



Monarchs

This year it's GAME ON!!

by Kim Lackey

Happy February, Monarchs! As you navigate your academic journey, always remember that determination is your secret weapon. Just like the vibrant blooms of spring pushing through the soil, your efforts will yield incredible results with perseverance and hard work. Picture every challenge as a level in your own educational game, and guess what? The phrase "Game On" is your cue to embrace each task with enthusiasm and tenacity. It's not just about doing well in school; it's about leveling up in life. So, power up, stay focused, and let your determination be the force that propels you to success! You got this!

"Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough."
- Og Mandion

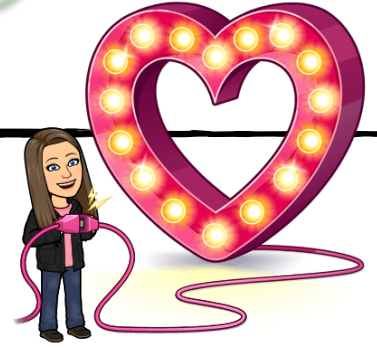
Messenger

Valentine's Day Dance

by Lashay Worcester - MVA student 10th grade

Amelia, Amelia, Why so blue?

Amelia, Amelia, I want to dance with you.



Amelia stared at the letter with a frown. Someone wanted to dance with her? She assumed that meant someone wanted to take her to the Valentine's dance that evening, but who? It was tradition in Denmark to send a poem (usually something funny) to your valentine and sign it with a dot for each letter of your name. Whoever sent the note had five letters in their first name and eight letters in their last.

"Hey, sis, what's up?" Brook asked as she stepped into the room and noticed the note in Amelia's hand. She peered over her shoulder and laughed when she read it. "Looks like you have an admirer."

"Yeah, I just have to figure out who it is. Who in Dragor has eight letter last names?"

Brook frowned, "There are several, I'm afraid."

"Ok, then let's make a list. Figure out which families have boys my age," Amelia said.

"You know, it could be someone older or younger than you," Brook said with a grin.

"Well, the only people that have boys, know you, and their last name has eight letters are the Pedersons, Johansens, and the Kjeldsens. I doubt Bobby and David would send you a note, so we can probably scratch the Kjeldsens off the list. So that leaves the Pedersons and Johansens."

"You can scratch the Johansens off the list," Amelia said, "Gavin is my best friend. There is no way he likes me like that."

Brook raised an eyebrow but made a scratching motion in the air. "Bye, bye Johansens."

"So, the only option would be the Pedersons. Grady, Philip, and Travis," Amelia said.

"It isn't any of them either. Grady is taking Annie, Philip is taking Rose, and Travis is taking Susan."

"So, is it the Kjeldsens then?" Amelia asked, "I know you said you doubted they would, but maybe they did."

"Nope. No way. Besides, Bobby is taking Claire and David has had his eyes on Riley for weeks now," Brook said. "Are you sure it isn't Gavin? I mean, the number of letters match up. Gavin has five letters in his first and eight in his last." (continued on page 5)

FEBRUARY

* Feb 7-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences * Feb 9 - NO SCHOOL
* Feb 11 - PZ Week 1 * Feb 25 - PZ Week 2 & 3



MVA Clubs Schedule for February



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
Culture & Baking	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	2nd 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

Lunch & Learn

MTW 11:30 - 11:50am

Lunch & Learn is an opportunity to grab your lunch and hang out to level up our relationships and build community. We will share stories and watch videos. Game on! It is also a great time to share outside accomplishments and projects.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9848119564?pwd=VzYrL2lCRnFzTDJlR1FOekROSHU0Zz09>

Thursdays		FEBRUARY 2024				Thursdays
HS/MS Office Hours 10:30 – 11:30						MS Advisory 9:00 am HS Advisory 9:30 am
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1 Assembly 10:00 am	2	3	
			Art Club 12:30 pm Crochet Club 1:00 pm			
	5	6	7 Parent Teacher Confer.	8 Parent Teacher Confer. Yearbook 11:30 am Photography Club 12:00 pm	9 NO SCHOOL	10
	11 PZ wk 4-5	12 ELEM COOKING 2 PM	13	14 Culture & Baking 11:00 am Swifties 12:30 pm Harry Potter Club 2:00 pm Astronomy Club 2:30 pm	15 Creative Writing Club 11:30 am ELEM Friendship Party 1 PM	16 Last day to drop a class
	18	19	20	21	22 Yearbook 11:30 am	23 Art Contest Entries Due STEM Event
	25 PZ wk 6-7	26 ELEM CREATIVE 2 PM	27	28	29	
						BLACK HISTORY 24/7/365



