



Messenger



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March Madness Questing - Moving to the midpoint of the semester



What is your
Quest for
Excellence?

From MVA Science and 6th Grade Advisory Teacher, Mrs. Joanne Kirchoff: to continue to be a lifelong learner inside the classroom and beyond. This year I completed my master's degree and now that I have completed that quest, I am working to apply that knowledge. My ultimate quest is to develop self-motivation in my students so they also become lifelong learners.

March brings us to the middle of our spring semester quest, which sometimes feels like a crazy busy time. However, at this point, students can reflect on what they have accomplished so far, where the challenges have been, and where they need to go from here to be successful. MVA teachers and staff are happy to assist you if you need any help in finding those answers!

We had a great turn out for Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences in February. Thank you to all who participated. We hope you utilize the wealth of information you have about your student through your observer account; as well as the access to teachers via email and phone. Communication is one of the foundations MVA has to support your student's continued success.

Please send pictures of your students for our digital yearbook that will be available at the end of the school year to ronnao@usd383.org. We have class picture pages as well as activity pages. Check out this month's Student Spotlight and send pictures of your student doing the things they love, to share with our MVA family in a future newsletter.

Graduation is in May! Make sure you know deadlines pertaining to the graduation process. Eighth and 5th grade promotions will be online also, specifics to come.

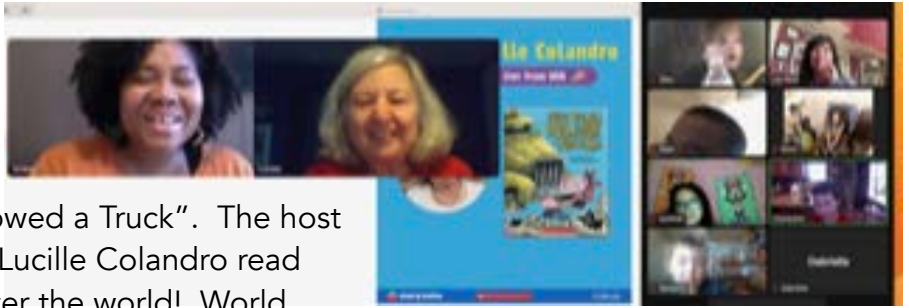
The Quest continues, we are halfway there. Keep it up students, we know you can complete your quest - you can do it!



Elementary Quests

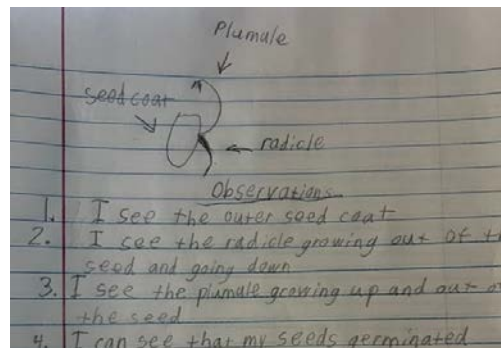
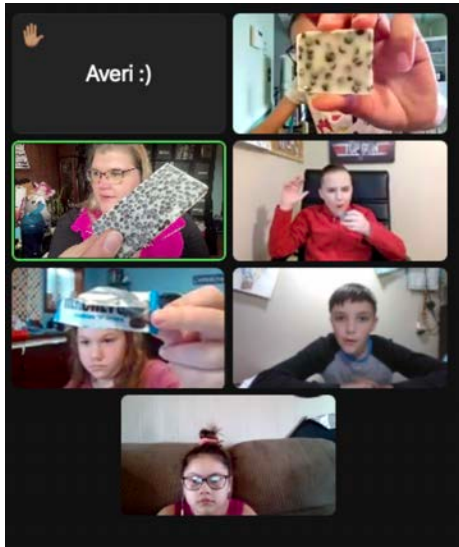
K-2 students celebrated World Read Aloud on February 1st with Scholastic.

MVA students joined 1700 other classrooms around the globe to listen to "There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Truck". The host was in New York State while the author Lucille Colandro read from the United States to children all over the world! World Read Aloud Day began in 2010 to celebrate the power and joy of reading aloud. The students enjoyed the silly story. After the reading, there was an opportunity for students to ask questions and learn about the career of being an author.



4th grade science has been going over rocks, minerals, and natural resources.

