

The Agenda



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MOUNT VERNON FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

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Message From The MVFT President

Hello MVFT:

As you read this issue of The Agenda, we are more than two-thirds of the way through what has been a very interesting school year. We have recently experienced an abrupt change in school district leadership. Despite this change, members of the MVFT have remained committed to educating the students of Mt. Vernon.

We also remain committed to our fundraising efforts to benefit the students in Mt. Vernon as well as various charities in Westchester County. Due to the generosity of our members, the MVFT has been able to do the following:

- Purchase \$2000 worth of gift cards to distribute to students during the Holidays
- Make a monetary donation in the amount of \$2650 to *Feeding Westchester*
- Coordinate a canned food collection effort within the district that resulted in three (3) full pallets of nonperishable food being donated to *Feeding Westchester*
- Donate \$1500 to the Mt Vernon HS Cheerleading Team for their trip to Orlando, Florida.

I want to thank each of our members who participated in our fundraising activities. I would also like to thank all the people in the MVFT who have been involved with the coordination of our fundraising events. In April, we will embark on an exciting Autism Awareness Initiative. The purpose will be to raise funds and awareness regarding Autism. I encourage each member to participate.

As your President, I have traveled to Albany several times to speak with our elected officials about matters that are important to us. The following issues were discussed in depth with State Legislators:

- Maintain funding for the new teachers mentoring program
- Restructuring Tier 6 of the Pension System
- Securing additional Foundation State Education Funding

In mid-January, the MVFT had a Social Event at NoMa Social in New Rochelle. We had over 60 members in attendance. The members who attended enjoyed raffle prizes, food, and music. Be on the lookout for our next social event.

The Union will be meeting with the school district at the end of March to select dates for our contract negotiations. Our expectation is for the district to compensate us in a fair and just way. After all, our Security Monitors, Teaching Assistants, and Teachers are the backbone of the District. I look forward to presenting the membership with a contract that we can easily ratify.

In Solidarity,

Keith McCall

MVFT President





MVFT President Keith McCall and NYSUT Secretary-Treasurer J. Philippe Abraham at the NYSUT Legislative Lobby meetings in Albany. At these meetings, local union leaders meet with State Legislators to discuss topics such as education funding, worker's rights, and pension matters. Never forget to vote and never forget to vote for legislators that support us!



NYSUT President Andy Pallotta and Executive Political Director Melinda Person made a surprise visit to the MVFT Office in March. They were in Mt Vernon visiting Congressman Jamaal Bowman, whose local office is a few blocks from the MVFT office. After visiting with the Congressman, they stopped by the office to check in and offer their continued support as our NYSUT leaders. It was a great opportunity to spend time speaking with our state union leaders.



NYSUT Leaders from all around New York State convened in Washington DC earlier this year to learn how the decisions made in Congress have a direct effect on everything that happens in education. Leaders met with Federal Legislators and the President of the National Education Association, Becky Pringle.

The MVFT is part of the NY State AFL-CIO. Every year the AFL-CIO hosts meetings in NYC where all union sectors in NY State meet to coordinate the political priorities for the coming year. Our strength as a union begins and ends with the support of our statewide union family.

The Credit Approval Process

By Ian Smith

The following is a quick rundown of the steps in the credit approval process. The full contract language on reclassification and lane changes can be located on **pages 2 & 3 of the contract**.

Note: TAs do not need to submit credit approvals.

How to submit a credit approval form

1. Identify an accredited course.
2. Prior to paying for the course print out a copy of the course syllabus. Highlight the following items on the syllabus so the credit approval committee can easily identify the information they need.
 - a. Name of the college/university issuing credit.
 - b. Location of where the course is being held.
 - c. Dates of the course.
 - d. The part that specifies that the course is a 3 credit graduate level course.
 - e. How many hours you will spend in the course.
3. Complete a credit approval form (usually located in the school's main office).
 - a. Make a photocopy of the credit approval form.
4. Attach the syllabus to the credit approval form.
5. Submit credit approval form and supporting documents to Human Resources before the start of the course.
 - a. Be sure to get your credit approval form AND your personal copy of the credit approval form timestamped. This will prove that you completed and submitted your documents prior to the start of the course.