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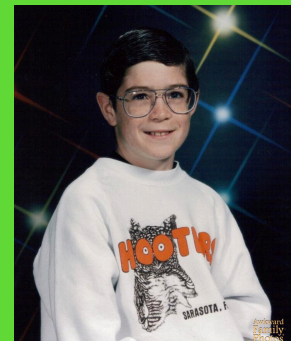
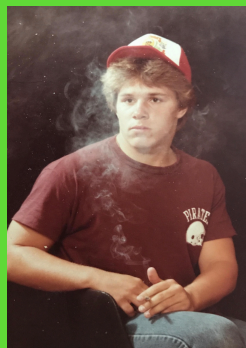
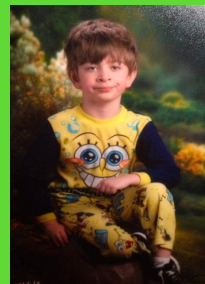
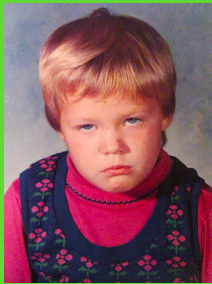
Your photos for the yearbook!

Do you have fun or interesting hobbies or activities you do outside of school? We'd love to put pictures of it in the upcoming yearbook!

Please send photos to: Susanner@usd383.org



We also need **YOUR FACE** in a photo. Please send your version of "school picture day" to susanner@usd383.org



The MVA Cookbook is here!!

Enjoy making a yummy snack with your favorite people!

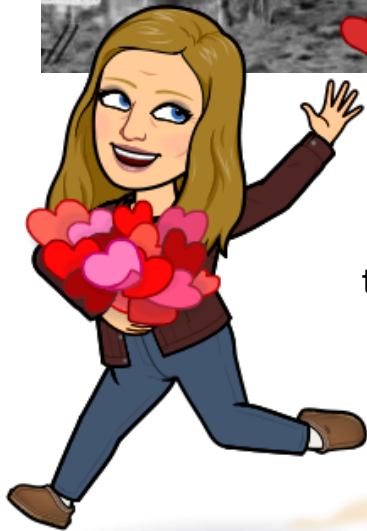
MVA COOKBOOK



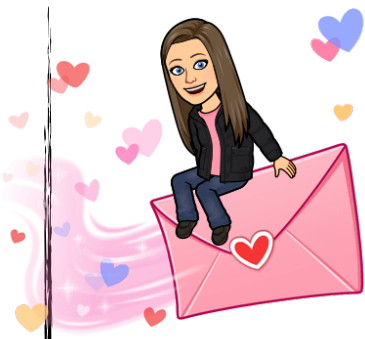
Student Spotlight



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



My name is **Madisyn Sly** and I am a Junior this year. In my free time I enjoy riding my horses, and traveling to rodeos. This is my horse named "Lil' Red", she is my favorite one and we have accomplished a lot together! This picture was taken at the High School Rodeo last year in Kingman, Ks. I am very thankful that I switched to MVA, and it's pretty cool that MVA also sponsors the Kansas High School Rodeo Association!



The Valentines Dance - continued

“So do Bobby, David, and Grady,” Amelia reminded her.

“But I've already told you why they wouldn't! It must be Gavin. There is no one else!”

“Doesn't Gavin have anyone else to go with him?” Amelia asked.

“Nope. Hasn't asked anyone,” Brook said with a grin. “Now, let's go to the dance! I bet he will be waiting for you!”

A few minutes later they stood in the large room full of people dancing and Amelia searched the crowd for her friend. She saw him a few seconds later. He was standing near the back of the room, snowdrop flowers in hand. Amelia turned and fled the dance before he could see her.

Some of the Great Black Leaders in America's History

Fannie Lou Hamer
Civil Rights activist and vice chair of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party • October 6, 1917 – March 14, 1977

“Although we have suffered greatly, I feel that we have not suffered in vain. I am determined to become a first-class citizen.”

Martin Luther King Jr.
Civil Rights leader and youngest man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize • January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

Barack Obama
First African-American president of the United States of America • Born August 4, 1961

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

Rosa Parks
Civil Rights activist • February 4, 1913 – October 4, 2005

“I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.”

Harriet Tubman
Escaped slave, abolitionist, humanitarian, and Union spy during the American Civil War • c. March 1820 – March 10, 1913

“I was the conductor of the Underground Railroad for eight years ... I never ran my train off the track and I never lost a passenger.”

Marian Anderson
First African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera • February 27, 1897 – April 8, 1993

“As long as you keep a person down, some part of you has to be down there to hold him down, so it means you cannot soar as you otherwise might.”

Jesse Owens
First American track and field athlete to win four gold medals in a single Olympiad September 12, 1913 – March 31, 1980

“Find the good. It's all around you. Find it, showcase it, and you'll start believing in it.”

Shirley Chisholm
First African-American woman elected to U.S. Congress November 30, 1924 – January 1, 2005

“I don't measure America by its achievement, but by its potential.”

Langston Hughes
Poet, playwright, journalist, and leading voice of the Harlem Renaissance • February 1, 1902 – May 22, 1967

“An artist must be free to choose what he does, certainly, but he must also never be afraid to do what he must choose.”

Thurgood Marshall
First African-American U.S. Supreme Court Justice July 2, 1908 – January 24, 1993

“In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute.”

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