



MISSION VALLEY USD 330 HOME OF THE VIKINGS JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER



As I try to piece together this newsletter at 10:30 p.m. on May 24th my mind cannot focus as my thoughts continue to drift to the horrific events that transpired today in Uvalde, Texas at the Robb Elementary School. As a person who has spent 25+ years working with children, as well as a parent, the loss of a student/child is one that no one wants to experience. The pain that I have felt from the loss of several students during my time in education is something that forever will stick with me. The pain that is being felt by those associated with Robb Elementary School is unfathomable.

The events of today cause more issues than just the pain associated with the loss of life. These events, rather it be in Uvalde, Texas, or Sandy Hook, Connecticut, or Parkland, Florida, or any of the school shootings dating back to the 1800's are bigger than the loss of life. For the survivors at the event, for the parents, for law enforcement, for the first responders, for the hospital workers, and anyone associated with the event, it causes trauma. This trauma, in one way or another, will impact each and every person at different degrees. Over the past several years the amount of time that schools dedicate to helping students deal with trauma and also training staff on how to support students with trauma has increased dramatically.

This increase in time provided to coping with trauma is not something that we are doing "just because" but rather because it is needed due to events that students have or currently are experiencing. These events include such things as the loss of a parent, loss of a sibling, being exposed to violence in the home, be abused (physically, emotionally, sexually), being in an unsafe home environment, etc.. Let's take off the gloves—We as parents and caregivers need to step-it-up. Yes, society has changed! Yes, our students/children are exposed to things we never thought were imaginable, however, it is still us as adults who have the opportunity to have the biggest impact on their lives. All too often we get wrapped up in the world around us and worry about things that we can not control, while at the same time forgetting to focus on those things directly in front of us.....such as our children.

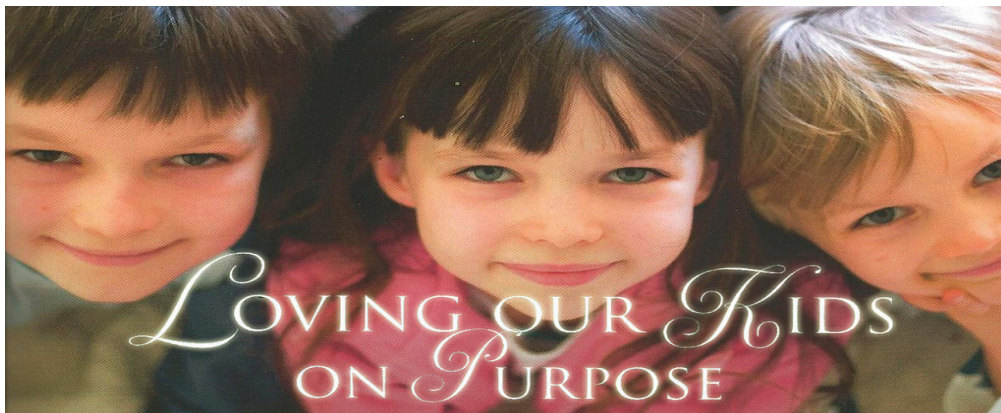
As adults, as parents, and their guiding forces we need to spend our time making sure our children have the opportunity and resources they need to be "kids". We need to stay active in their lives rather than keeping them involved in activities at school or in the community. We need to take time and be an active part of their lives at school, as well as an active part of their lives in our own homes. By staying active with them, we are able to see and assist them with issues that they might be having and to provide them guidance on how to cope with issues in a healthy way. It must start with us as parents each day, in our own homes, and with our own children. If we want to help the bigger picture of our school, communities and society then we must begin with us in our own lives.

Haim Ginott who authored the book *Between Parent and Child* once wrote about the impact that teachers have each day on children in their classroom. By substituting the word parents for teachers we end up with this thought:

"I've come to a frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in my HOME. It's my personal approach that creates the climate. It's my daily mood that makes the weather. As a PARENT, I possess a tremendous power to make my child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and my child humanized or dehumanized."

Together as parents, as grandparents, as teachers, and as leaders for the youth of today we can make a difference. We can not guarantee that the tragic events of today in Texas will not occur again, as evil exists in the real world.....but what we can do is take care of what is ours.....and that is OUR children. Let's focus on being part of the solution by guiding and supporting our children in their lives that they lead as "children", and not as part of the problem by allowing them to get wrapped up in the trash that is on social media and by not staying connected with them as they learn to navigate the world in which they live.

Have a great Summer and remember to "Love Them Up" each and every day as we truly never know if tomorrow will be the last!



SUMMER BREAK IS HERE!

