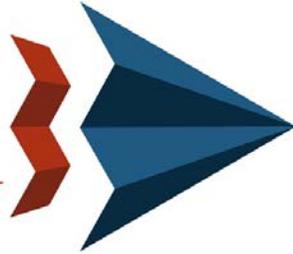


MANHATTAN Virtual Academy



Family Focus



MVA 2017-18 Second Quarter

Wow! It's already November and the second quarter has begun. Before you know it we'll be halfway through the 2017-18 school year!

This newsletter is one of many ways we communicate with our MVA families. If there is information you would like to see on a regular basis in this publication, please let us know. We will do our best to post it here. Other means of getting news is on our website, via [FaceBook](#) and [Twitter](#), as well as emails to/from teachers and staff.

Our character education program is featured on our website [blog](#), and you can find more details and goals about the My Intent program there. The picture above shows some of our MVA student bracelets with the words they've chosen. We have featured several student writings so far and would love to have more. Encourage your student to send his/her word and why he/she chose it to be published on our blog!

MVA Teacher Feature

Do you want to know more about the MVA teachers and staff? Mrs. Fani Wefald was our last Teacher Feature posted for this semester on FaceBook, but you can find all our videos on the MVA [YouTube channel](#).

This month's teacher (that is, Office Professional) is Ms. Ronna Olivier. Ronna is fairly new to MVA, but has been working in education for quite some time. She loves "meeting" our parents through email and phone calls, and thoroughly enjoys interacting with students whenever possible. She is the one you talk to when you call the office and her goal is to make sure you get the answers and assistance you need.

What's your word?

"Grace. I am thankful for the grace I receive both from above and from other people who have shown me kindness and consideration. I want to remember to extend that grace to others."

***Ms. Ronna Olivier,
Office Professional***

November events:

- ACT Registration Deadline, November 3
- NetAPP Tour, (Tentative) November 17
- Thanksgiving Break November 20-24
- Permanent Zero, November 26
- ACT Test – Last chance for seniors to qualify for state scholar, December 9
- Permanent Zero, December 10
- Finals, December 11-15
- Winter Break December 18-January 3
- Second semester starts, January 4



***Ms. Ronna Olivier
MVA Office Professional***



Hats and Mittens Drive

*At each finals location
we will be collecting*

hats, gloves, scarves, and socks
for children and families in your community

Remember to record your participation as
Community Service on your resume *

What is Self Efficacy?

Self-efficacy refers to an individual's belief in his or her capacity to execute behaviors and learn new skills. Self-efficacy is made up of two components: 1. ability grows with effort and 2. believe in your ability. Increasing student self-efficacy, therefore, is crucial to a student's success. As teachers, we can stimulate critical thinking and comprehension and thus increase student self-efficacy through a variety of strategies such as open-ended questioning and positive reinforcement.

Self-efficacy is a focus for our 7-9th graders this year and Mrs. Kirchoff has built self-efficacy into the 7th grade science and biology courses. Mrs. Kirchoff is asking students open-ended questions every week to help them develop this important skill.

By discussing their own achievements, visualizing goals and evaluating their own effort, students are building confidence in themselves, and learning that they can be successful if they work hard.

FAFSA Priority Date – December 1, 2017

FAFSA is an U.S. Department of education website, [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#). The FSA ID is the username and password you use on federal student aid websites such as fafsa.gov and StudentLoans.gov. Even if students don't use federal student aid options, filing the FAFSA is required for many college scholarships.

Seniors take note - create an FSA ID now and file your FAFSA! **The priority date has changed!!** Parents and students should each complete their own FSA ID, and they cannot share the same email or phone number on both accounts.

You can find more information from the U.S. Department of Education [here](#) or watch this instructional [video](#). Another source of information is from the MVA session regarding financial aid. Thank you to Kandace Mars, Washburn University, for presenting "Paying for College" to MVA students and families! The recording can be viewed [here](#).

