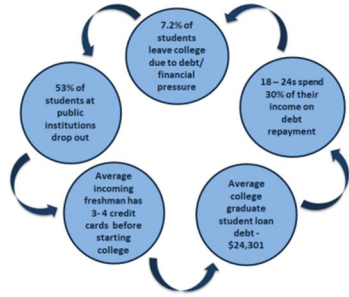
Encourage your SENIORS to complete their FAFSA application! We have partnered with GoingMerry to make this process easier. Please have your SENIOR go to their GoingMerry account to complete the FAFSA...OR... you can go to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to begin this process. Parents, you will need to complete a portion of the FAFSA as well as your student.

**IT IS FAR BETTER TO HAVE IT DONE AND NOT NEED IT, THAN NEED IT AND NOT HAVE IT!**

#### Other websites for scholarship/financial resources:

- Mycollegemoneyplan.org
- Cashcourse.org
- Collegescorecard.ed.gov
- Net Price Calculators
- KSdegreestats.org
- Studentaid.ed.gov
- Financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov

## Financial Literacy



## Foster Care Fee Waiver

- Students apply through the KS Department of Children & Families
- Eligible applicant enrolls in a Kansas educational institution on or after July 1, 2006; and
  - The applicant was in custody of DCF and in a foster care placement on the date such applicant reached 18 years of age; or
  - prior to age 18 graduated from high school or fulfilled the requirements for a GED while in foster care placement and custody of DCF; or
  - adopted from a foster care placement on or after applicant's 16th birthday; or
  - left a foster care placement subject to a guardianship under chapter 38 or 59 of the K.S.A. on or after applicant's 16th birthday.

The Kansas Department of Children & Families Central Office must verify the applicant's eligibility status prior to enrollment.

## State Programs Fee Waivers

- In-state tuition for certain undocumented students
- Dependents & Spouses of Deceased Public Safety Officers
- Dependents & Spouses of Deceased Military Personnel
- Former Prisoners of War

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## State Programs Nursing & Teacher Service Scholarships

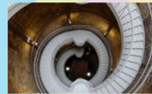
- Public & private 4-yr institutions & community colleges
- FAFSA by April 1 and state application by May 1
- Merit (Need considered if more applicants than funding)
- Renewable
- Service Obligation – 1 yr of service for 1 yr of scholarship
- Nursing Service Scholarship- \$4,500 RN/\$3,500 LPN
  - Full-time, must acquire a sponsor
- Teacher Service Scholarship- \$5,536 (2018-2019) \*can be prorated
  - Enrolled full time or part-time in program leading to licensure in a hard to fill discipline (Special Education, Math, Science, elementary education, English, Fine & Performing Arts)
  - Teach in underserved geographic area

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## State Programs Kansas Career Technical Workforce Grant

- Available to technical schools & colleges, community colleges and state universities w/technical programs
- FAFSA by April 1 and state application by May 1
- Awarded to students enrolled in high demand/critical industry programs of study. Priority to given to those with financial need
- \$1,000 \*can be prorated
- Available to part-time and full-time students

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## State Programs Kansas Career Work-Study

- Available at 4-yr public institutions
- Recipients selected at institution & separate application required
- FAFSA required
- Need-based
- Full-time or part-time
- Students work in career-related occupations off-campus

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## MY CHILD IS NOT GOING TO COLLEGE OR VO-TECH... THEN WHAT?

I would like for all parents/guardians, family members, and friends to assist the counseling department and our high school advisers by reinforcing these concepts whenever you get the opportunity. Also, for the parents/guardians, if you could please help your student with college/career readiness, here is a wonderful opportunity for you to do so. Please go to <https://hirepaths.com/>. The truth is this, you ARE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST CAREER COUNSELOR.

Click here to learn more about how parents/guardians can assist your student in college/career readiness:

<https://hirepaths.com/blog/2021/07/19/how-the-kansas-career-sunflower-works-a-parents-perspective>



**HIREPATHS™**  
Your Kids. Endless Career Options.



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](mailto:ocr.kansascity@ed.gov)



Juniors have the free ACT in the spring semester held at MVHS. This assessment will be a written exam. There are practice ACT tests available in the counselor's office or in Mrs. Lowe's office for all of those who would like to 'hone' their skills prior to the test date.

