

Superintendent Update: December 14, 2018

Quote for the week: “Be kind; everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.”—John Watson

Life in education is certainly busy. It seems like only yesterday when we began the year, I addressed you and asked, Most people who are not in the education system cannot fully appreciate how busy the days are in our school lives. And that is why we put our heads down in September and when we look up again, we are already approaching the Christmas season. When you are in the moment and that seems like all of the time in education, it is hard to “stop and smell the roses.” Yet, as we come into this Christmas season and prepare for our break, this is exactly what we must do.

While driving to my next school event or meeting during this season, I have time to stop and smell the roses. The radio stations are now on full Christmas carol mode and although the song, “Grandma just got run over by a reindeer” causes me to laugh, “O Holy Night” allows me to reflect. I reflect on the wonder of that most holy night, when Jesus was born. I reflect on the calm that prayer provides me in this most busy season. And I reflect on the many gifts that God has provided me in my life.

I was blessed to be born into a family with loving parents. I am blessed to have a wonderful, loving and supportive spouse and two amazing adult children. And I continue to be blessed with good health, much hope and great happiness. But each day that I walk into my office, I am reminded how blessed I am to work here in Mulberry/Pleasant View. I am surrounded throughout the district by thoughtful and compassionate individuals. People who are faith filled and committed to making a difference in every child’s life that walks through our doors! And that is a blessing not just for me but for every parent and every child who calls MPV home.

As you begin your well deserved holidays, I would like to thank you for the blessings each of you provides to our students and each other. Take time to truly celebrate the season. Take time to spend with your loved ones. Take time to relax and rejuvenate. And finally, take time to reflect on the blessings that God has bestowed on each of you.

Have a Merry Christmas filled with peace, joy and love. And may God bless you in the coming New Year!

News for the week:

Thank you to Arkansas Valley Electric for donating computers to our StingerBots Robotics team. The team was so excited! Brandon and Barrett represented the

company on Wednesday morning when we received this generous donation.





Our gracious and generous school board voted to give every employee under contract at this time a \$200 bonus. Please thank our school board when you see them.

We have an anonymous donor giving each student in the MPV School District a free hoodie. Teachers should have received forms for parents/kids to complete and return before we leave for the holidays. I hope most if not all of our students will participate. Sometimes it is difficult to get older students involved but let's do our best. Marvin hoodies will be grey, Pleasant View green and Mulberry High black. This has been a collaborative effort of the donor/leader, the MPV Education Foundation, local Churches and other community donors. The donor/leader is planning to have the hoodies to us when we return from break...but I do want to leave room for delivery errors, etc.



Merry Christmas!