



# Messenger

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## April hard work brings May success

Our quest is getting close to the end, just six weeks of school left in the Spring semester! Keep up the hard work students, the last day of school in May will be here before you know it.

State Assessments are the first week of April for students grades 3-11 excluding 9th grade. Make sure you know your location and plan to be at the site at the time listed. Students will take the tests at their own pace, and there is no time limit. Look for test taking tips on page three. We do enjoy this chance to see students face to face!

Last call for pictures of your students for our digital yearbook that will be available at the end of the school year to [ronnao@usd383.org](mailto:ronnao@usd383.org). We have class picture pages as well as activity pages. Next month we will feature pictures of our seniors and in June we celebrate our 5th and 8th grade students.

Graduation is in May! Make sure you know deadlines pertaining to the graduation process. Senior pictures are due this month and will be featured in a graduation slide show, Facebook, the newsletter and the yearbook.

Recognition for 5th and 8th grades will be on May 15. Both of these will be online, feel free to invite others to come celebrate your student's success. More info will be available soon.

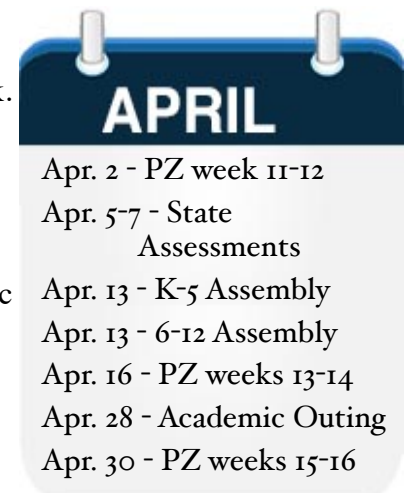
We are planning another STEM Quest (Academic Outing) on April 28. Look for a sign-up email soon.

The Quest continues, the end is in sight. Keep it up students, we know you can complete your quest - we know you can do it!

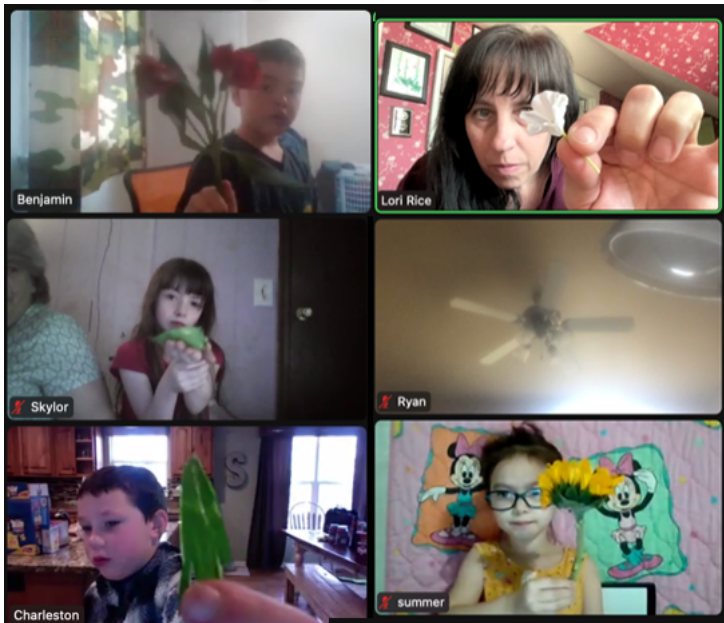


### What is your Quest for Excellence?

From MVA Language Arts, PE and 9th Grade Advisory Teacher, Mrs. Becky Broce: My quest for this year is to enjoy the journey rather than the end result.



