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## The Mount Vernon Township High School Foundation

The Mount Vernon Township High School Foundation began its fifth year of promoting excellence in education by announcing its major project for 2009-2010 which is to provide \$25,000 to the school for a Learning Enrichment Lab. Implementing an LEL will greatly enhance the ability of the school's teaching staff to serve the individual learning needs of all students and also meet the requirements of effectively implementing a Response to Intervention Plan or Rtl as required by government mandate. The lab will be a valuable tool to monitor the progress and success of students. This proposed computer lab of 30 stations will be used to monitor and report on the progress of students in need of additional intervention to stay on track or move ahead of the established curriculum. The foundation's goal in providing funding for the Rtl lab is to increase the number of students achieving annual yearly progress on the Prairie State Exam.

Past MVTHS Foundation projects include:

<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>\$19,056</b>	<b>Shakespeare Writing Lab - Library</b>
	<b>\$9,298</b>	<b>Writing Lab - English Dept - Freshman Academy</b>
	<b>\$838</b>	<b>Writing tablets for the Freshman Science Dept</b>
	<b>\$776</b>	<b>Testing materials for Special Education</b>
	<b>\$1,713</b>	<b>Website Video/Photography equip - Business Dept</b>
<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>\$505</b>	<b>Music Software for the Music Dept</b>
	<b>\$499</b>	<b>HDD Recorder for the Art Dept</b>
	<b>\$27,888</b>	<b>State of the Art Mobile Interactive Science Lab</b>
<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>\$2,972</b>	<b>SMARTboard for the Music Dept</b>
	<b>\$2,492</b>	<b>7 CPS chalkboards and wireless writing tablets - Career/Tech. Ed. and Social Studies Dept</b>
	<b>\$14,972</b>	<b>5 SMARTboards and projectors for the Science, Social Studies, Business, Art, and English Depts</b>
	<b>\$4,999</b>	<b>5 Laptop computers for faculty use</b>
<b>2005-2006</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>Two Dimension display for the Art Dept</b>
	<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>Micrometer/Poultry Reproduction Kit - Ag. Dept</b>
	<b>\$18,650</b>	<b>Wireless Fidelity school wide</b>

The MVTHS Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Tax-deductible donations are used to fund major projects, teacher grants, and programs that are not sufficiently funded by tax dollars or regular revenue sources. Contributions can be mailed to the District 201 Foundation at MVTHS. For more information about the Foundation, go to the MVTHS website at [www.mvths.org](http://www.mvths.org) and click on the District 201 Foundation tab.

### Don't forget to order a 2010 Vernois Yearbook!

Dear MVTHS Parent or Guardian,

Ever take out your high school yearbook and reminisce about days gone by? Many do, and many others wish they would have bought one when they had a chance. Don't let your son or daughter's high school experience be forgotten without a yearbook of their own.

The Vernois yearbook staff is working very hard to assemble the 2010 edition. With "[X]" as the theme, the book should once again demonstrate the many memories of this year at MVTHS.

We need as many households as possible to order a yearbook. If you have not ordered a yearbook for your son or daughter, you have a third and final opportunity in February.

The price per book is only \$55.00. Shipping, name plates, and logos will not be offered for yearbooks this year. All orders are due by February 26!

Think about it...for a little less than the price of a tank of gas, you will provide your son or daughter with a memory book from a very important year of their lives. Clip off the bottom of this page and send it in to order your yearbook today.

For more information, please call Jamey VanZandt at 246-5827.

Thank you,  
Vernois 2010 Yearbook Staff

### 2010 Yearbook Order Form...Final Chance

Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_, IL Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**There will be no name stamping or shipping this year.** Please make checks payable to "MVTHS". Money Orders are acceptable— No credit cards accepted. Write the student's name/ID # in the memo section. **DO NOT SEND CASH!** Yearbooks will arrive in August 2010.

Please detach this portion and send to: Mt. Vernon Township High School  
320 South 7th St.

