MANHATTAN Virtual Academy

Family Focus

April Showers Bring May…

Graduates! Yes, next month is graduation, 8th grade recognition and the end of the 2017-18 school year. **Seniors** – we need your Senior Surveys! But it's still April and in Kansas that means thunderstorms and severe weather, so everyone stay safe!

Time to send pictures for the digital yearbook! The yearbook is shaping up nicely, thanks to all who have already sent pictures and information. If you want to see the work in progress, check out this link! The final publication will be available online to download sometime after graduation.

We need your help to spread the word about MVA! We would love for you to send us a short video about your MVA experience, why you like Manhattan Virtual Academy, "What's your word?", or your favorite class. We will use the videos on our social media to let other potential students and families know about our exceptional virtual school!

Our MVA students are amazing, and if your student doing something special, feel free to send the information to us for our Student Shout Out section. And don't forget - check FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram often for updated news and information.

2018-19 Enrollment now open!

MVA Teacher Feature

This month's teacher feature is Mrs. Becky Broce, MVA English Language Arts, Health/ PE teacher and 11th grade Homeroom teacher. Mrs. Broce has been with MVA for 11 years. She lives in Kansas City and has three kids and two dogs, Bonnie and Lolo. Her hobbies include gardening, cooking, hiking, traveling, and photography.

Mrs. Broce said, "Currently, I am working on a Master's degree from KU, in Curriculum and Instruction, with a TESOL emphasis. It has been a fun, challenging, and enlightening experience thus far, and I look forward to implementing what I am learning into my classrooms at MVA. It also has been nice to learn new technology tools/programs and be a student in the online arena."

What's your word?

"My word is move. I chose my word, 'move', because I hope to always keep moving forward in my lifetime. This world has so many wonderful opportunities to offer and I just do not want to miss out. Pushing myself to keep going, keep building, and keep growing as a lifetime learner is at the center of my core."

Calendar events:

- *Homeroom, April 6*
- *Permanent Zero, April 8*
- *Academic Outing NetApp, April 13*
- *ACT test, April 14*
- *State Assessments, April 16 – 20*
- *Academic Outing STEM, April 21*
- *Permanent Zero, April 29*
- *Homeroom, May 4*
- *AP Exams, May 7 – May 11*
- *Study Week, May 7 – 11*
- *Permanent Zero, May 13*
- *Spring Finals, May 14 -17*
- *Graduation and 8th Grade Recognition, May 19*

Mrs. Becky Broce
MVA English Language Arts Teacher

MVA STEM Academic Outing - April 21st, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Kansas State University Engineering Complex. Click here to register - https://goo.gl/forms/M27n1kN64ZqG12Pb2. Join other students and MVA teachers to experience real-world applications in science, technology, engineering and math that matter for all 21st century careers. Interact with K-State faculty and students for hands-on problem solving and collaboration.

State Assessments

State Assessments are April 16-20 and all 7th, 8th, 10th and 11th Graders will take content assessments. (9th and 12th grades do not test...luckies)! The following outlines the assessments by grade level.

7th Graders – Math, ELA
8th Graders – Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies
10th Graders – Math, ELA
11th Graders – Science, Social Studies

Each test has two parts, and each part will take approximately 45 minutes. However, in our experience, the tests do not take this long. The start time is 9:30. Please plan to arrive on time so that we may begin promptly at the scheduled time. Students will need to bring:

laptop and power cord
earbuds
lunch/snack if you think your student will be there morning and afternoon

Assessment locations, dates and times:

Manhattan - Zoo, Monday April 16th, 9:30 - 4:00
Iola - Allen County Community College, Tuesday April 17th, 9:30 - 4:00
Park City - Library, Wednesday April 18th, 9:30 - 4:00
Sublette - Haskell County Library, Thursday April 19th, 10:00 - 4:00
Topeka - Rasmussen Campus, Thursday April 19th, 9:30 - 4:00
Overland Park - Rasmussen Campus, Friday April 20th, 9:30 - 4:00

We will have a computer at each location for parents to complete online registration and class selection for the 2018-2019 school year. We look forward to seeing you and love to have the time to say hello and touch base with you!

Bring your **Pennies for Patients** to the state assessment locations. This program helps raise money to fund research for therapies that save the lives of blood cancer patients. Students can make a difference in helping save lives! Click here for the online giving link.

It's been rescheduled - don't miss this opportunity

for students interested in computer science, engineering, business, and human resource management. Transportation from Manhattan available with limited seating. Click this link to register - https://goo.gl/forms/DqAfj2ng4A9fWUTL2

NetApp Academic Outing

Hosted by Josh Weiser, Senior Project Manager and MVA Parent

3718 North Rock Road, Wichita Friday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Includes: Facility tour, Computer Science, Mechanical, Electrical information, ICT Game Jam.

The MVA word for February, March and April is "Inspire." We strive to encourage and motivate our students to do their very best and achieve to their highest potential. As stated in our vision, our goal is to inspire today's learners and tomorrow's leaders for lifelong success.

Student Shout Outs!

Here are our April Student Shout Outs! We want to recognize our students and the amazing things they do both in school and out in their communities. Thank you to all the students who let us share their stories!

Ally Brennaman and **Payson Crouch** are the Kansas Junior High and High School Rodeo Association featured members in the March 2018 Rodeo News magazine. Both of these amazing students are working hard to make it to the national finals this year. The Junior High finals will be in Huron, South Dakota and the High School finals in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Thank you, Ally and Payson, for both mentioning Manhattan Virtual Academy in your articles! We are proud that you are MVA students and wish you the very best success as you continue to compete this season.

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Another amazing MVA student, **Hannah Preut** enjoys pursuing her acting career while doing school online. She is with a local talent agency and has done the AMC preshow commercial and Hallmark online. She just finished playing Cinderella at the Goppert Theatre and had a lot of fun! Currently she is finishing filming several days a week in a student feature film called The Hidden. This film, written and produced by students at Olathe Northwest High School, cast Hannah as the lead. It will be showing in a theatre in Overland Park in May. She is thankful for these opportunities to learn and grow as an actress and have fun!

8th Grade Recognition and 2018 High School Graduation!
Saturday May 19th
10:30 am
Manhattan High School
Rezac Auditorium.

Check out the 2017-18 digital yearbook! It's still a work in progress but click here to preview.

Please send your student's picture, their word (if they have chosen one), and why they chose it (if they would like to share). You don't have to send a traditional school picture, (although that is fine, too) we would love one that captures their unique spirit and personality. We will also list their city, unless you request that information not be shared. Send pictures and information to ronnao@usd383.org. Comments and suggestions are welcome as well! *If you did not check yes on the media release form in online enrollment, your student will not be included without written permission.*