# Elementary Quests

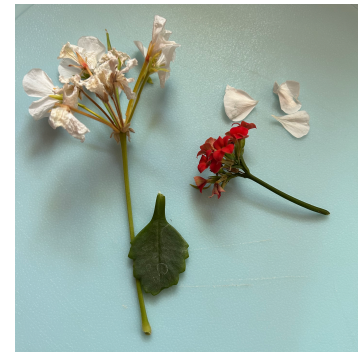
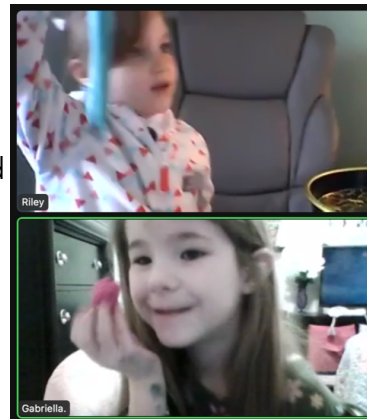
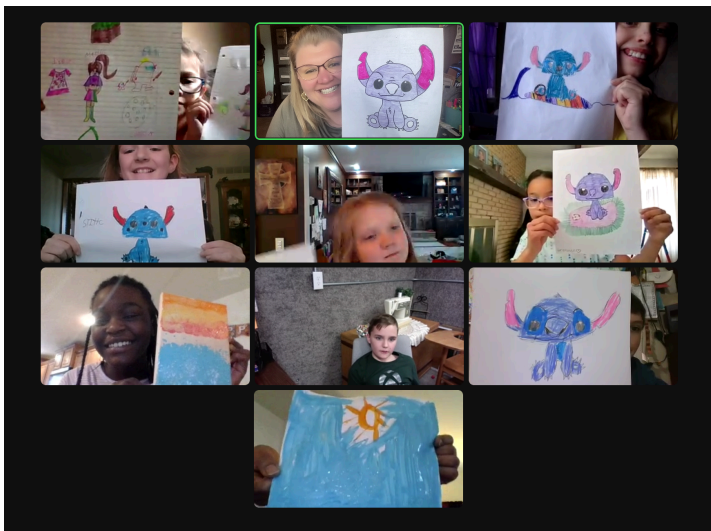


This month K-2 students are learning about living things in science. Students are exploring the parts of plants and animals as well as comparing them to find similarities and differences.



First graders used a flower to dissect and identify the stem, leaf, and petals. They cut it open to find the internal structures as well. Kindergarten students used play dough to practice 3D shapes and create animals. Hands on learning and play is an important part of our daily lessons in K-2.

Elementary students had art club in March and drew Stitch from Lilo and Stitch. Check out the fun versions students created or the projects they worked on while we met for Art Club.

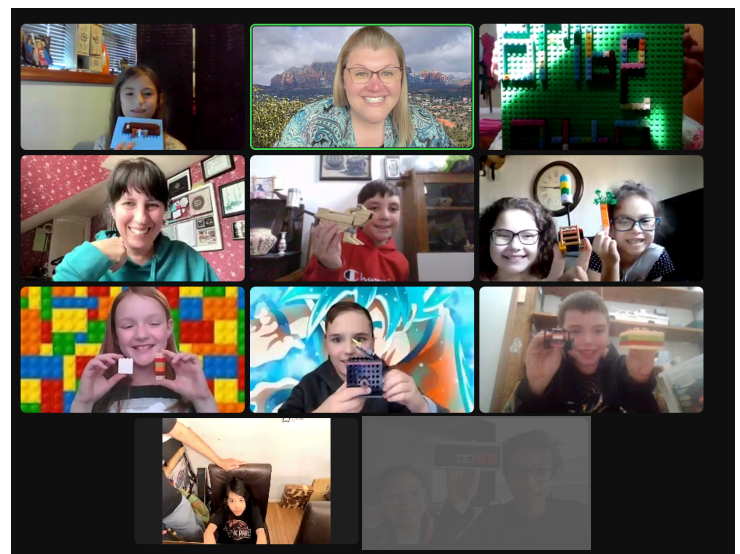


The first Lego Club had a great time with students showing their Lego creations. Elementary clubs in April include:

**Art Club** - Mrs. MG's Zoom Link on Monday, March 27 @ 2 PM for Art creating, sharing, and making. Need paper, pencils, markers, or crayons.

**Cooking Club** - Mrs. MG's Zoom Link on Thursday, April 13 @ 1 PM for making fruit kabobs. Bring favorite fruit such as strawberries, grapes, pineapple chunks, blackberries, cherries, etc., mini marshmallows, and wooden skewers.

**Lego** - Mrs. MG's Zoom Link on Monday, April 17 @ 2 PM for LEGO creating, sharing, and building. Need Lego like blocks to build and create.





## State Assessment Reminders

- Laptop
- KITE Downloaded & Installed
- Power Cord
- Earbuds or headphones
- Snack & Drink
- Arrive on time!