Rules regarding credits

- You may take up to 6 online credits per **calendar year**.
- You may take up to 6 total credits in both the fall and spring semesters.
- You may take unlimited credits in the summer.
- In-service credit information
 - ▶ For every 15 credits you must have 6 graduate credits.
 - *Example: 9 in-service credits and 6 graduate credits.*

Credit approval form denied or placed on hold

- If your credit approval form is denied:
 - ▶ The most common reason for denial is that the credit approval form was not submitted prior to the start of the course. Therefore, getting a timestamped personal copy is important.
 - ▶ You will need to appeal the decision through Human Resources.
- If your credit approval form is placed on hold:
 - ▶ You most likely did not provide complete information such as syllabus with dates of the course or the number of credits, etc.
 - ▶ Submit supplemental documentation to Human Resources to continue credit approval process.

Rules regarding lane changes.

- You may apply for a lane change once per two years.
- Reclassification documents are due by October 1st or February 1st of each school year. Lane changes will be reflected by October 15th or February 15th respectively.

From the pages of your contract.....

By Jeanne Casino

Can I take a bereavement day? My uncle just passed away.

Bereavement

A teacher shall be entitled to leave of absence with pay for a period not to exceed five (5) consecutive days in case of death of a **parent, sister, brother, child, spouse, or other family residing with the teacher.**

A teacher shall be entitled to leave of absence with pay for a period not to exceed one (1) day in case of death of any of the following: **(1) mother-in-law; (2) father-in-law; (3) daughter-in-law; (4) son-in-law; (5) sister-in-law; (6) brother-in-law; (7) a grandparent not residing in the household of the teacher** except, however, that where a teacher is required to travel over one hundred (100) miles from Mount Vernon, the teacher shall be granted up to, but not more than two (2) days leave of absence with pay.

Absent extenuating circumstances, bereavement leave must commence within ten (10) days of the death.

Personal Leave

“All members shall be allowed three (3) days for personal reasons per school year.” Personal leave will be granted for matters of urgent personal business which can only be conducted within the regular school day.

Unused personal days are added to your sick bank at the end of the year. Requests for personal leave must be submitted in writing at least three days in advance.

Anyone requesting personal leave for 2 or more consecutive working days may apply for such leave stating the specific reason for review by the Principal and the Office of the Superintendent.

Remember that it is up to each individual member to keep track of his/her own attendance. Keep records of your days and notes if needed.

Letters of Counsel

Have you received a letter of counsel or a counseling memo? What should you do? Write a rebuttal! Any time you receive written correspondence from your administrator, you should reply. If you receive a letter of counsel, write a rebuttal. A rebuttal allows you to give reason and an explanation for the letter's circumstances. You never know when that

letter might resurface and giving your side is important. Attach your rebuttal to your letter and then send copies of each to anyone copied on the original letter.



APPR Update

By Jeanne Casino

APPR

By now almost every person should have received at least one observation. This includes security, teaching assistants and PPS staff.

There has been a change in the number of observable components in both the announced and unannounced observations as well as changes on how teachers are linked/attached in the student performance category.

Again, the district has been approved for a hardship waiver allowing independent observations by your building administrators. Tenured teachers receive 1 announced and 1 unannounced observation. Non-tenured teachers receive 1 announced and 2 unannounced observations. (If a non-tenured teacher receives a developing or ineffective overall rating on their first announced observation, they will receive an additional announced observation.) Only the higher overall announced observation score will be counted.)

If you have any questions, you can reach out to me or any of the other MVFT Committee members: Andrea Gelling (MVHS), Dave Israel (MVHS), Mike Jernegons (Graham), Karl Nifontoff (STEAM), Keith McCall (Williams)

MVFT #FOODSTRONG

By Karl Nifontoff

What is hunger exactly?

