



## Parents,

We have ILearn testing the next two weeks. Test dates are as follows: April 19th, 21st, 22nd, 25th, 26th (all grades), and 28th (6th grade only). We appreciate your help in ensuring students are prepared and ready to test! Here are our reminders for students:

### Student Reminders:

- Charge chromebooks each night and bring chromebooks to school each day.
- Bring earbuds each day of testing.
- Get a good night's rest.
- Eat breakfast (breakfast is available at school, too).
- Arrive at school on time.
- Personal electronic devices (including cell phones and smart watches) are not allowed in the classroom and must be kept in lockers.

We will kick off ILearn with an ILearn Pep Session on Monday!

## Have a great week!

Brooke Tharp  
*MVMS Principal*

## MVCSC Traveling Talks



I WANT TO KNOW..... Join an upcoming "[Traveling Talks](#)" with Dr. Parker and ask him any questions about Mt. Vernon Schools! "Traveling Talks" last anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour, depending on the number of people and questions. Have only 15 min? That'll be fine - Join us!

To attend a Virtual "Traveling Talk," sign up online at [www.mvcsc.k12.in.us](http://www.mvcsc.k12.in.us) and you will receive the zoom link before the event.

To attend an In-Person "Traveling Talk," just show up, look for the table signs and grab your own food/beverage. We're looking forward to meeting YOU!

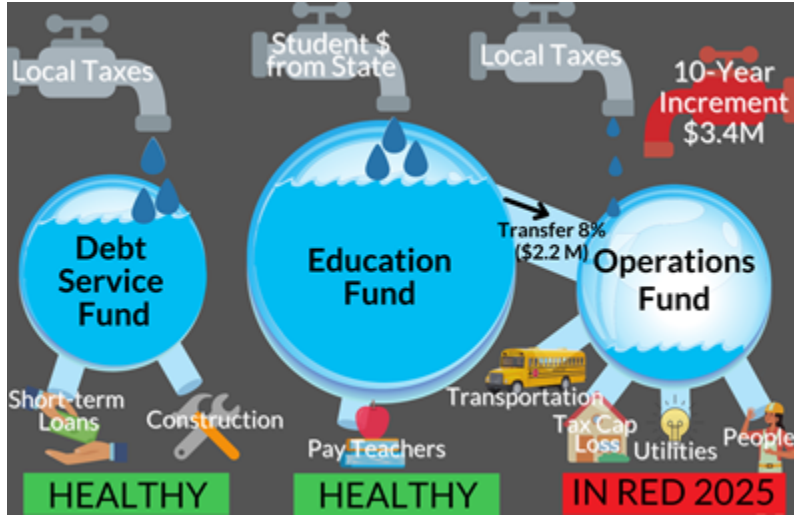
**Wednesday, April 13 ~ 6 p.m. ~ In Person ~ (The Grill - McCordsville)**

**Wednesday, April 20 ~ 12-1 p.m. ~ Virtual**

**Tuesday, April 26 ~ 6-7 p.m. ~ Virtual**

**Friday, April 29 ~ Noon ~ In Person ~ (Sero's - Cumberland)**

**For Referendum Facts for and Videos [Click Here.](#)**



### Early Voting Location, Dates, and Times

Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation is a voting location for this year's primary election. Registered voters can vote at the administration building beginning Monday, April 18th. Please see the polling hours below. (MVCSC Administrative Service Center, 1806 W. State Road 234, Fortville, IN 46040 - the entrance faces the MVMS track).

Monday through Friday, April 18 - 22 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday, April 23 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Monday through Friday, April 25 - 29 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Tuesday, May 3 from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM



## MVEF - Wish Upon a Star Program

The Mt. Vernon Education Foundation wants to be a resource that can help you make a difference in the education of our Mt. Vernon students by connecting donors to your classroom.

Have you ever wanted to grant a wish that would result in enhancing a student's educational experience or fulfill an unmet need?

Now you can as a part of our 2022 Black and Gold Gala event we will be introducing "Make A Wish" it is your opportunity to grant a wish to one of 97 lucky MV teachers!