Go here to view all timeframe deadlines -- <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html> - go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register---limited number of fee waivers available for eligible students (contact myself)

To register go to SAT registration website: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>

**TIDBITS OF KNOWLEDGE TO TAKE IN AND UNDERSTAND IN REGARDS TO THE ACT/SAT NEED:**

**SENIORS**---take the ACT or SAT on one of these dates if:

- you're planning to enroll in college and have not yet taken one of these tests
- taking the test helps with placement AND financial aid scholarships based upon merit

**JUNIORS**

- You may want to consider testing **BY APRIL** if you are attempting to complete the **Qualified Admissions** curriculum as you must have a 21 OR higher on the Math portion of the ACT by the end of junior year OR you will need to take another year of math your senior year to be consider for Qualified Admissions.

**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.



**Kansas Post-Secondary Exploration Guide**

resources to help Kansas high school graduates make post-secondary decisions  
a collaborative tool from *Kansas Board of Regents* and *Kansas State Department of Education*



**Content Quick Reference:**

- General Information
- Information for Kansas Public Universities
- Information for Kansas Public Community and Technical Colleges
- Information for Kansas Independent Colleges
- Exploratory Resources to Consider Post-Secondary Options
- Transfer Credit & Credit for Prior Learning Resources
- Financial Aid & Scholarships Resources

**General Kansas Information:**

- [Qualified Admissions](#)
- [Kansas Scholars Curriculum](#)
- [Public Institutions – comprehensive list](#)
- [Financial Aid Offices – comprehensive list](#)
- [Independent Colleges – comprehensive list](#)



**Career Readiness**

Throughout this page, you will find many different links to information for not just the Mission Valley student, but links that the community, parents/guardians can use as well. This page's purpose is to bring all the career readiness information directly to your fingertips.



<https://www.mv330.org/page/collegiate-information>

<https://www.mv330.org/page/career-readiness>

**NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW**  
**Welcome to the Hard Copy/Online Resource Library for Parents**

Here you will find many links to the different types of brochures, books, and information that is found in the school counselor's library. Some of these items can be accessed, in full, through this page, but some are available for check out at your leisure by contacting Mr. Hancock at [jhancock@mv330.org](mailto:jhancock@mv330.org) or calling him at 866-557-6686 ext. 230. The books will be checked out via our library system here at the school. You can arrange to come pick up the item or have the item go home with your child from school. Each book has a 30 day check out time.

GO HERE TO SEE THE BOOKS/BROCHURES AVAILABLE: <https://www.mv330.org/page/online-resource-library-for-parents>

**MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE VISITS:**



Kansas Air National Guard recruiter will be on campus on 3/3/2022 during the 2nd & 3rd lunch in the HS commons

**Mission Valley Schools**  
**USD #330**  
**Early Childhood Screening**  
**March 24, 2022**

**Early Childhood Special Education Screenings** will be conducted for children ages 3 - 5 who reside in USD #330 Mission Valley school 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
- Adaptive/Self-Help

**Early Childhood At Risk 4 & 3 Year Old Screenings** will be conducted for children ages 3 - 5 who reside in USD #330 Mission Valley school district. Below are areas listed that qualifies a student for "At Risk":

- Poverty (qualifies for free meals under the National School Lunch Program)
- Single parent families
- Kansas Department for Children and Families referral
- Teen parents
- Either parent is lacking a high school diploma or GED
- Limited English proficiency
- Child experiencing homelessness
- Developmental progress of the child has been determined to be lower than typically expected for his/her age, yet above what would be considered eligible for special education services

If no suspected delays are present, information about possible peer model slots will be provided.