The dictionary defines hunger as “*a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food, coupled with the desire to eat.*”

Sadly, in our community, too many people suffer from the lack of basic nutritional items necessary and feel “hunger” daily. We, at the Mount Vernon Federation of Teachers, hear this cry and once again have come out in full force to try to combat this issue. I am proud to say that this year the MVFT, along with the Mount Vernon City School District, once again answered that call. Over the course of two weeks, teachers, students, and staff throughout our district have come together to donate thousands of pounds of food along with over \$3000 for the Westchester Food Pantry.

In a tradition which goes back over 25 years, we have rallied to support and help those who may be faced daily with the unsettling feeling of where their next meal will come from! I would like to thank all of the people who have stepped up and joined us in supporting our efforts in this worthy cause. The students and their families who donated truly demonstrate the qualities that we in Mount Vernon try to exhibit by helping others. To all the faculty and staff, to the teachers and administrators who donated, to the custodial staff who helped us collect and carry all the canned goods...a huge thank you! Lastly, many thanks to our Superintendent, Dr. Veronica Smith, who graciously allowed us to hold “dress down days”, which enabled us to support our Food Drive with monetary donations.

Hunger never ends unfortunately, and we know that. Well guess what? The MVFT will never quit their efforts in supporting and helping this worthy cause. A most sincere thank you to all involved!!!

Lets fight
hunger
together

SPOTLIGHT

MV LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Mt. Vernon Leadership Academy Black History Celebration

By Lenora Harris-Shoulders

Mt. Vernon Leadership Academy celebrated Black History Month 2023 with a rousing salute to HBCUs and famous alumnus. The educational program was accompanied with masterful musical tributes sprinkled throughout.

Our students enveloped the personas of the Hidden Figures: Dorothy Vaughn,

Katherine Johnson and Mary Jackson. All three are Historically Black College Graduates. They saluted the Tuskegee Airmen who were trained at the well-known Tuskegee University. Wilma Rudolph and Oprah Winfrey were featured as Tennessee State University alumni.

Our award-winning Ice-Cold Band reminded us of the power of HBCU Marching Bands as they performed seamless dances while they jammed on their instruments. One of our 2nd-grade classes was featured as they showcased their tap-dancing skills under the tutelage of Ms. Woodall from class 1C. In addition, class 1C served as mini-backup dancers with their teacher Ms. Caldwell in her rendition of "I Believe the Children Are Our Future."

The finale of our amazing assembly featured stepping and dancing in honor of the legacy of the Divine Nine sororities and fraternities (5 of 9 which were founded at HBCU-Howard

University). Several district staff members supported our assembly in their Greek-lettered paraphernalia. Under the leadership of Ms. Henry and Ms. Vaughn, our students showed off their incredible dance and stepping skills.

Many thanks and shout-outs to Ms. Weatherly, Ms. Caldwell, Ms. Woodall, Mr. McGrath, Ms. Burrell, Coach Vienne, Ms. Vaughn, Ms. Henry, Mr. White, Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Shoulders, 7th grade students, 8th grade MCs, the Ice-Cold Band, step-team, dancers, and our outstanding administrative team who supported us in our endeavor: Mr. Wilbekin and Dr. Crawford.



SPOTLIGHT

MV LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Mount Vernon Leadership Academy celebrates Read Across America Day!

By Lissa Hogan 4th grade teacher at MVLA

If you walked through the halls of MVLA during the week of February 27-March 3 you might have thought that you were part of a Dr. Seuss book. Staff and students participated in various theme day activities to go along with the daily book. On Monday, classes read *Oh, the Places You Go* and dressed up as what they want to be when they grow up. Wacky Wednesday was quite a sight – from mismatched to inside out clothing, students had a blast! On March 2nd MVLA welcomed community members, former teachers, administrators, and members of the Mount Vernon PBA as guest readers. The students had a great laugh watching adults stumble over the tongue twisters of Dr. Seuss stories. A special shout out to the staff members who helped plan this event: Mrs. Kristin Acosta, Ms. Lissa Hogan, Mrs. Kerry Hope, Mrs. Patrice Lee, Ms. Jennifer Smith and Mrs. Anna Zelek.