They did a rocks and minerals hands-on comparison with candy bars to compare properties (left). Logan Piper made this awesome collage of him fishing using natural resources from his backyard (right - zoom in to see how amazing it is!). Olivia Conser has been sprouting soybean and corn seeds. She has made some great



observations about her seeds and the progress of growth they have been making (left).

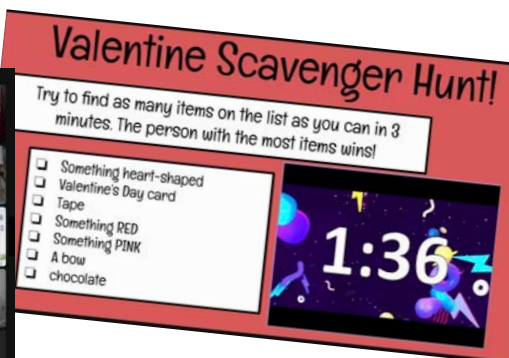
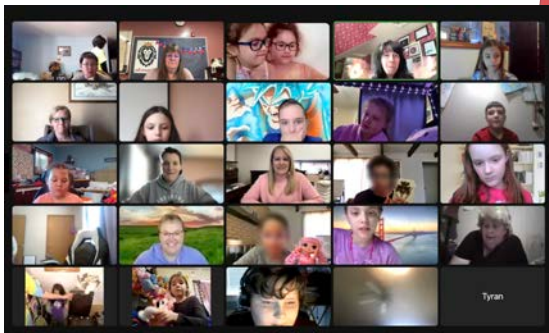
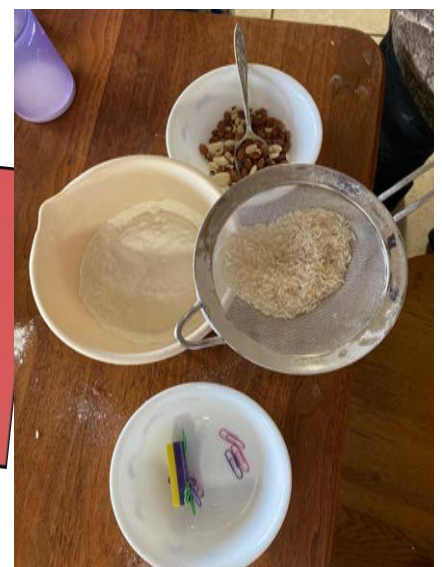
ROCKS VS. MINERALS

Analyze each picture of candy. First make an inference about what candy it is, then determine if it is a mixture or the same composition throughout. Use this information to classify it as more like a rock or mineral.



In 5th grade, we started our mixtures and solutions unit and looked at how to separate a mixture. Screens, filters,

magnets, and evaporation are ways to separate items in science (right).



The Friendship Party was a great time with lots of red and pink items to be found and shared!

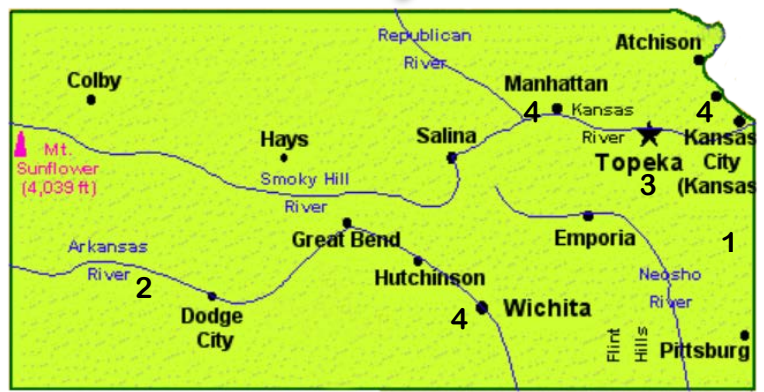
Share events happening in your area and we'll list them here!

These are not sponsored by MVA, but could provide a gathering option for students to experience them together!

1. Fri. Mar. 3: Game night every Friday night at the Museum of Creativity, Fort Scott. [Link](#)
2. Mon. Mar. 13: Story Time at Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City [Link](#)
3. Thurs. Mar. 16- Everyy Free Family Fun Night at the Kansas Children's Discovery Center, Topeka [Link](#)
4. Fri. Mar. 17-Sat. Mar. 18: St. Patrick's Day events across the state. Check your local area for events.