To schedule an appointment: Call: (866) 557 - 6686 option #4 or Email: [bbecker@mv330.org](mailto:bbecker@mv330.org)

**New Spring Things**  
*from Mrs. Palmquist*

Hey Viking Fans-

The MV K-12 fine arts department has been busy making masterpieces to add to our portfolios! It is such a blessing to have such a huge fan club behind these growing artists. We wanted to say **THANK YOU** family and friends for purchasing items from the Artsonia store featuring your favorite artists. We earned over \$100 to spend on a visual timer, kitchen sink dish strainer, clay sponges, masking tape and painters tape to add to our classroom supplies this semester. We appreciate the positive feedback and fundraising support you provide our awesome students.

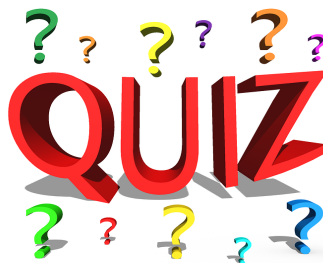
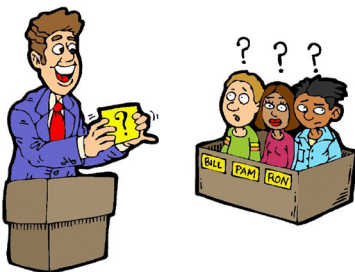
The 9th-12 grade students are looking forward to showcasing their work in the Flint Hills League Art Show to be held on Monday, April 4. We will host the "in person" event here at Mission Valley with workshops and judging to celebrate the creative talents from area youth.

We hope to display grades K-8 with Spring Band and Vocal concerts Wednesday, April 20 for K-6th grades and Wednesday, April 27 for 7-12th grades. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with display set-up and clean-up, please contact me via [jpalmquist@mv330.org](mailto:jpalmquist@mv330.org) or call the school office (866) 557-6686 to speak with me about the opportunity. We are looking forward to showcasing their achievements.

Happy Spring,  
USD 330 K-12 Art Department

The junior high quiz bowl is off to a good start. At Osage, the A team had a record of 4-3 and that record tied them for third. The tie breakers landed them in fifth. The B team also had a record of 4-3 which earned them third place.

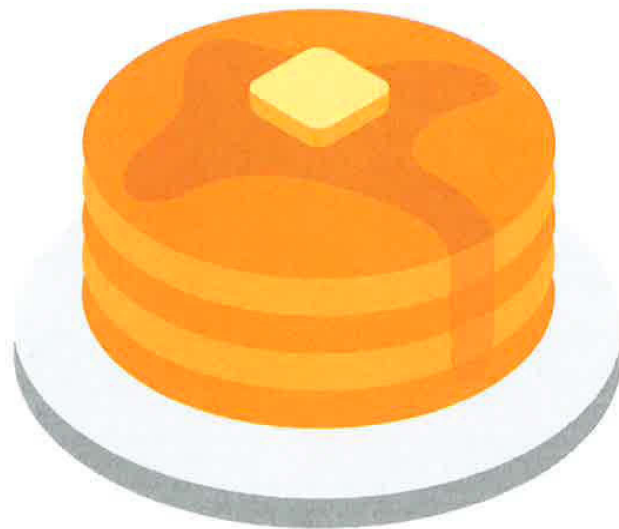
At Council Grove, the A team ended with a record of 3-4 and fifth place. The B team ended with a record of 6-1 and first place!



Dover 4-H Club

# Pancake Feed

Dover Community Center  
March 26th, 2022 8am to 11am



Free Will Donations Welcome  
Funds will benefit Dover 4-H Youth

Questions? Contact Clara Johnston at  
[clarajohnston125@gmail.com](mailto:clarajohnston125@gmail.com)



## FCCLA Shines Bright at District Competition

Mission Valley FCCLA competed at District STAR Events, Elections & Awards. Five members completed projects and presented them to judges. Results are as follows:

Lucy Bryan & Emma Slade competed in "Promote & Publicize FCCLA." For their project, they completed multiple publicity efforts to promote FCCLA. They earned a gold medal and qualified to compete in the State Leadership Conference in April.