All wishes are currently open for donation and will conclude on Saturday, April 23, 2022. While we will be asking our guests if they would like to make a teacher's wish come true by granting their wish through our "Wish Upon a Star" program, those you cannot attend this year's Black and Gold Gala also have an opportunity to help! It is easy, just click on the link MVEF Black and Gold Gala below.

Please consider supporting MVEF by raising \$24,927 in order for these 97 wishes to come true by going to <https://bidpal.net/mvefgala> and granting a wish for an MV teacher and classroom!

## Mt. Vernon Education Foundation Gala

Why is "home" so important to us? Perhaps, because for better or worse, by presence or absence, it is a crucial point of reference—in memory, feeling, and imagination—for inventing the story of ourselves, our life-narrative, for understanding our place in time. No matter what place you call home, the very word strikes a chord deep inside each of us. "Home" to some means sanctuary, the place we can rest, relax, enjoy time with friends, and family, learn, grow ... and just be. Our "home" says a lot about who we are and what we think is important.

Since our inception 15 years ago, The Mt. Vernon Community School District has served as the "heart" of our Mt. Vernon Education Foundation, "home" it has been the constant thread that weaves the fabric of our community together from casual conversation, cheering on players who represent us in sports, (Go Marauders!) to all of our amazing educators, the teachable moments and learning experiences along the way in creating a place where the foundation could invest thanks to the generosity of our donors in the hopes, dreams, needs, and wishes of our students, staff, and community as we build brighter futures together.

As we gather to celebrate the foundation's 15th Anniversary on Saturday, April 23, 2022, we hope you will join us in supporting our "home" through attending the Black and Gold Gala, sponsorship, donating to the silent auction, or granting a wish to one of our amazing teachers for their classrooms!

The Mt. Vernon Education Foundation will continue to work in supporting the gap between the tax dollars available and the funds needed to preserve the comprehensive education that our community values and expects for all of our Mt. Vernon students.

We hope you will join us at this year's Black and Gold Gala on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the JW Marriott Indianapolis. To purchase tickets go to [www.MtVernonFoundation.org](http://www.MtVernonFoundation.org)



## Washington, D.C. Trip

A meeting will be held Wednesday, April 27th at 6:00 pm in the middle school cafeteria for parents and their student who is participating in the DC Trip. Trip guidelines will be discussed and emergency medical forms will be completed. If your student will need to take any medication during the trip please plan to bring it that night. All medications will need to be in their original container, placed in a zip lock bag, and labeled with their full name. If you have any questions please contact [stephanie.evans@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:stephanie.evans@mvcsc.k12.in.us).

## Join the MVCSC Team

Community members who are looking for work or know someone who is looking for a rewarding position are encouraged to consider MVCSC employment opportunities. The district is hiring custodians, instructional assistants, food service, and bus drivers-- all offering competitive wages and all playing a vital part in the Marauder school family. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about open positions and become part of our team.

### Instructional Assistant Job Opportunities

Are you looking for a job with hours that match your child's school schedule? Are you interested in a job that helps students to be successful in the classroom? If so, click on the link above to learn more about Instructional Assistant positions at MVMS.

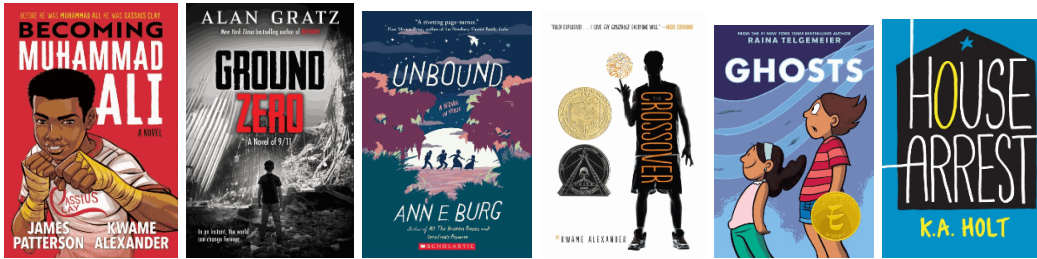
### Food Services Job Opportunities

Are you a stay at home parent looking to make some extra money while on your kids schedule? Our food service department is hiring at all schools and could really use your help! If you are interested please fill out an application at [www.mvcsc.k12.in.us/employment](http://www.mvcsc.k12.in.us/employment) or email [doris.johnson@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:doris.johnson@mvcsc.k12.in.us) or [kasey.voeller@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:kasey.voeller@mvcsc.k12.in.us).

