



2020-2021 Mt. Vernon Ambassadors Program

Guiding Principles:

- The Ambassador Program will support the MVCSC Mission and Vision, and serve to further the goals and initiatives of MVCSC.
- A highly invested and engaged team who believes in its purpose is needed for the Ambassador program to be a success.
- Primary evaluation will be feedback from the participants through comments and surveys.

Goals:

- To create an annual cycle of ambassadors that understand the interrelationships among school programs, how the Mt. Vernon district functions/operates, and as a result, become knowledgeable advocates in the community for MVCSC.
- To have attendees be highly engaged in the Ambassadors program and experience a fulfilling use of their valuable time.
- To have attendees help in recruiting the following year's Ambassadors cohort.

Return Value of the Ambassador Program:

- Improved community support and pride
- Knowledgeable advocates in the community to help inform constituents with accurate information
- Greater parent participation in programs
- Assist with staff recruitment
- Support relationships with outside companies/organizations
- Improve/advocate for economic development that aids in school funding
- Increase the number of legislative advocates in the community
- People may sign up to attend for ulterior motives (promote their business, pick their teacher), however will hopefully discover their experience is more worthwhile than they expected

Details & Ambassador Requirements:

- Will be held on the second Tuesday of the month from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m., August - April, however September and October will be the third Tuesday of the month. There will be no meeting in December.
- If there is a 2-hour delay, the meeting will be pushed back to a following Tuesday of the month. See full dates below:
 - August 11th - 2nd Tuesday
 - August 18th - Hold - Only Meeting If 2-Hr Delay on Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - September 15th - 3rd Tuesday
 - September 22nd - Hold- Only Meeting If 2-Hr Delay on Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - October 20th - 3rd Tuesday
 - October 27th - Hold- Only Meeting If 2-Hr Delay on Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - November 10th - 2nd Tuesday
 - November 17th - Hold- Only Meeting If 2-Hr Delay on Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - January 12th - 2nd Tuesday
 - January 26th - Hold- Only Meeting If 2-Hr Delay on Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - February 9th - 2nd Tuesday
 - February 23rd - Hold- Only Meeting If 2-Hr Delay on Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - March 9th - 2nd Tuesday
 - March 30th - Hold- Only Meeting If 2-Hr Delay on Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - April 13th - 2nd Tuesday
 - April 20th - Hold- Only Meeting If 2-Hr Delay on Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- Ambassadors are required to miss no more than one meeting to graduate. A graduation ceremony will be at the April meeting.
- The meeting will be held at a variety of locations at Mt. Vernon.
 - If necessary due to COVID-19, meetings will be held virtually if at all possible.
- Most meetings have Coffee & Continental Breakfast, Grab & Go style
- Ambassadors are asked to do one or more of these extra opportunities:
 - Shadow an administrator for 2-4 hours
 - Attend one school board meeting
 - Ride school bus in March or April - share dates/times way in advance - 1 elementary route w/2-3 per bus, include special ed bus
- Some months Ambassadors may be asked to bring a canned good for the MVCSC/Gleaners Food Pantry or needed clothing for the MV Cooperative Closet (a.k.a. homework)
- Ambassadors will be provided with a letter for candidates to take to their employers for support
- All relevant materials will be held in Canvas and Ambassadors are asked to provide feedback, discussion, etc.

MV Ambassadors Program (topics subject to change)

August 11

- “Welcome, Orientation, Meet the School Board & School Safety”
 - Welcome
 - Introduction of Cohort
 - District Overview

- School Safety

September 15

- “Education Today: Teaching & Learning in Middle & High School” - At Mt. Vernon Middle School
 - MS student ambassadors
 - extracurricular options, co-curricular options, teaming structure
 - Student Showcase - A Day in the Life of a MS Student/HS Student
 - Transitions for incoming 6th & 9th grade students
 - Interactive presentation with students, tour classrooms
 - Improvement efforts
 - Student Showcase

October 20

- “Business of Mt. Vernon”
 - Finance
 - MV Budget Presentation
 - Tour Finance Offices
 - Handouts for Ambassadors to reference

November 10

- “Education Today: Teaching & Learning in the Elementary School & Preschool”
 - Student Showcase - A Day in the Life of
 - STEM, 3D printers, visit classrooms
 - Data boards
 - Improvement efforts
 - State standards & testing requirements
 - Title 1
 - High Ability
 - TBRI
 - Robotics
 - Student showcase

January 12

- “Experience Our Schools”
 - Health Services
 - Technology
 - HR
 - Community Relations
 - MVEF

February 9

- “Explore Your Passions & Find Your Future” - at Mt. Vernon High School
 - Extracurriculars, Student Panel, PLTW, MVTV, Performing Arts, athletics, food, foreign language, clubs, co-curricular, course offerings, student leadership
 - Graduation Pathways - high school focus
 - Tour HS & MS- include behind the scenes
 - Student Showcase

March 9

- “A Strong Foundation of the Basics: Education is a People Business”
 - Food Services
 - Operations
 - Transportation

April 13

- “Graduation! Now What...”
 - Future of MV
 - Graduation as an MV Ambassador!