The committee was honored to continue the tradition that began with retired librarian Maz Hogan who wanted to create events that brought literature to life for our students.



Retired ENL Teacher Ivette Lasalla, Kandie Brown (1st Grade) and Class 1B



Lissa Hogan (4th Grade), Kerry Hope and Patrice Lee, Committee Members



Flavia Garufi (3rd Grade) and retired Principal Peter Ragaglia



Maz Hogan, MVFT retired librarian, reading Daisy-Head Maisie to class 5M.

SPOTLIGHT

TRAPHAGEN

Traphagen Celebrations

By Katie Santoro

There is nothing quite like a fun and exciting school spirit week to encourage unity, boost excitement and bring memorable experiences. At Traphagen School, we ended 2022 with a Holiday Pajama Day. In addition, no Holiday would be complete without Ugly Sweater Day!

We kicked off the New Year of 2023 celebrating the 100th Day of School dressing as if we were 100 years old. We might feel 100years old at times, but we are rocking the 100 year old glamorous look. In February as part of Black History Month, we celebrated Parent Involvement Day 2/13/23 with Ms. Marmolejos, Ms. Morgan, Mrs. Shields, Ms. Rapillo and myself in pjs!

Reading Across America is celebrated with a spirit week consisting of wear Crazy Hats Day, Dr. Seuss Day, Sports Twins Day. And to top it off, the best way to end a Reading Across America Week is with a Wacky Tacky Day.

Spirit Week brings fun and laughter to our work environment. Stick Together and Stay Positive!



Traphagen Black History Celebration



Traphagen Read Across America Spirit Week with Mrs. Hill and Ms. Nassis



Traphagen 100th Day Celebration with Katie Santoro and Glam Grams



Traphagen Thing 1 and Thing 2 aka Ms. Petrillo and Ms. Langton



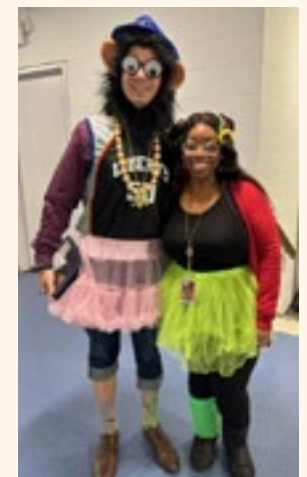
Traphagen Ugly Sweater Day, Ms. Carmona and Mr. Davanzo



Traphagen Sports Twins Mr. Benitez and Ms. Jean



Traphagen Holiday twins Mr. Davanzo and Mrs. Murray-George



Traphagen Mystery Staff Celebrating Wacky Tacky Day

Lincoln School Mentoring Event

By Laura Marino

On Wednesday, March 1, the Lincoln Mentoring Committee hosted a team building social event after school for students and staff that take part in the program. 75 students and 40 teachers attended this fun filled afternoon.

Each of the mentor and mentee(s) were given the challenge of building the tallest structure out of marshmallows and toothpicks. It had to be free standing and completed in 15 minutes. Everyone had fun working together and challenging other groups to see who could build the best.

The winners received Lincoln merchandise and the recognition of the crowd.

The Lincoln Mentoring Program was started in 2019 to foster meaningful, long-term relationships between staff and students. Mentors have informal meetings and check in with their mentees all school year and the Committee sponsors organized events. The beauty of this type of relationship is that it can last for many years, thus creating true bonds that don't end when a student is promoted, or even graduates from Lincoln.



Lincoln Resource Teacher Anne DeNigris with Reflex Superstars

Reflex at Lincoln

by Anne DeNigris

Students at Lincoln School in grades 2-6 are working on math fact fluency. Students are assigned either addition and subtraction OR multiplication and division. As a building our fluency average started out at 29% fluency and is now at 69% fluency! We have solved over 1,000,000 facts this year. Students and teachers love using the Reflex program to reinforce basic math skills. Students are proud to share their levels and gains. Teachers find they can now focus class instruction on math procedures and algorithms. Pictured here are some students at Lincoln in front of our progress board.



