



Messenger

This year it's GAME ON!!

In the dynamic world of education, the phrase "game on" encapsulates the spirit of learning and life itself. It serves as a rallying call for students of all ages, from our youngest learners in kindergarten to our graduating seniors. Just like in a game, each academic challenge is an opportunity to strategize, learn, and grow. "Game on" encourages a mindset that embraces challenges with enthusiasm, determination, and a positive attitude. It's a reminder that every lesson, every task, is a chance to score a victory in the game of knowledge and life. So, let's embrace the journey, face every challenge head-on, and play the game of learning with passion and perseverance. Game on, students!

Here at the MVA offices, Fani and I have a view of the Manhattan High parking lot. Today we've watched numerous students in nothing more than shorts and t-shirts shuffle to and from their cars on this blustery, 12 degree January day! I imagine it's days like today that you and your students might be especially thankful for virtual school! As January attempts to freeze us all in place, I hope you and your family have some



things you're looking forward to in the year ahead. Warmer weather might be one of them! We hope that finishing strong this semester is in mind for your students. Or perhaps it's a fun vacation or outing, career milestones or reaching personal goals. As Principal Brooke mentions in the left column, having the right attitude is important to achieving our goals. So whatever lies ahead this year, I hope you are inspired for the months ahead. In the short term, we wish you a warm home, a fuzzy blanket and a hot beverage to enjoy with those you love.

SAVE THE DATES:

- 1) Teacher Conferences:
Feb 7-8; 4-8pm
- 2) STEM Activity: Feb 23;
1pm, MHK

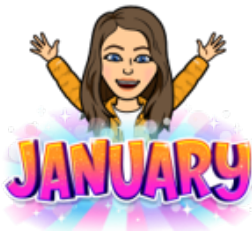
More details coming soon

JANUARY

Jan 14 - PZ Week 1

Jan 15 - MLK Day - No School!

Jan 28 - PZ Week 2 & 3



MVA Clubs Schedule for January

| Club Name | Meeting Day | Time |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Art Club | 1st Thursday | 12:30 - 1:00 pm |
| Astronomy Club | 2nd Wednesday | 2:30-3:00 pm |
| Crochet Club | 1st Thursday | 1:00-1:30 pm |
| Culture & Baking | 2nd Wednesday | 11:00-11:30 am |
| Elem Game Club | 4th Monday | 2:00-2:30 pm |
| Elem Lego Club | 2nd Monday | 2:00-2:30 pm |
| Gaming | Discord | Ongoing |
| Harry Potter Club | 3rd Wednesday | 2:00-2:30 pm |
| Photography Club | 2nd Thursday | 12:00-12:30 pm |
| Rodeo Club | 3rd Wednesday | 12:30-1:00 pm |
| Swifties | 2nd Wednesday | 12:30-1:00 pm |
| Yearbook Club | 2nd & 4th Thursday | 11:30-12:00 pm |

Monarch Mornings & Lunch Bunch



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

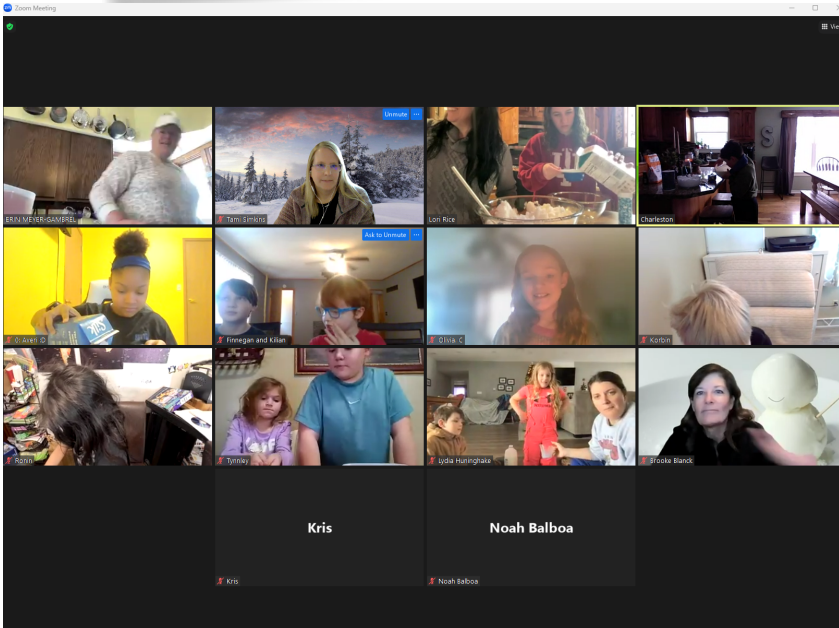
MTW 11:30 - 11:50am

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 | | | | | | Thursdays | |
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| Office Hours 10:30 – 11:30 | | | | | | MS Advisory 9:00 am HS Advisory 9:30 am | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
| | 1 NO SCHOOL | 2 NO SCHOOL | 3 2nd Semester Begins | 4 Assembly 10:00 am Art Club 12:30 pm Crochet Club 1:00 pm | 5 PLC | 6 | |
| | 8 ELEM LEGO 2 PM | 9 | 10 Culture & Baking 11:00 am Swifties 12:30 pm Harry Potter Club 2:00 pm Astronomy Club 2:30 pm | 11 Yearbook Club 11:30 am Photography Club 12:00 pm | 12 Last day to add a class PLC | 13 | |
| 14 PZ wk 1 | 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL | 16 | 17 Rodeo Club 12:30 pm | 18 | 19 PLC | 20 | |
| 21 | 22 ELEM GAME 2 PM | 23 | 24 | 25 Yearbook Club 11:30 am | 26 PLC | | |
| 28 PZ wk 2-3 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Student Activities



Mrs. Rice and Mrs. MG's classes made snow ice cream together! Yum!



Haeli Smith used her creative energies outside with "Harold."



K-5 participated in this year's *STEM to Space* initiative in conjunction with the **United States Space Force**. The Space Force celebrates their third birthday this month, and the program is designed to engage students with STEM education. Ms. Rice's K-2 class and Mrs. MG's 3-5 class were selected as one of the classrooms in Kansas to participate in the program. The class met with Holly Hollenbeck in our Zoom classroom where she shared her job duties as well as how satellites are used for communication and to determine weather forecasts in our every day lives on Earth. She also answered many questions from the students.

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!



Conser Sisters Perform Together



Lauren (left): This was my first time performing in the Nutcracker. The roles I had this year were Arabian Corp and Flower. During regular rehearsals, I would dance for 1.5 hours each week, but I became much busier leading up to the performance. I currently dance at Barbara's Conservatory of Dance, and this is my 12th year dancing.

Olivia (right): This was my first time performing in Nutcracker as well. I performed as a Girl Child in the party scene. During regular rehearsals, I danced 45 minutes each week, and then much more as we got closer to the performance. Like my sister, I also dance at Barbara's Conservatory of Dance. This is my 7th year dancing.



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