We will miss all of our Viking Family members over the summer break! We hope that everyone enjoys some extra time with family and friends while school is out! Students, remember to stay active, and be outside as much as possible each day! The more active you are the better you will feel. Please, put down your phones, controllers, and tablets each day and go for a walk around your town, run, jog, or work out at home!

If you are interested in participating in summer strength and conditioning programs or sports practices/camps please contact the school with any questions you may have.

Parents, please log into Power School to check your child's grades. If you are not able to log in please contact the school and we can help get you set up.

State Assessment Update: 7th, 8th, 10th English; 7th, 8th Math; 8th, 11th Science classes all scored above the state average again this year! We are still waiting on 10th Grade Math results.

Mission Valley Jr/Sr High School is already busy planning for the next school year in hopes of making 2022-2023 an even better experience for our Viking Families.

Have a great summer and GO VIKINGS!

Randy Wild, 7-12 Principal

One of the ways our elementary students wrapped up the year was with STEAM+ Rotations on May 17. Students rotated through SPACE themed stations with the help of staff and volunteers. Thank you to those that helped make this day happen!

Science - Mr. Dave Cromer, along with other observatory volunteers, showed students around the observatory and shared some of the work they do.



Technology - During this rotation, students used devices to visit NASA Space Place where they could play a Mars Rover game, Play Helios to learn about how the sun makes energy, learn how GPS works and many other space related activities.

Engineering - Building space related items with legos and pattern blocks was the focus on this rotation. Students were given patterns to construct or were allowed to free build.



Art - Mrs. Palmquist and others painted space related posters to hang at the beginning of school next year and construct constellations.



Music (instead of Math) - Mrs. Hancock used music to take the kids on a space walk and used music to learn about space.



Amy Johnston, K-6 Principal

Unofficial Minutes (subject to Board approval)
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – May 9, 2022

Jacob Durkes called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mission Valley USD #330 to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria at Mission Valley Schools. Board members present were, Mistina Kraus, Nick Beasterfeld and Chris Campbell. Tuff Stephenson, Jon Deters, and Clipper Goodrich were absent. The superintendent and board clerk also attended.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Mistina Kraus, to adopt the agenda with the following change; move VIII. Receive F. Technology Position to VIII. Receive A. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Nick Beasterfeld moved, seconded by Mistina Kraus, to approve the consent agenda with the correction of who seconded for the June closeout meeting. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Items in the consent agenda that were approved include: approval of minutes of the April 11, 2022 regular board meeting; approval of clerk's report and treasurer's report as presented; approval of warrants in the amount of \$325,395.54; approval of extra duty payroll in the amount of \$4,757.50; approval of transfers from the general fund to the at risk fund in the amount of \$83,469.00; approval of transfers from the general fund to the pre-k at risk fund in the amount of \$4,500.00; approval of transfers from the general fund to the virtual education fund in the amount of \$2,000.00; approval of transfers from the supplemental general fund to the vocational education fund in the amount of \$40,000.00 and approval of transfers from the supplemental general fund to the at risk fund in the amount of \$56,231.00; approval of resignations of Linda Willey as food service staff and Callie Shaw as assistant cook; reclassification of Jennifer Lisk as assistant cook to head cook and hiring of Adam Kelly as assistant high school football coach.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Chris Campbell, to approve the bids from Haag Oil Company for fuel and Alma Coop Oil for propane. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Vince Giambalvo and Dan Mason gave their proposal for technology through K-12 ITC.

Jon Deters joined the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Nick Beasterfeld, to go into executive session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss an individual employee's contract pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and that they return to open session in the same room at 8:12 p.m. Motion passed 5 to 0. The superintendent and also attended.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:12 p.m.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Chris Campbell, to go back into executive session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss an individual employee's contract pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and that they return to open session in the same room at 8:29 p.m. Motion passed 5 to 0. The superintendent and also attended.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:29 p.m.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Nick Beasterfeld, to approve the 2022-23 contract renewal for Tasha Raine as the Board Clerk. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Chris Campbell, to approve the following scholarship recipients for the special funds: Ashton Lowe - \$500 from the Richard Johnston Scholarship fund and Alexa McGann - \$500 from the Bob Bowers Scholarship fund. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Jon Deters, to approve the 2022-23 student fee schedule as presented. Motion passed 5 to 0.

K-6 and 7-12 student handbook changes were presented and reviewed.

Mistina Kraus moved, seconded by Jacob Durkes to approve the out of district students as presented to include the change of one request. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Nick Beasterfeld, to approve the 6 month contract with PCI as presented. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Jacob Durkes moved, seconded by Mistina Kraus, to approve the 2022-23 project plus, specialized learning services and hearing/vision Greenbush contracts. Motion passed 5 to 0.

