

Superintendent Update: August 31, 2018

Quote for the Week: "If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend."—Doug Larson

Labor Day came about because workers felt they were spending too many hours and days on the job. All of you have put in more hours than is expected. You all go over board to help MPV meet the needs of our kids. Now it is time for all of you to have just one extra day to be with family and enjoy fellowship with friends.

In the 1830s, manufacturing workers were putting in 70-hour weeks on average. Sixty years later, in 1890, hours of work had dropped, although the average manufacturing worker still toiled in a factory 60 hours a week.

These long working hours caused many union organizers to focus on winning a shorter eight-hour work day. They also focused on getting workers more days off, such as the Labor Day holiday, and reducing the workweek to just six days. I have no doubt with job and family responsibilities most of you work daylight to dark and deserve a time for relaxation and fun.

Have we lost the spirit of Labor Day?

Today Labor Day is no longer about trade unionists marching down the street with banners and their tools of trade. Instead, it is a confused holiday with no associated rituals.

The original holiday was meant to handle a problem of long working hours and no time off. Although the battle over these issues would seem to have been won long ago, this issue is starting to come back with a vengeance, not for manufacturing workers but for highly skilled white-collar workers (and school employees), many of whom are constantly connected to work.

If you work all the time and never really take a vacation, start a new ritual that honors the original spirit of Labor Day. Give yourself the day off. Don't go in to work. Shut off your phone, computer and other electronic devices connecting you to your daily grind. Then go to a barbeque, like the original participants did over a century ago, and celebrate having at least one day off from work during the year! Happy Labor Day and come back on Tuesday safely!

News for the week:

Here are the students of the week and teacher of the month from Pleasant View.

Students of the Week,

Week 1

5th grade - Jaxson Keeling

6th grade - Kaiya Belt

7th grade - Hayden Brisher

8th grade - Serenity Rogers

Week 2

5th grade - Tacoma Fields

6th grade - Kyle Karen

7th grade - Raylee Salazar

8th grade - Austin Sorrels

Teacher of the month (August)

Amanda Fields

MHS Volleyball:

Congratulations to Coach Edwards and our Lady Jackets on 2 straight victories over Ozark and NWA Classical Academy. They competed so well against a tough Eureka Springs but came up short. Our student section spirit has been truly outstanding. Congratulations to MHS!



MPV Education Foundation:

The Foundation had the group's first meeting on Monday, August 27th. It was announced that a significant monetary gift was expected soon. Mrs. McFerran provided entertainment at the event. Thanks Mrs. McFerran!



We inserted a new crosswalk in our bus loading area at Marvin to assist the Pre-K students and staff in crossing our bus loading area safely. Mrs. Copeland and Stormy

Kimbrell are pictured using the new crossing area.



Here are some pictures (scroll down) of some of our agriculture students working in the community garden. Top picture: Johnlee Tash and Ricky Gonzalis. Raspberry bed with trellis. Middle picture: Logan Davis, Hunter Winnie, Makayla Robinson, and Montana Fields. Planting raspberries
Bottom picture: Hunter Winnie, Montana Hall, and Logan Davis. Raised bed installation





