



Monarchs

This year it's
GAME ON!!



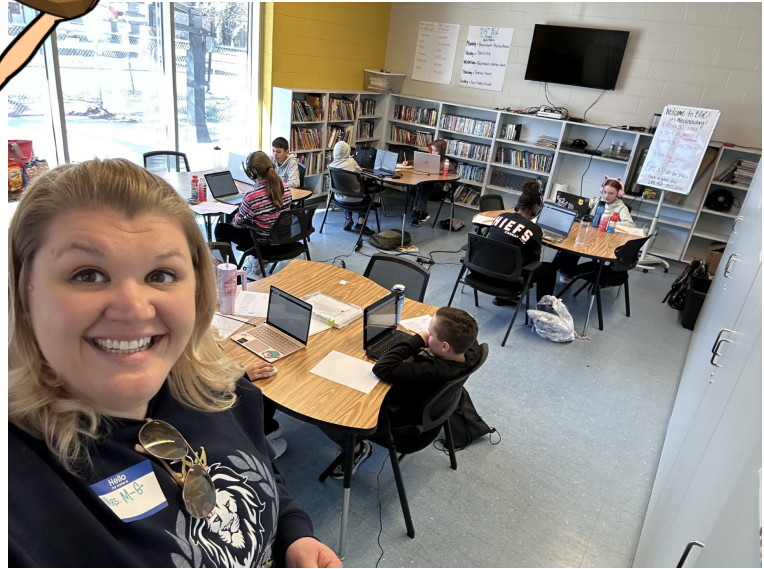
Life can be tough sometimes. For some, getting out of

bed in the morning can be tough. Ok, so I'm getting old. Ugh! Yes, Spring Break can help, or hurt, depending on how much golf you play. Self-inflicted pain. Ugh. We must persevere, however. We must "Game on"!

To me, Game On means that we must accept the challenges in front of us and meet them head-on. No side-stepping, no delaying. Do you accept challenges head-on? I have seen this in many of the students this past week when you completed state assessments. None of the students I proctored were excited about completing the exams. *But you did!* **Game on!** You traveled to sites that may have been hours away, brought your teachers Dr. Pepper in various sizes, and Game On'd those assessments with veracity. (continued p 3)

Messenger

Congratulations on doing an outstanding job on State Assessments, everyone!



You did it!! You made it through another year of state assessments. We are proud of all our students and your hard work! A special **THANK YOU** to their families for getting them to the various testing locations around the state, and for being such a great support to your kiddos! **Well done, everyone!!**

IMPORTANT DATES

- * APR 18-19 - NO elementary morning meetings, MS/HS advisory or office hours due to MVA staff in PD days.
- * APR 26 - **Virtual Field Trip!!** Mrs. MG's Reptile House 11:30am
- * MAY 13-16 - Last week of school; final exams for HS Students
- * MAY 17-22 - END OF YEAR celebrations (picnics) at different locations around state
- * MAY 18 - Graduation, 2pm, MHS - **Congratulations Class of 2024!!**



MVA Clubs Schedule for April



Monarch Mornings & Lunch Bunch

Club Name	Meeting Day	Time
Art Club	1st Thursday	12:30 pm
Astronomy Club	2nd Wednesday	2:30 pm
Creative Writing Club	3rd Thursday	11:30 am
Crochet Club	1st Thursday	1:00 pm
Monarch Bakery	2nd Wednesday	11:00 am
Elem Cooking	2nd Monday	2:00 pm
Elem Creative	4th Monday	2:00 pm
Gaming	Discord	Ongoing
Harry Potter Club	2nd Wednesday	2:00 pm
Photography Club	2nd Thursday	12:00 pm
Swifties	4th Wednesday	12:30 pm
Yearbook Club	2nd & 4th Thursday	11:30 pm

Monarch Mornings

MTW 9:30 - 9:50am

Monarch Mornings are an opportunity to get to know other students and do some fun activities together. We will come up with many of the activities together. We will begin with a sweet 16 coping skills/self-care activity to level up our self-regulation gam

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9848119564?pwd=VzYrL2lCRnFzTDJRR1FOekROSHU0Zz09>

Appointments Available:

Ms. Simkins is available by appointment <https://calendly.com/mvacounselor> for course selection (iplan), college planning, parent support, student support, resume building, Xello/HirePaths support, and more. Grab a time that works for you!

