

February 17, 2021

Dear Mount Vernon Christian School Community,

Welcome to Phase 2 of Healthy Washington!! I am not sure what exactly that means, or what Phase 3 is, but it does mean a threshold has been met. I will stay out of that mess and just let you know that we are progressing through the school year and things are going well here. Here are a few things to note in this month's update. Some **items of celebration** from the past month, an **update on enrollment** for next school year, and a list of important **updates and reminders**.

First, some items to celebrate. We are told to acknowledge God in all things and we join with you all to say, "Give thanks to the Lord, for his steadfast love endures forever." Our success is not our own for we belong to HIM!! In His name we celebrate these things. We continue to celebrate our **good health**. We have had some community and family exposure to COVID-19 that has led to periods of student quarantine, however, we have zero confirmed positive tests in our students, faculty or staff this semester. We also have had very few students absent with any illness. We are thankful for the **continued cooperation of everyone** in screening prior to attending, remaining home if you don't feel well, good handwashing throughout the day and cooperating with all we need to do every day. We finished our winter progress monitoring with all students K-8. Our progress was good across grade levels, our students who needed to make gains did so and most importantly our **Rate of Improvement (ROI) was higher than the national norm**. ROI is a key indicator this school year as we see decreases in ROI in most parts of the United States, and even more so in Washington and locally. We are so grateful for our incredible teaching and support staff and all they do to better enable student learning.

Enrollment **2021-2022 is now open**. You received an email last week with the links needed to enroll for next year. You should note that as a current family, you can enroll with **only a \$10 enrollment fee from now until February 28, 2021. On March 1 the enrollment fee increases to \$300**. We currently have over 100 completed new applications for next year. On March 1, 2021 we will process the new students and place as many as we are able. There is a **\$600 Partial school fees payment due by March 31, 2021 and the balance is due by May 1, 2021**. Payment of school fees does hold a student's spot. School fees are non-refundable. Having an accurate student count as soon as possible is very important as we need to purchase furniture and classroom space by the end of March. We are grateful for your understanding as we accelerate our enrollment process in order to best plan for next year.

Here are some updates or reminders:

- We are operating at [Level Green](#) with no known cases on campus and families, faculty and staff closely adhering to MVC's safety protocols.
- We have one student currently in quarantine due to household exposure.
- We had a handful of students self quarantine after travel to different states.

- If you travel outside of the State please contact the school to ensure proper protocols upon returning. Past cooperation with this guidance has led to students quarantining prior to returning to school. During quarantine, students did test positive for COVID-19 due to exposure when traveling. MVC remained in Green Status as those students did not return to school and no school exposure took place. Here is a link to the [Washington Travel Advisory](#). **PLEASE NOTE: As of January 11, 2021 Out of State Travel for Youth Sports requires notification to the school and a period of quarantine.**
- Please remember to screen your children prior to attending school **each day**. Page 7 of the [Return to School Playbook](#) has the screening questions. Please see other updates from us about underlying conditions, etc.
- We have received many inquiries for next school year and we have **moved up** the reenrollment and new applications window to accommodate the level of interest in MVC and facilitate better planning for next school year.
 - 2021-2022 **New Applications opened online Tuesday, January 19, 2021.**
 - If you have a student here this year and **want to add a sibling** please complete a New Application for the sibling who currently does not attend MVC as **soon as possible** in order to ensure a spot is available.
 - If you know of someone interested in attending MVC next school year they should go online and complete the [application](#) asap.
 - We have resumed campus tours with new families.
- [Washington School Report Cards](#) for all Districts are available. This report card is current through 2018-2019. There will not be data for last year and it is unlikely the districts will test or report this school year. You simply select the District and then the School you wish to see from the pull down window. There is a very nice PDF for each school if you would like to print a copy. In light of the current schooling formats, educational experts predict a significant drop in students meeting grade level standards. MVC students' grade level readiness increases as they move up each grade starting at around 75% readiness and ending as high as 99%. For those who like **comparative** data, here are the MVC scores that are not reported via the OSPI platform.
 - Cost of Education Per Student \$8,500
 - Students k-8 meeting grade level standards (January progress monitoring shows scores are higher than the end of last year. We will update after our spring monitoring).
 - ELA 86.1%
 - Math 88.1%
 - Science Stem Scores in top 10% Nationally
 - 4 Year Graduation Rate 100%
 - Students Regularly Attend 100%
 - In High School we measure College Readiness which is more difficult than grade level standard. We exceed the National Ready and Exceeding percentiles in every category.
 - College Composition Readiness 94-99% (National 44%)
 - Reading 82-88% (National 44%)
 - Math 78-86% (National 35%)



- Science 77-83% (National 29%)
- If you wish to support MVC financially here is a link to our [online giving](#) portal. If you select CANES CARE it helps cover costs related to COVID-19.

Links you may find helpful:

[COVID-19 testing locations](#)

[Governor's Dashboard](#)

[UPDATED OCT 16 Department of Health Decision Tree](#)

[Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction](#)

[State Board of Education](#)

[Washington Department of Health Covid-19 Dashboard](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) CoVID-19 Dashboard](#)

[Center for Disease Control](#)

[National Institutes for Health](#)

[American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

In His Service,

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