Ava Gustin competed in "Sustainability Challenge" and also earned a gold medal. For her project, she put plants in classrooms to improved indoor air quality. This was a joint project for FFA and FCCLA.

Kailey Weissbeck competed in "Career Investigation" in which she researched the career of interior designer and completed a job shadowing experience. She earned gold and will compete at state.

Clara Johnston competed in "Leadership" and set and reached for goals related to becoming a better leader this year. She earned a gold medal and qualified for state. Clara also was elected as the 2022-2023 District D President.

Mission Valley earned chapter awards for membership increase, print publicity and social media publicity. Karlyn Gustin earned a District D Scholarship. Kenady Deever, Madi DeVader and Kaylie Garmon served as student judges/helpers.

Be sure to follow our chapter on Facebook and Instagram. Congratulations to all members!



Would you like to help the FCCLA Chapter? Add an item from our Amazon Wishlist to your next order!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1JGEFIAUACZL3?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1JGEFIAUACZL3?ref_=wl_share)

If you have trouble with the link, reach out to Gina Bergin at [gbergin@mv330.org](mailto:gbergin@mv330.org)

# FFA NEWS

## 5 Things to Know

About Career and Technical Education (CTE)

<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Students enroll in a PATHWAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A pathway is a <b>sequence of courses</b> taken over multiple years</li> <li>• Pathways are typically <b>2 or 3 years</b>;</li> <li>• Students take a wide variety of CTE class each year, in addition to regular academic course work</li> </ul>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>It's really important for students to stay in the pathway. . .</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTE courses progress in difficulty from year-to-year;</li> <li>• Students who pass each course in the pathway sequence are considered <b>CTE Completers!</b></li> <li>• <b>CTE Completion</b> is one indicator measured on the CCI Dashboard;</li> <li>• Colleges, universities and trade schools highly value <b>CTE Completers!</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>CTE students get to do lots of cool stuff!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry tours</li> <li>• Competitions</li> <li>• Job Shadow</li> <li>• Internships</li> <li>• Project-Based Learning</li> </ul>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>CTE prepares students for success in college and career!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTE prepares all students to be <b>work ready!</b></li> <li>• Students learn skills such as <b>collaboration, communication, problem-solving, time management</b>, as well as how to <b>write a resume and interview for a job.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>CTE is for EVERYONE</b></p> <p>There is a place for <b>EVERY STUDENT</b> in CTE!</p>	

Mission Valley started up a powerlifting club this winter with the help of Coach Vanderbilt. It gives students that do not compete in a winter sport the opportunity to workout after school and compete in a few powerlifting meets around the area. Basketball and wrestling athletes can compete in meets if they choose to do so, but most meets conflict with their regular season schedules.

This is a great motivator to get more students in the weight room. These kids put in a lot of time and effort. Powerlifting is just like wrestling and athletes compete in weight classes and have womens and mens divisions. Lifters perform a max on the bench, squat, and clean. Lifters can earn medals in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes, along with total weight lifted between the three lifts.

The Mission Valley Powerlifting Club traveled to Royal Valley High School on January 29th. There were 255 lifters at the meet. MV brought lifters Emma Slade, Norah Parker, Taryn Clark, Courtney Jones, Alan Hoffman, Sam Bryan, Bryce Bungler, Austin Sage, Nick Rindt and Ramsey Sperry. All Mission Valley lifters hit new personal bests on many of their lifts and a few brought home some hardware.

The next meet Mission Valley traveled to was the Horton High School Powerlifting Meet on February 19th. There were 214 lifters at the meet. All Mission Valley lifters competed well, all hitting some new personal bests and many of them brought home medals. Lifters that attended the meet were Carley Wagner, Taryn Clark, Courtney Jones, Sam Bryan, Bryce Bungler, Allen Hofman, Nick Rindt, and Ramsey Sperry.

When asked, what did you like most about competing in powerlifting, Allen Hofman replied with, "I met a lot of new people from other schools." Taryn Clark says, "I love the adrenaline rush it gives me!"