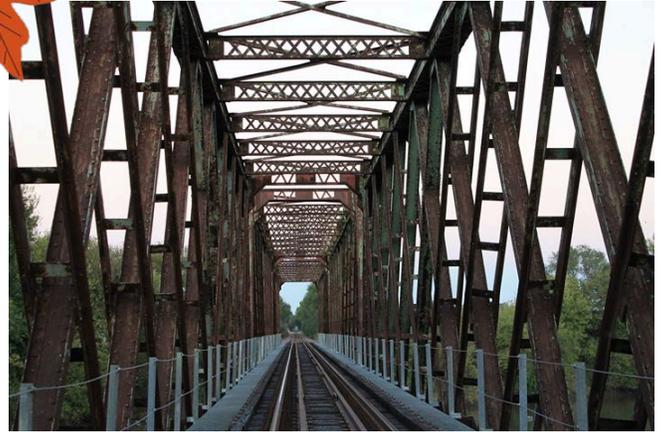
The MVA word for November, December and January is communication. Our goal is to provide you and your family with as many methods and means for communication as possible. Please contact us any time and help us keep those lines of communication humming!



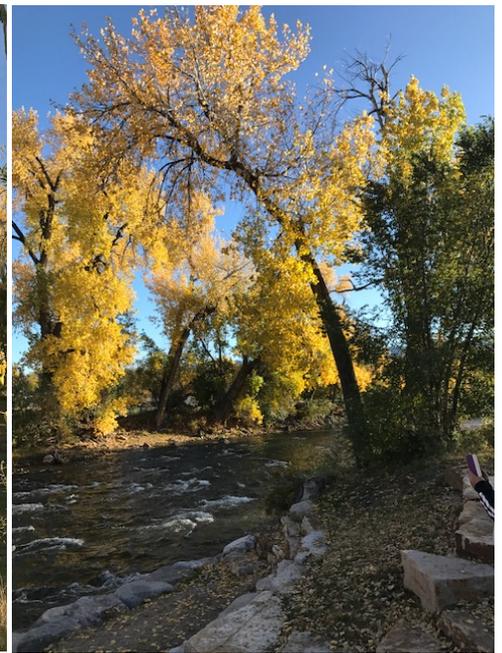
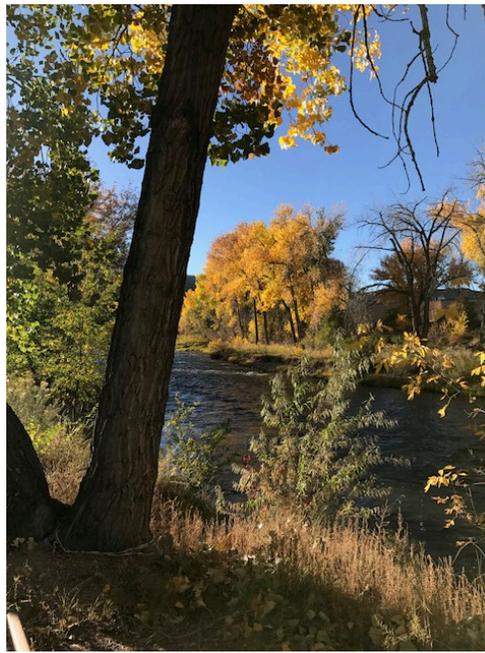
We wish you a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!

Fall Photo Contest

These gorgeous pictures are Fall Photo contest submissions by Annabel Shriner and Kodi Wahlmeier. Submissions are due October 31st and the winner will be announced at the November 3rd Homeroom session. If your student is interested in competing in the "Happy Birthday Kansas state wide photo contest, check out the rules and information [here](#). Last year, MVA student Marissa Vaughn won the 12th grade first prize.



Top and bottom right pictures taken on the Manhattan Linear Trail by Annabel Shriner. Center photos taken by Kodi Wahlmeier in Colorado.



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*MVA planner word for
November – Balance.
Organization will help
you balance your
different roles and
responsibilities.*