## MVA Clubs schedule for March

Club Name	Meeting Day	Time
Art Club	1st Thursday	12:30 - 1:00 pm
Astronomy	2nd Wednesday	2:30 - 3:00 pm
Book Club K-5	Last Monday	2:00 - 2:30 pm
Cooking Club K-5	2nd Thursday	1:00 - 1:30 pm
Cooking & Culture	2nd Wednesday	11:00 - 11:30 am
Gaming	Discord	Ongoing
Harry Potter	2nd Wednesday	2:00 - 2:30 pm
Lego Club K-5	3rd Monday	2:00 - 2:30 pm
Photography	2nd Thursday	12:30 - 1:00 pm
STEM K-5	2nd Monday	2:00 - 2:30 pm
Yearbook	2nd Thursday	12:00 - 12:30 pm

## Graduation



### MVA 2022 Graduation Details

Who: MVA Students, Families, & Guests  
 What: Graduation Ceremony  
 When: Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.  
 Where: Manhattan High School Auditorium  
 Why: Celebrate your accomplishments and your future, meet your classmates and staff in person.

### Timeline

**April:** Send graduation pictures for the senior slide show and 2022-2023 yearbook to [tamis@usd383.org](mailto:tamis@usd383.org).

RSVP for Graduation <https://forms.office.com/r/fPawfZeDbF>

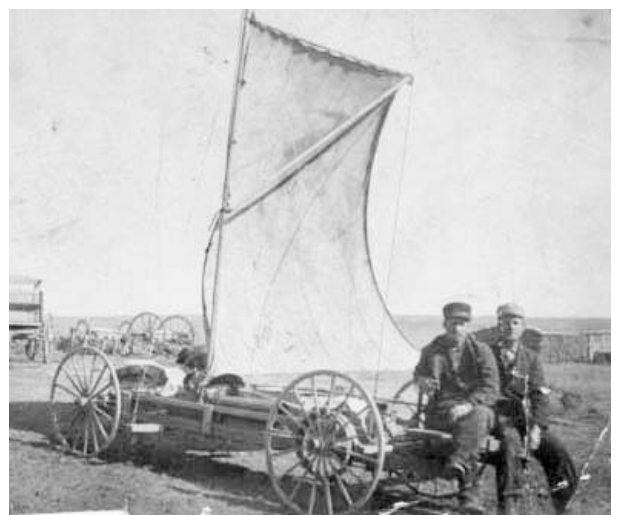
**May:** Saturday, May 20, 2023 - Graduation Ceremony at 2:00 p.m. Seniors need to arrive at 1:30 p.m.

## DO YOUR BEST TO BEAT THE TEST 8 Test Taking Strategies

1. Three is key! **READ** the passage, **READ** the questions, **REREAD** the passage to find your answer.
2. Highlight or underline **evidence** from the text that proves or supports your answer.
3. Watch out for **distractors** and don't get tricked. These are answers that look good but aren't the best answer.
4. **Think** of the answer before you read all the choices.
5. Stash the Trash! **Eliminate** wrong answers by placing an X at the end of them. Place a ✓ check after the best answer left.
6. **Plug in** different answer choices to see what makes the most sense.
7. In **Math** **box key words** that tell you which operation to use (+ - ÷ ×) and **circle all numbers** that will be used.
8. Double **check** your work. Make sure you did not skip answering any questions.

## STEM Event - April 28 from 1-3 Pottorf Hall in Manhattan

Along the westward-moving frontier, innovation and invention were requirements for survival. Early settlers had to learn how to utilize the energy of one the great natural resources of the prairie: the wind. Come celebrate this part of Kansas history and the start of spring by working in small teams to create a functional Wind Wagon and then compete against each other to see whose wagon travels farthest.





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!

# Student Spotlight



**Ethan Olesky** spent a week in Colorado with his Trail Life USA Troop rafting on the Arkansas River, camping, hiking and rock climbing. Ethan's favorite part was rock climbing. He spent a year preparing and raising money to go on the trip. Ethan's favorite part of the trip was exploring an abandoned train tunnel right off the river. He the one in glasses on the right side in the rafting picture.



**Bridgette Blue**, 3rd grade student, won 5th place at the state wrestling meet in her weight division. Congratulations, we are so proud of you!!



Get your MVA merch!  
Logo as pictured on navy items. Store open until April 21. Here's the [link](#).



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