Thursday MS/HS Office Hours 10:30 – 11:30		APRIL 2024					Elementary Morning Meeting M - TH 8:45 am	Thursday MS Advisory 9:00 am HS Advisory 9:30 am
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1 Week 14	2 Virtual NHS Induction 7 pm	3 In-Person State Assessments No Office Hours, EL Morning Meeting or MS/HS Advisory		4	5	6	
7	8 ELEM COOKING 2 PM Week 15	9	10 Monarch Bakery 11:00 am Harry Potter Club 2:00 pm Astronomy Club 2:30 pm	11 HS/MS Assembly & ART SHOW 10:00 am Yearbook 11:30 am Photography Club 12:00 pm Crochet Club 12:30 pm	12	13		
14 PZ wk 13-14	15 Week 16	16	17	18 In Person Staff Professional Development No Office Hours, EL Morning Meeting or MS/HS Advisory		19	20	
21	22 ELEM CREATIVE 2 PM Week 17	23	24 Swifties Club 12:30 am	25 Creative Writing Club 11:30 am Yearbook 11:30 am	26 Virtual Field Trip 11:00 am	27		
28 PZ wk 15-16	29 Week 18	30						

WANTED:

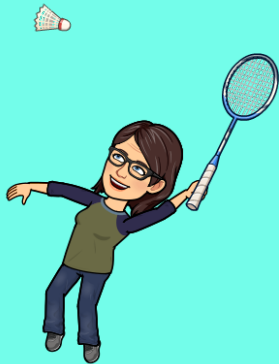
YOUR FACE in a photo. Please send your version of “school picture day” to susanner@usd383.org for the yearbook! Thank you!



ALSO WANTED

Activity photos for the Yearbook!

Do you have fun trips you've taken, or interesting hobbies or activities you do?! We'd love to put those pictures in the upcoming yearbook! Please send photos to: Susanner@usd383.org, or Tamis@usd383.org



Game On, by Mr. Leddy (continued from page 1)

I was so proud! (You did take your teachers Dr. Pepper, didn't you? At least one of them, right?) Anyway, now that the assessments are over, are you ready to accept the challenges that present themselves for the rest of the semester? I am going to accept the challenges ahead of me (more golf), I expect the same from you! Game on!

Cam Aggson does Cosplay



We love to recognize our students and the amazing things they do both in school and out in their communities. Please feel free to send your student's information to us to share. Thank you to all the students who let us share their stories!

Cam Aggson attended KC Planet Comicon March 8-10. A highlight was seeing Ms. Littrell there!! Cosplay (costume play) is a passion of hers and she loves attending "Cons" (conventions). Cam does all her own costumes, make up, and wig styling. She sews, crafts, and creates props with cardboard, hot glue, paint, leather, etc. Amazing work, Cam! Your creativity and skill are outstanding!



A Sinister Plot

by MVA Student, Lashay Worcester, Grade 10

Grayson had never expected to watch his own funeral. It was absurd to even think about! One could not see their own funeral because they would be dead! He frowned as he watched his casket get lowered into the ground. Two weeks ago, he had been in a car crash and had fled his attacker. Yes, the crash had been no accident. It had been on purpose. He'd been cruising along minding his own business when he'd been rammed from behind. Once he lost control of the vehicle, they'd begun shooting at him. He'd been on the run ever since.

"I am sorry for your loss," the preacher said to his sister, putting a hand on her shoulder. "He will be greatly missed."

Anna nodded before slipping away from the crowd and disappearing into the parking lot. Grayson grimaced at the pain his fake death had brought on his family. It wasn't exactly his fault that they thought he was dead. His attacker, James Caddel, had orchestrated the whole thing. Grayson could come out of hiding and accuse him, but Mr. Caddel was far too powerful to be taken down without evidence. Caddel wanted the project that Grayson was working on. He would do anything in his power to take it.

"Grayson," a voice whispered from behind him. He spun around to face his newfound friend. He'd met Eric several years before when he had gone with his father to work. Eric Callaghan was several years older than Grayson but was still a great friend. "We need to go."

Grayson let out a soft breath before glancing back at the funeral proceeding. "Yeah, ok."

They walked silently through the brush as they made their way back to the car. Grayson sighed as he examined the ordinary white car. It would allow them to blend in and help prevent their capture.

"Are you sure you're ok?" Eric asked, pausing with his hand on the handle. Before Grayson could respond, gunshots echoed through the forest and bullets dented the car's exterior. "Get down!"

Grayson dropped down next to the car and waited for the next shot. It hit the ground a few feet away from him and he quickly made his way to the opposite side of the vehicle. Breathing heavily, he unholstered his gun and took aim.

(To be continued...)

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