## MV Reads: News from the Library



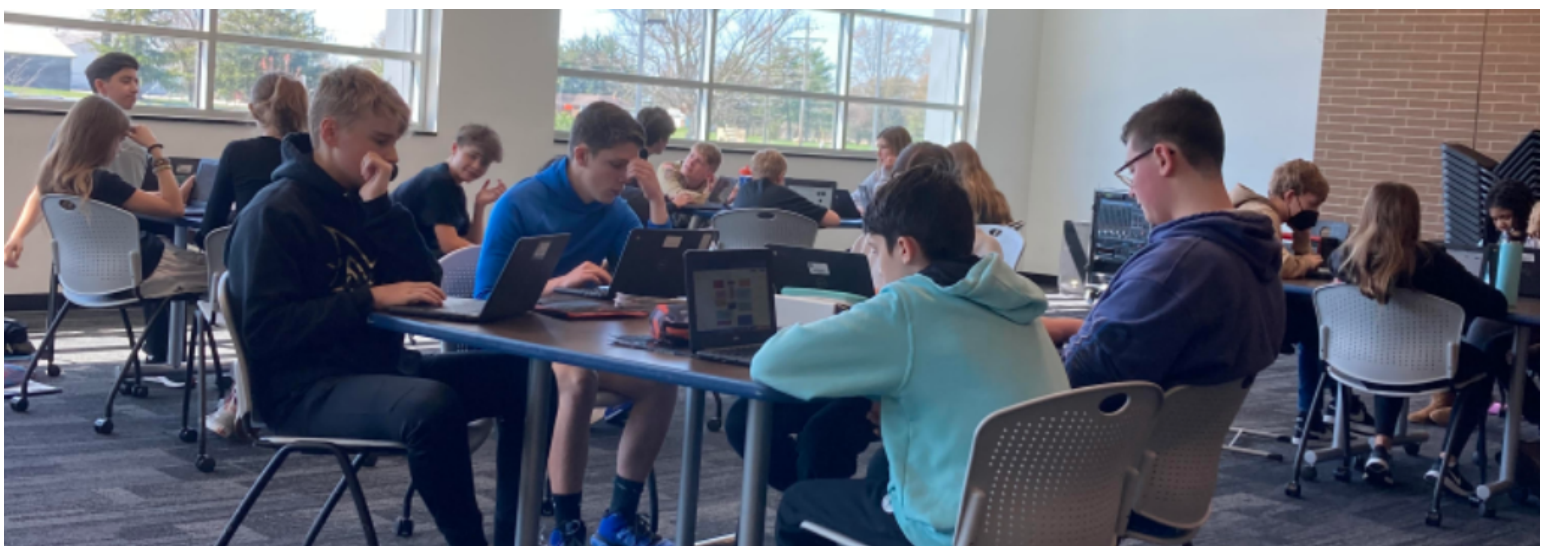
Did you know that 67% of children ages 6-17 find books to read for fun from libraries. No other source comes close to this percentage (Scholastic). Twenty-three state studies, INCLUDING INDIANA, all confirm that the presence of certified librarians in schools leads to a measurable difference in student achievement (Kachel). We love our libraries! Here are our current top titles for the month:



Library fun fact: Did you know that millennials use libraries more than any other generation?

## Mr. Falkenberg's Classes Study the Civil War

Mr. Falkenberg's classes work on projects over the Civil War.







## D.E.A.R. Day - Drop Everything and Read

Tuesday, April 12th was Drop Everything and Read Day. Mrs. Gwaltney's students participated in a big way!