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Attn: Mr. VanZandt/Yearbook

We strongly suggest making a copy of this form to serve as a receipt.





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## Prom 2010

We are in need of any junior parents interested in helping with Prom this year. Prom is scheduled for April 24 from 6:30-11:30 at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn. Building props, decorating and setting up, cleaning up, chaperoning, obtaining sponsorships, and fundraising are some of the various areas we still need help. Any junior student or any parent willing to lend their time, please contact one of the prom sponsors, Brittany Boldt or Amber Tieffel at 244-3700, or email them at mvthsprom@yahoo.com. We welcome any help you can provide!

Also, there will be a spaghetti dinner on Friday, February 5th, from 3:00– 7:00pm in the MVTHS Cafeteria. Support your junior class by purchasing a ticket. See Mrs. Boldt or Mrs. Tieffel for more information.

### Hi-Tri Sweetheart Dance



The annual Hi-Tri Sweetheart Dance was held in Changnon Gym on Saturday, January 16. This year's theme was "Winter Wonderland." The gym was beautifully decorated in blue, white, and silver. Music for the dance was provided by Kickin' It! Music Productions.

One of the highlights of the evening was the crowning of a king and queen from each of the four classes. Kings and queens are elected by members of their own class. Election was held during school hours on January 12. Those crowned at the dance were seniors Shaye Riley and Nick Vang, juniors Alex Frisby and Eric Heinzman, sophomores Brooke Moore and Nathan Holt, and freshmen Betsy Kueker and Jonathan Stowers. Miss Kylie Gibson served as Sweetheart Princess and Master David King was the Sweetheart Prince. Spectators attending the coronation were asked to donate \$1 per person. All proceeds from spectator donations this year will help fund the Hi-Tri Scholarships.

### From The Library

The winners of the December PBIS library contest are Angel Jackson for her art about caring and David Price for his poem, "Limiting Caring." December's word was caring. David's poem:

Limiting Caring by David Price

The term of caring is brought up very frequently during the holidays.

This is where the mistake lies.

Caring needs to be on the minds of people every day of the year.

Making donations and giving gifts do not always indicate care.

Care has to come from one's heart.

Care is the willingness to endure persecution for something or someone that matters.

If it is really something that does matter, then people shouldn't mind looking a little foolish to pursue it.

Never limit this word to the month of December and never underestimate the power of caring.

PARENTS ARE INVITED: Parents, don't forget that you are welcome to use our library any time between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. We usually have computers available for you to use. You may also check out books in your child's name. Remember to sign in at the attendance office first.

## Congratulations December Students of the Month

Alisha Capps  
Kathryn Clark  
Alex Crisel  
Haley Dehn  
Laura Fleri  
Harald Nord  
Luis Jacinto  
James Kremer  
Chasity Kubicki  
Daniel Nalley  
Micha Odle

Dillon Payne  
Margo Richardson  
Shaye Riley  
Anne Schaubert  
Alicia Sheldon  
Cournty Sammons  
Mariana Stipanovich  
Josh Switzer  
Andrew Wall  
Kristen Thompkins  
Nicholas Vosburgh

### Floral Delivery Notice

Due to the massive floral deliveries around Valentines Day, Mt. Vernon High School would like to remind everyone that the school does not accept deliveries to students at any time.

Please have them delivered to their homes.

### Art Department

The art department would like to congratulate the following students for placing in the 2010 Scholastic Art Awards;

Golds: Cody Clark

Silvers: Cody Clark, Makeda Jones (2)

Certificates: Erika Zinke, Chelsea Johnson (3), Kari Arnold, and Elana Nave

The award ceremony will be held at Cedarhurst Center of the Arts on Feb. 14 at 3:00. Please come and help support the Art Department.

### Cross Country All South Teams

The Mt. Vernon Boys Cross Country Team had 2 runners selected to the All South Team. Making the First Team were Jarrod Wilemon and Adam Hurst.

Congratulations guys!!



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