A letter was presented to the board regarding an increase in cost for our CPA Audit. The board requested information on alternative auditors to be presented at the June board meeting.

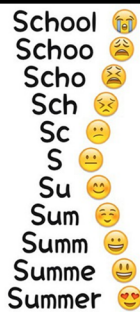
Jon Deters moved, seconded by Chris Campbell, to approve that Flint Hills Bank will be the primary bank account for the district and we will not switch every two years due to more transactions becoming ACH. Motion passed 5 to 0.

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

Nick Beasterfeld moved, seconded by Jacob Durkes, to approve the resignations of Annie Thomas as SPED K-6 high incidence interrelated teacher, Justin Duncan as technology director/e-rate coordinator, Gina Bergin as SAFE Sponsor; hiring of Angel Urton as SPED K-6 interrelated teacher, Ryan West as 7-12 social sciences teacher, Amelia Hancock as 7-12 assistant cheer sponsor, Jarrod Taylor as assistant high school football coach, Rod Hasenbank as SPED teacher, Blake West as head junior high basketball coach and the transfer of Alicia Elliott as elementary teacher to SPED K-6 teacher . Motion passed 4 to 1 with Jon Deters voting no.

Jon Deters moved, seconded by Chris Campbell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tasha Raine, Board Clerk



“Cause a little bit of Summer is what the Whole year is all about.”
John Mayer

During the month of May, there were a lot of successful accomplishments that took place. The awards assemblies were able to show the academic prowess of the 7th through 12th grade, the 8th grade 'Promotion' was completed allowing those students to look towards a new chapter, and the 12th grade graduation highlighted the impact and influence our seniors had during their tenure here at MV Jr/Sr High School.

Though the year has come to an end, there are many new and exciting things that will take place in the 2022-23 academic year. Thank you all so much for your support of Mission Valley and the students.

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**Preparation for Enrollment for Fall 2022**

The upcoming seniors, juniors, and sophomores have been diligently working on their Course Planners within the Xello College/Career Readiness platform.

A copy of any scheduling can be emailed to you or found on the Mission Valley Website. Enrollment, physically at MVHS, for the Fall 2022 semester will be on August 4, 2022.

All the parents/guardians will be able to get access to the new schedules when we transition over to the new academic year. Hopefully that takes place within the first two weeks of June, but if you want a copy of your student's 2022-23 schedule then you can always email me at [jhancock@mv330.org](mailto:jhancock@mv330.org).

If you are interested in reviewing the 2022-23 MV Course Catalog or the 2022-23 MV Schedule, here are the links (caveats: Master Schedule is subject to change based upon staff changes):

[22-23 COURSE CATALOG](#)

[22-23 DRAFT MASTER SCHEDULE](#)

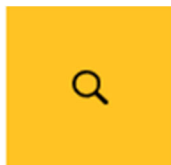
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COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Here are web pages for the students, parents/guardians, and anyone else within the district to view in regards to 'post-secondary career information' and 'collegiate information.' You are able to find these webpages by going to:

1. <https://www.mv330.org>
2. then clicking on the menu page at the top right of the homepage



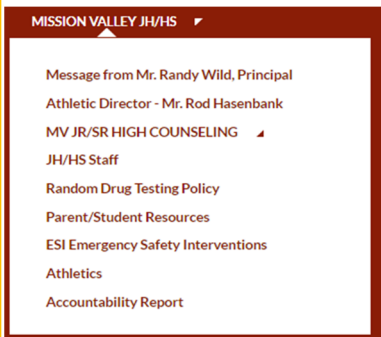
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3. there you will click on the 'MISSION VALLEY JH/HS' webpage to expand the drop down list



4. then clicking on 'MV JR/SR HIGH COUNSELING'



Within these pages are a compilation of much information that is often scattered around the internet. The students have been brought aware of this information and were asked to show the parents/guardians this information as well.

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



2022

HUNTER EDUCATION

LOCATION: Mission Valley High School

Type: Internet-assisted Hunter Ed Course

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022

Contact: Bruce Schlesener Elvin VanMeter

Phone: (785)554-1000 (785)449-2607

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Class Description: **This is a two part class.**

Complete the online hunter education course.

Attend the Field Day and Testing Session.

Students must pre-register by 9-25-22. Class is limited to 40 students.

In order to receive four hours credit (of the 10 hour minimum required by law) all students will be tested over the Internet course material. This test will be administered at the beginning of the **Field Day**. A passing score of 22 correct answers out of 25 questions is required to proceed with the rest of the course. **Students failing to achieve the minimum score of 22 will be dismissed from the class.**

Students should wear appropriate clothing for the outside Field Day and Shooting Activities.