## MVMS PTO

### Upcoming PTO Events:

- April 19 - Treat Tuesday - final Treat Tuesday of the year for the staff
- April 20 - PTO Meeting- 6 pm - Marauder Hall - Dr. Parker, Mt Vernon School Corporation Superintendent, will be our special guest!
- April 29 - 6 and 7th grade end of year celebration "Lets GLOW!" See information included in this newsletter!
- May 3 - Staff Appreciation Luncheon, provided by the PTO
- May 13 - 8th grade Semi-formal dance! See information included in this newsletter!
- May 18 - PTO Meeting - 6 pm - Marauder Hall (across from the main office) - Final Meeting of the school year, 2022/23 officer elections

### Treat Tuesday:

The staff lounge will be transformed into a garden for our LAST Treat Tuesday of the year. We couldn't have PICKED a better staff to help our students BLOOM!

Please consider sending in a food item for the staff to help celebrate.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4CADA928A75-spring>

### 6/7th Grade Celebration:

"Let's GLOW!" Neon celebration complete with Free Photo Booth, free glow stick accessories, Pop-Walk (like old-fashioned cake walk) for prizes, basketball, DJ Crouch and fun snacks for purchase including Chick-fil-a!! Pura Vida Bracelets will also be on sale! Remember to send in \$\$ with your kids April 29! See attached flyer!



### Pura Vida Bracelet Sale:

Marauder Black and Gold Pura Vida Bracelets in 2 styles are now on sale! Limited quantity available.

Online orders only. Bracelets will be sent home on Fridays during student dismissal classes. See attached flyer!

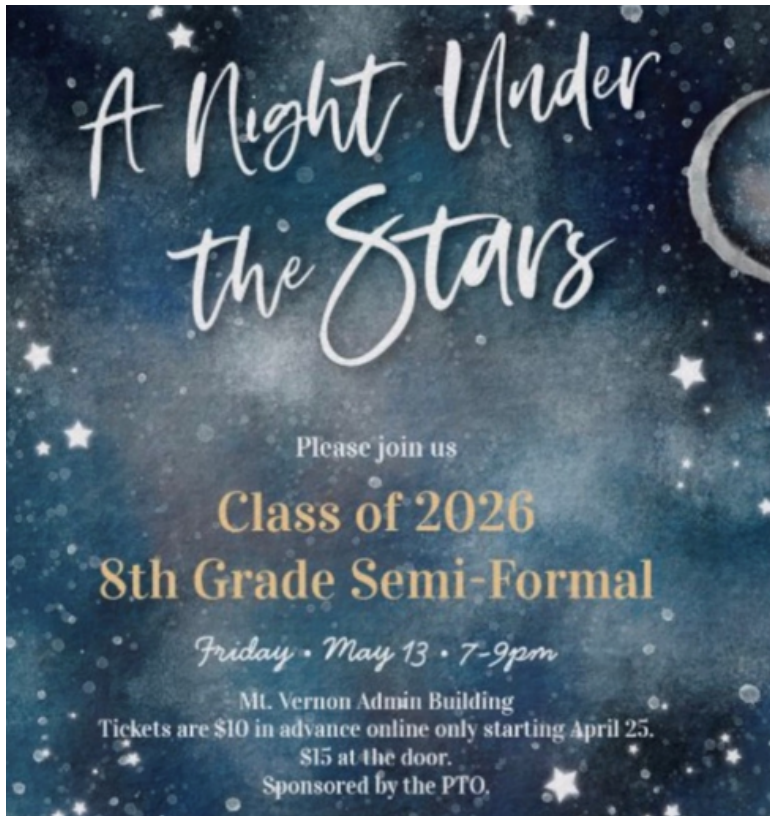




**8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance:**

"A Night Under the Stars -

Start shopping for dressy clothes 8th grade parents - the SEMI-formal dance tradition is back! See attached flyer!



**Spirit Wear Store:**

Check out FIDGETYFAN for all your spirit wear needs.

<https://fidgetyfan.com/pages/mtvernonschools>

**PTO Meeting:**

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 6 PM in Marauder Hall with special guest, Dr. Parker!



## Questions:

If you have any questions please email [mtvernonmiddleschoolpto@gmail.com](mailto:mtvernonmiddleschoolpto@gmail.com).

## Athletics

Anyone interested in trying out for an athletic team is required to complete and submit to the Athletic office the [IHSA Sports Physical](#) and [Final Forms](#) prior to tryouts.

### Attendance at MVHS Athletic Events

Please read the information [HERE](#) regarding attendance at Mt. Vernon High School athletic events.