The thing I love most about powerlifting is pushing kids out of their comfort zone when competing. I want kids to understand what the weight room can do for them. I am extremely proud of the kids that attended these powerlifting meets!

- Coach Vanderbilt



## Mission Valley FFA Members receive SAE Grants

This past fall, Mission Valley had 11 students go above and beyond and fill out the National FFA SAE grant application. The SAE Grant is designed to help FFA members create or enhance their supervised agricultural experience (SAE). The SAE's are a requirement that all agriculture education students must complete. SAE's help to build life-long skills such as hard work, dedication, responsibility, financial and time management. Congratulations to these members on receiving these awards.

Mission Valley had 2 FFA members who each received a \$1,000 SAE grant through the National FFA Foundation.

### **National Winners--\$1000:**

Christopher Cain--Poultry Production (National Sponsor-Phibro Animal Health)

Kyler Stephenson--Swine Production (National Sponsor--Amerisource Bergen)

### **Our FFA chapter had 3 state winners through the Kansas FFA Foundation for--\$500:**

Ava Gustin--Community Service (Kansas Sponsor--Harris Crop Insurance)

Lexi Studebaker--Equine Sciences (Kansas Sponsor--MFA Oil)

DeAnna Smith--Goat Production (Kansas Sponsor--MFA Oil)

The Dover Community Foundation has generously donated money to 6 of our students to receive Local SAE grants.

### **Local Winners and the amount they will receive--**

\$500 Winners

Corbett Hinck--Small Animal Production

\$200 Winners

Conner Hoelting--Swine Production

Joslyn Taylor--Agricultural Literacy

Kendra Platt--Small Animal Production

Dylan Funk--Agriculture Science Research

Josie Buchmeier--Beef Production

Thank you again to the Dover Community Foundation, the Kansas FFA Foundation, and the National FFA Foundation for your donation and support of our programs.

Congratulations again to all of these FFA members!





### *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](http://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 2022

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		<p><b>1</b> JH Wrestling @ MV 4 pm</p>	<p><b>2</b> FFA ECD Ag Mechanics, Vet Science &amp; Floriculture</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> JH Wrestling @ Chase County 9:30 am</p>
<p><b>HS Boys/Girls Sub State Basketball—TBA</b></p>						
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> JH Quiz Bowl-League @ Central Heights 4:30 pm BOE Mtg. 5:30 p Bond Info. Only- No Action</p>	<p><b>8</b> FFA-ECD Dairy Cattle @ Iola  MV Elem. Night @ MV 6-8 pm</p>	<p><b>9</b> HS Book Club—Ready Player One</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> End of 3rd Quarter</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p><b>HS Boys/Girls State Basketball—TBA</b></p>						
<p><b>13</b> </p>	<p><b>14</b> BOE Mtg. 7 pm</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> </p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Topeka Stars Quarter Mania @ MV 9 am-1 pm</p>
<p><b>NO SCHOOL—SPRING BREAK</b></p>						
<p><b>20</b> </p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Develop.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> HS-FHL Band Instrumental @ Osage 9 am  FFA ECD Spring Mtg. @ Pomona 5 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b> HS BB &amp; SB @ Chase County 4:30 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b> FFA Fort Scott Aggie Days @ Fort Scott</p>	<p><b>26</b> HS Forensics @ MV  FFA Highway Cleanup @ Dover 9 am</p>
<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> Spring Sports Pictures @ MV 2 pm HS JV BB Vs. Northern Heights 3:30 pm</p>	<p><b>29</b> ACT Testing—Juniors @ MV 8 am</p>	<p><b>30*</b> FFA ECD Speech, Ag Sales, Job Interview &amp; Discussion Meet @ Lacyng 9 am</p>	<p><b>31*</b> FFA—ACCC Aggie Days  HS BB/SB Vs. W. Franklin Eskridge 3:30 p H'Ville 4:30 p</p>	<p><b>30th*</b> All School Dental Screening @ MV</p>	<p><b>31st*</b> HS Track &amp; Field @ Washburn Rural 3:30 pm</p>

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