****Bring your own sack lunch.**

<https://programs.ksoutdoors.com/prg/Programs/Hunter-Education-Certification>

Mission Valley FFA Celebrates Members at Chapter Banquet

The Mission Valley FFA chapter held their annual end of the year banquet on April 18th. We are pleased to announce that the chapter had the opportunity to honor its members with various degrees, chapter and district awards, and scholarships as well as celebrate members' achievements with our community members, families, and sponsors.

The following members qualified for their Greenhand degrees for completing their first year in FFA: Adaline Bloomfield, Dakota Brown, Dalton Cox, Porter Deters, Autumn Goldsmith, Jena Grame, Conner Hoelting, Natalie Hoffman, Kendra McCart, Hunter Tenbrink, Kaden Brobst, Josie Buchmeier, Carson Carrier, Kaidyn Coyle, Kenady Deever, Luke Dudley, Peyton Elliot, Dylan Funk, Ava Gustin, Jonah Hancock, Allen Hofman, Kyplee Jacobson, Davion Jones, Alayna Lewis, Braxton Miller, Vadin Meyers, Kendra Platt, Haven Swift, Joslyn Taylor, Lyndall Whitten, Mason Zirkle, and Hunter Krueger.

For their involvement in agriculture education and leadership, the following qualified for their Chapter degrees: Elsie Foster, Nick Price, Clara Johnston, Dagan Muarry, Alli Record, Scott Bayless, Carlie VanMeter, Athena White, Colton Appelhanz, Olivia Bassett, Preston Bolte, Cole Thomas, Gabe Willard, Devin Parks, and Joe Wayman.

The Kansas FFA Association awarded five of our seniors their State degrees: Nick Kuntz, Ashton Lowe, Caylie VanMeter, Christopher Cain, and Colbey Hinck. These seniors have given so much to FFA during their years at Mission Valley, and we could not be prouder of them.

Additionally, the 2021-2022 senior class of Mission Valley High School had fifteen students qualify as Agricultural Pathway completers: Caylie VanMeter, Nick Kuntz, Katharine Greenwald, Natalie Pletcher, Ashton Lowe, Christopher Cain, Shane Dudley, Brandon Jones, Cade Willard, Keaton Marcotte, Joel Deters, Jon Grame, Colbey Hinck, Sarah Wayman, and Dalton Holthaus.

While in FFA, members have the opportunity to work on Supervised Agricultural Experiences, or SAEs, as a project to develop their talents within the many realms of agriculture. Earning SAE recognition within the East Central District FFA are: Nick Kuntz in Ag Sales Placement; Ashton Lowe in Diversified Crop Production Placement; Tyler Stephenson in Swine Production; Christopher Cain in Poultry Entrepreneurship; and Colbey Hinck in Agriculture Mechanics Design and Fabrication. Earning their Proficiency Awards at the local level are: Corbett Hinck in Small Animal Production; Carlie VanMeter in Diversified Livestock Production; Lexi Studebaker in Equine Science Entrepreneurship; DeAnna Smith in Goat Production Entrepreneurship; and Ava Gustin in Home and Community Development.

Our most active members in each class received our Top Points Awards: Conner Hoelting in the Freshman class, Carlie VanMeter in the Sophomore class, Emma Bevitt in the Junior class, and Ashton Lowe in the Senior class. The chapter's overall Top Points Member went to Corbett Hinck for his extraordinary involvement and volunteering.

Scholarships were awarded to the chapter's graduating seniors for their excellence in leadership and participation in FFA. Receiving the Mission Valley FFA Alumni Scholarships are: Jon Grame, Nick Kuntz, Ashton Lowe, Caylie VanMeter, and Christopher Cain. Awarded the T.D. Fanning Honorary Scholarship in the amount of \$500 was Ashton Lowe. Receiving the David Miller Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$300 was Caylie VanMeter. The Garth and Dorothy Lukert Memorial Scholarship for \$300 was Christopher Cain.



team were: Conner Hoelting, Kenady Deever, Joslyn Taylor, Carlie VanMeter, Elise Foster, and Emma Durkes. Honored as chapter Committee Chairs were: Kyplee Jacobson, Ava Gustin, Nick Price, Dagan Muarry, and Kendra Platt.

Our final order of business for the night was to install the new officer team and chapter leaders. Inducted to the chapter officer team were: Corbett Hinck as President; Tyler Stephenson as Vice President; Lexi Studebaker as Secretary; DeAnna Smith as Treasurer; Clara Johnston as Reporter; and Emma Bevitt as Sentinel. Inducted to the junior officer



The Mission Valley FFA Chapter is proud of all our members and their accomplishments. We thank our supporting school and community for helping us



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!!

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