## Reporting an Absence

If your student will be absent from school please notify us by one of the following methods:

- Call the attendance line at 317-485-3160 (available 24/7)
- Email [elizabeth.blunk@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:elizabeth.blunk@mvcsc.k12.in.us)

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

April 19th - 28th - ILearn Testing

April 27th - Washington D.C. parent meeting- 6:00pm in the MS cafeteria

May 2nd - 13th - BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

May 4th - 7th - 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.

May 9th - 12th - NWEA Testing

May 13th - 6th Grade Concert @ MVMS - 6:00pm

May 13th - 7th Grade trip to Cincinnati

May 13th - 8th Grade Semi-Formal

May 17th - 6th Grade Spring Choir Concert @ Mt. Vernon HS - 6:00pm

7th/8th Grade Spring Choir Concert @ Mt. Vernon HS - 7:00pm

May 20th - 7th/8th Grade Band Concert @ MVMS - 6:00pm

## Daily News and Announcements

Daily announcements can be found [HERE](#).

## Social Media

Twitter: @MtVernon\_MS  
Instagram: @Mt.Vernon\_MS  
Facebook: MtVernonMiddleSchool

## Local Events and Additional Opportunities

4TH ANNUAL  
MT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL  
BAND PROGRAM  
**MATTRESS**  
FUNDRAISER

EVERY PURCHASE  
BENEFITS THE BAND  
PROGRAM!



**BIG SAVINGS**  
FINANCING AVAILABLE

Twin From \$199 | Full From \$279 | Queen From \$299 | King From \$499

*Beautyrest.*



Adjustable Base



Luxury Pillows



Mattress Protector

- ✓ All sizes available
- ✓ 25+ styles on display
- ✓ Brand new with full factory warranties
- ✓ Delivery available
- ✓ All forms of payment accepted
- ✓ **Financing Available**



**SAT. APR 23**

**10AM-5PM**

**@MT VERNON HS CAFETERIA**

**BENEFITS THE BAND PROGRAM!**



david.barnwell@cfsbeds.com

For more info: TEXT "MVBAND22" TO 765-244-6229

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**FREE SHEETS W/ ANY MATTRESS PURCHASE!**

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BENEFITS MT. VERNON HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM



# HANCOCK COUNTY ART SHOW

Thursday April 21 -  
Friday April 22

@ *Eastern Hancock*

From 3:30 - 8:00 PM

A background image for the Mt. Vernon Color Guard Clinic showing a young woman in a yellow and black outfit performing with a flag. The text "MT. VERNON COLOR GUARD CLINIC" is written in a circular arc around her.

**COME SPIN WITH US!**

**APRIL 30TH**  
**12P-4P**

- Meet in Mt. Vernon HS Band Room
- No Experience Required!
- Open to Mt. Vernon Students Grades 6-12
- Wear Athletic Clothing
- Bring a Friend!
- Parent Performance @4p

questions, email: [guard.director@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:guard.director@mvcsc.k12.in.us) **#MVCGClinic**





# **KNOCK OUT CANCER DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT**

**FRIDAY MAY, 6TH**

**LOCATION: MT. VERNON MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELDHOUSE  
1862 W. STATE ROAD 234 FORTVILLE, IN 46040**



*JOIN TEAM ALL OUT FOR A CURE IN OUR 10 WEEK  
MAN/WOMAN OF THE YEAR CAMPAIGN WITH THE LEUKEMIA  
& LYMPHOMA SOCIETY. THE LLS MISSION IS TO RAISE MONEY  
TO CURE BLOOD CANCERS, CREATE AWARENESS, AND TO  
IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR IT'S PATIENTS.*

**100% OF PROCEEDS GO TO LLS!**



**GAMES BEGIN @ 6:00PM**

**12 TEAMS MAX**

**10 PLAYERS / TEAM**

**\$250 / TEAM**

**SINGLE ELIMINATION / 40 MIN GAMES**



**GAMES BEGIN @ 5:00PM**

**10 TEAMS MAX**

**10 PLAYERS / TEAM**

**\$250 / TEAM**

**SINGLE ELIMINATION / 30 MIN GAMES**

**ENTRY DEADLINE : FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH**