If you have an event you would like to share, please send it to ronnao@usd383.org.

Community Events



March 31st Academic Outings

Johnson County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab in Olathe for grades 9-12: we'll meet at one of the local eateries at 12:00 and then go to the Criminalistics Laboratory for our tour from 1:00 to 2:00.



Museum at Prairie Fire, Overland Park

for grades K-8: we will meet for lunch at 12:00 somewhere close and then go to the museum at 1:00. The Great Hall is free, the exhibitions and Discovery Room are \$5.00 per person. Look for an email soon.



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 & Culture	2nd Wednesday	11:00 - 11:30 pm
Gaming	Discord	Ongoing
Harry Potter	2nd Wednesday	2:00 - 2:30 pm
Photography	2nd Thursday	12:30 - 1:00 pm
Yearbook	2nd Thursday	12:00 - 12:30

April 19th
Health
Care
Virtual
Career
Day

Counselor's Corner

K-State hosts a **"For Sophomores Only"** event in conjunction with the KSU Open House on March 31-April 1, giving prospective students a chance to experience the university. For more information check the link out [here](#).

Seniors keep an eye out for an email about graduation information and deadlines.

Make an Appointment:

<https://calendly.com/mvacounselor>
Virtual Vibes Website:
<https://tscounseling.weebly.com>



We had amazing participation at the **Academic Outing to Topeka!** We started at the Ritchie-House – built by abolitionists John and Mary Jane Ritchie in 1856. It was a station along the Underground Railroad and is considered to be Topeka’s oldest home.



Ritchie House & Freedom's Pathway



Our next stop was at the Brown V Board of Education National Historical Park. The Park Ranger gave a

presentation on the landmark Supreme Court case and the history behind the decision. Then we had the opportunity to tour the site.

Our final stop was the Kansas State Capitol. We ate in the dining area then toured the beautiful building including the Senate and House of Representatives. The brave and hardy of the group climbed all the way to the top on the Capitol Dome Tour.





Kansas Assessment Program

We have scheduled times at each test site during the week of April 3 - 7. Check the start time at the location you choose, please plan to arrive on time so that we may begin promptly at the scheduled time.

Students will need to bring:

1. laptop and power cord
2. headphones or earbuds
3. calculator (optional, there is an online calculator built into the assessment)
4. lunch/snack if you think your student will be there morning and afternoon

We look forward to seeing our MVA students and families on these assessment days! We know these can be stressful for students, but please understand that we try to make the atmosphere welcoming and as laid back as we can. We want everyone to feel relaxed and as stress-free as possible.

Here is the sign-up [link](#).

Location, Date, and Time

- April 5: Dodge City Public Library, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
April 5: Fort Scott Community College, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm
April 6-7: Lenexa City Center Library, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
April 6-7: Manhattan Boys & Girls Club, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
April 6-7: Park City Public Library, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Every spring Kansas public schools administer state assessments for grades 3-11. MVA has set the week of April 3 - 7 as our testing week and have scheduled test sites at several locations across the state.

Below are outlines to the assessments by grade level and the approximate time frame. Remember there are no time limits within the assessments, so these are only estimates. Each test has two parts, and each part will take approximately 30-45 min. Students are allowed to take breaks as needed between test parts and are encouraged to pace themselves as they feel comfortable.

Test by grade:

- 3rd Graders -Math, ELA
about 2 hours total
- 4th Graders -Math, ELA
about 2 hours total
- 5th Math, ELA, Science
about 3-4 hours total
- 6th Graders - Math, ELA
about 2 hours total
- 7th Graders – Math, ELA
about 2 hours total
- 8th Graders – Math, ELA, Science
about 3-4 hours total
- 10th Graders – Math, ELA
about 2 hours total
- 11th Graders – Science
about 1 hour total

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



Cameryn Aggson Cam was chosen as one of 115 outstanding artists in the USD 383 district. Her art was displayed in the art show and she was recognized in a ceremony in February at the Flint Hills Discovery Center. Thank you for sharing your talent! Cameron also went diving with the sharks at Wonders of Wildlife in Springfield, MO. Cam loves animals and is especially interested in amphibians. She hopes to work with them one day in an aquarium or zoo. This aquarium was an amazing learning experience!



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Hadley Whipple

shared pictures of her and her horse Sven. Breakaway roping is their favorite event. Great pictures, Sven is a very photogenic horse!