Modesta Curzio-Spies and her mentees



ATLAS teacher Karen Wheeler and student

SPOTLIGHT

LINCOLN

Lincoln Read Across America

By Laura Marino

In commemoration of Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Week, Lincoln had a Spirit filled Week, full of activities related to our love of Dr. Seuss and reading.

Children and staff had a blast creating crazy hats, dressing as their favorite book character, and sharing their favorite stories.

Lincoln loves to celebrate. What better thing to celebrate than books and our love of reading?!



Lincoln Read Across America Crazy Hat Day with Reading Specialist Kristina Pinamonti



Lincoln's students with Mrs. Pinamonti dress as their favorite book characters for Read Across America Week



Lincoln Read Across America Favorite Character Day with Reading Team Lisa Lewis, Kristina Pinamonti and Julie Chambers

Read Across America Day at Edward Williams School

by Kristen Wall & Tamisha Grey

On March 2nd, Edward Williams School celebrated Read Across America Day with a plethora of engaging activities. Teachers and students participated in a door decorating contest. Classes decorated their doors based on their favorite books. Everyone voted for their favorite door and the winning class received a prize.

Students and staff were encouraged to dress as their favorite book characters. There was a school-wide parade to show off all their wonderfully dressed characters.

DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) Time was scheduled throughout the day. Students carried independent books with them as they traveled the building. When they heard the chimes, the entire school stopped what they were doing to read!

Upper grade classes also partnered with primary grades for read alouds and class activities. The older students each had a “buddy reader” that they shared the love of reading with.



Williams Reading Specialists Maryann Reilly, Tamisha Grey and Kristen Wall Celebrate Read Across America Day



Williams Read Across America Celebration with students

SPOTLIGHT

MVHS & HAMILTON



MVHS Students Organize Districtwide Collections for MVFT Feeding Westchester Food Drive



Strike a Pose while Hitting a Strike! Hamilton teachers Ms. Seawright, Ms. Payne and Ms. Artis

MVFT Members from Hamilton School, Ms. Seawright, Ms. Payne and Ms. Artis proudly represented the MVFT in a bowling tournament sponsored by the Rockland County Teachers Association in March. The event, held annually to fundraise for the United Hospice of Rockland County, raised over \$8500.

Membership Report

652 Retired
 8 On Leave
 1093 Active Members
 1753 TOTAL

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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AFTERSCHOOL



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MOUNT VERNON FEDERATION OF TEACHERS RETIREE CHAPTER

April 2023

WE ARE THE UNION, STILL

By Rick Castellitto, MVFTRC President

Hopefully we've all seen the last of the cold weather and winter storms. But now that I think about it, some of my flowers got fooled a few times and started popping up through the ground way before they should have. Maybe it wasn't all that terrible.

Sick Day Accumulation Records

In January, we were contacted by a few members who retired in June who were concerned that they still had not received their sick day accumulation information from the district. This info was necessary to finalize the retiree's payments for health insurance and the welfare fund. We were able to intercede and deal with the Superintendent and the Business Office to straighten out the notification delay and it appears that all back paperwork has been completed correctly.

Breast Cancer Walk and Parkinson's Moving Day

This year the MVFTRC Exec Committee voted to participate in and raise funds for the Breast Cancer Walk in the Fall and the Parkinson's Disease Walk on April 29th. Congrats to Pat Duggan and the Striders for raising over \$1100 to fight breast cancer; stay tuned for specifics on the Parkinson's fundraiser.

Editor and Layout Design for AFTERSCHOOL

Have you always wanted to be a newsletter editor? Are you itching to put out the next editions of **Afterschool**? Do you have Bob Woodward or Nellie Bly tendencies simmering in your soul? If so, contact me (see below) and we can discuss your responsibilities and stipend.

