



MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Mount Vernon School Community,

Welcome back! This Thursday, September 3, we will be opening our doors to students and kicking off the 2026-27 school year. I hope you enjoyed your summer and are refreshed and ready for an exciting year of learning. Our staff have worked hard to get our schools ready for the first day, and our teachers are getting their rooms ready for a successful start to the year.

Parents and guardians, your child should have a calendar to take home after the school year starts, and you can [view the digital version by clicking here](#). As well as reviewing important dates, please take time to review the policies and information included in the calendar, especially our attendance policy. Students attending school **every single day** allows them to thrive academically and socially. We only have your children for 180 days each year, and every one of those is vital to their success! There may be valid reasons for your child to miss school, but their attendance otherwise is of the utmost importance, and a note for an absence is always required. **Be Present Every Day, the Mount Vernon Way!**

Our theme this year, **Excellence by Design**, underscores our commitment to intentionally building the systems, experiences, and opportunities that bring out the very best in every student and staff member. Nothing we do is by chance; every initiative and every investment is crafted with purpose and our students in mind. That is why instilling our students with literacy is a top priority this year. Literacy is the building block that students build their knowledge on, and we are putting extra emphasis on improvement in reading and writing skills this year.

I'm excited for a fantastic year of education! We are also excited to launch this year with a brand new website design, developed to provide a user-friendly experience and ensure that families can easily access important school-related information. After the new website is live, you can submit feedback on the form on our website or by emailing mvcommunications@mtvernoncsd.org.

For updates on our school district throughout the year, please visit our website at www.mtvernoncsd.org and follow us on social media ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#): @MountVernonCitySchoolDistrict).

Best regards,

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