

Lucky, Lucky MVA!

We are lucky – lucky to have creative, committed educators who love to teach and work with our students. We are lucky to have talented, dedicated staff who want every success for our students and families. Most of all, we are very lucky to have you - our amazing students and families as part of the MVA family.

Thank you to for those who have sent pictures for the digital yearbook already! The yearbook will have a section with senior pictures and their plans for the future. Similar to a traditional yearbook, students will also be featured by grade level. Look on the last page of the newsletter for a link to preview the yearbook, just remember, it's a work in progress! It will be available online to download after graduation.

Do you feel lucky to be at 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 spread the word about our exceptional virtual school!

Is your student doing something special? Feel free to send it to us for our Student Shout Out section. And don't forget - check [FaceBook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) often for updated news and information.



MVA Teacher Feature

Remember you can find all our MVA Teacher Feature videos, and other informational videos on our [YouTube channel](#).

This month's teacher feature is our outstanding science teacher, Mr. Curtis Leddy. Mr. Leddy, 10th grade homeroom teacher this year, loves teaching, and especially loves teaching at MVA. vClass sessions with students is his favorite part of the job. He says, "I love the interactions with students, learning what they are doing in their life, and opening up new possibilities for their future. I want my courses to be fun, informative, and safe for all students!"

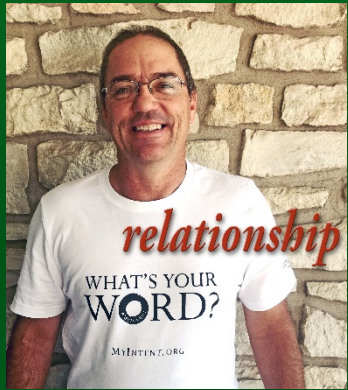
What's your word?

"My word is relationship. Not only do I want students to learn, I want to know what inspires the students, what motivates them, who they are. Building lasting relationships with the students is the best part of my job."

Calendar events:

- Academic Outing Hamlet, March 1
- ACT registration deadline for April 14th ACT test, March 9
- Permanent Zero, March 11
- No School – Mid Term Grades, March 16
- Spring Break, March 19- 23
- Permanent Zero, April 8
- ACT test, April 14
- State Assessments, April 16 – 20
- Permanent Zero, April 29

FYI - 2018-19 Enrollment Information will be posted early in March!



Mr. Curtis Leddy
MVA Science
Teacher



MVA STEM Academic Outing - April 21st, 10:00 a.m 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 almost here 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



We have scheduled one day at each test site during the week of April 16-20. Each test has two parts, and each part will take approximately 45 minutes. However, in our experience, the tests do not take this long. You will receive an email the second week of March with sign up information.

The start time is 9:30. Please plan to arrive on time so that we may begin promptly at the scheduled time.

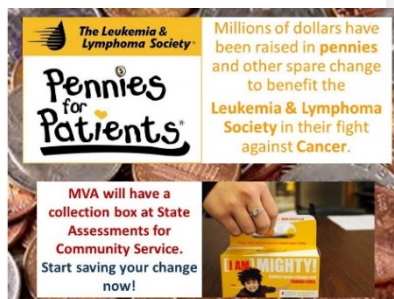
Students will need to bring:

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



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!



RESCHEDULED!
AMAZING OPPORTUNITY for students interested in computer science, engineering, business, and human resource management. Transportation from Manhattan available with limited seating. (Rescheduled due to weather.)

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.



Please register at:
<https://goo.gl/forms/A3UiZg9IkjREIX>



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 March 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!



Matas Metlevkis is starring in the film, *Motherland*, a coming-of-age drama set in Vilnius, Lithuania. Set shortly after the fall of the iron curtain, 12-year-old Kovas (Matas) travels to his mother Viktorija's homeland for the first time since she escaped the USSR 20 years ago. While the film is almost entirely set in Lithuania, the story explores post-Soviet Lithuania through a western lens. Matas is in Lithuania this semester for two weeks to work on voice-over recordings for the movie, the filming was completed last summer. The director is from New York and the movie was funded by the European Union. It will be released later this year. Click [here](#) for more information about Matas and the movie (also the source of this information).



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MVA students Grace Conser and Matthias Moore accompanied their families to Casper, Wyoming to attend the Casper Mountain Sled Dog Races. The event is a fundraiser for 4-H clubs in the area. Grace's family has attended and competed in the races since 1999. She competed in the 4-dog, 3-mile race. Matthias and his family arrived ahead of the race days and assisted with setting up for the races.



**Mark your calendars
for 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! We've posted a first draft of the book in progress. [Click here to preview.](#)

MVA is creating a yearbook, and we need your help. 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.*