NYSUT

If you are interested in learning about the birth of NYSUT, the early teacher unions and labor strife in New York, please check out www.nysut.org/50years. Some great old-time video footage is contained here.

For an overview of the NYSUT services and benefits available to retirees please see www.nysut.org/members/retirees. Retirees now number about 250,000 of NYSUT's members.

If you have any questions about our Retiree Chapter I can be reached at pres.mvftrc@gmail.com or on my cell at **914-732-7339**.



Rick

HOLIDAY INITIATIVE ~ SCARVES FOR KIDS

Last December, the retirees of Mount Vernon distributed 400+ scarves to our students in need; PreK to 6th grade! Thank you to all of our knitters, crocheters, sorters and those that contributed monetary donations.

We would like to continue this program for the 2023 Holiday Season.

Please get your knitting needles and crochet hooks busy!

If you don't have those skills you can purchase scarves or make monetary donations. After a mild winter we'll probably experience a cold one next year.

PreK to K: 32" x 3"

1st, 2nd and 3rd: 50" x 4"

4th, 5th, and 6th: 68" x 5"

You are the best!

Maz Zahurak Hogan,
Chairperson

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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE MEALS FOR FAMILIES

By Karen Wallace, Chairperson
kkwallace312@gmail.com

After a winter hiatus, the MVFT Retirees are back in the kitchen preparing meals for the families staying at the residence next to Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla. If you would like to join our committee to volunteer with us, or have any questions, contact me and I will send you the list of available dates and times to cook. No cooking skills necessary - there are always plenty of dishes to wash and meals to pack!



RMHC



APRIL 29, 2023, WESTCHESTER, NY

The MVFTRC is joining team "Shake Rattle and Roll" with Rick Castellitto, captain, to raise funds to battle Parkinson's Disease.



A message from Rick and links to donate:

The Team and I will be participating in the upcoming Westchester Moving Day on April 29th. Your generous donations in the past three years have helped the team raise over \$25,000 and we're not giving up.

If you've already donated, we thank you again. If you haven't yet donated, there is still time.

Please visit our Team and Personal page links below and please donate to help us raise funds, fight Parkinson's disease and celebrate movement - proven to help manage Parkinson's symptoms.

With your support we can help further the Foundation's mission to make life better for people living with Parkinson's disease through expert care and research.

Thank you so much for all of your support.

Sincerely, *Rick*

Click [here](#) to visit my personal page.

If the text above does not appear as a clickable link, you can visit the web address:

http://www3.parkinson.org/site/TR?px=2085439&pg=personal&fr_id=4356&et=Zg07JGxBhZDn8_P5Fy-KUJua9OV2y2NVg0H9ghXMP31wV6bnN1O9ZQ&s_tafid=49548

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Births

Camille Rivard and **Joe Rivard**, (*Retirees*) grandson



Lynne Petrone, (*Retiree, Columbus*) granddaughter, Stella Lynne Wheeler

Congratulations

Anita Amieiro, (*Retiree, MVHS*) son, Michael Amieiro engaged to Fidana Ha and son, Andrew Amieiro engaged to Rachel Palumbo

Get Well

Maeve Nolan

Dora Pedro

Condolences

To the Family of Guy Gerace (*Retiree, Graham School*)

Guy passed away on 3/23/23 from ALS

Linda Coschigano (*Retiree, Lincoln Elementary School*) is sad to announce the untimely death of her sister Paula Rego on March 3, 2023

Happenings

Beth Eggar (*Retiree, Pennington*) Beth's son, Dave Eggar, Cellist and Composer, was nominated with Tasha Warren for two Grammys this year in the "Best Original Composition" for their recording of music by composers Paquito D'Rivera and Pascal Le Boeuf on the album "Ourself Behind Ourself, Concealed."



CALENDAR

MVFTRC Executive Board Meeting

April 20, 2023

Parkinson's Moving Day, Westchester, NY

April 29, 2023

General Membership Meeting and Social

May, 2023 Date TBD

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