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THE STEAM SCENE

MV STEAM ACADEMY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Testing
October 28th
SATs
October 29th
PSATs
October Meetings
October 7th
Faculty Meeting 3-4pm
October 21st
Department Meeting 3-4pm
Fieldtrips
October 22nd
Statue of Liberty (Juniors)
School events
October 2nd
Senior Sunrise
October 7th
Her Honor Mentee Luncheon
October 9th
Westchester County International Day of the Girl Conference
October 30th
Halloween Party (Middle School)
October National Days
October 1st
Principal Appreciation Month
October 2nd
School Custodian Appreciation Day
Upcoming Holidays
October 12th
No School: Indigenous Peoples' Day (Columbus Day)
October 14th
Half Day for Students & Data Review/Planning Staff



Spotlight

FROM MOUNT VERNON TO MAYO CLINIC: KYLIE ROBINSON EARNS PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mount Vernon STEAM Academy student Kylie Robinson is proving that big dreams, hard work, and a passion for helping others can open incredible doors. The rising junior was selected as one of just 100 students nationwide to attend the inaugural Mayo Clinic Pre-College Healthcare Academy, earning a full scholarship to the prestigious program this past summer. The Mayo Clinic is consistently recognized as one of the nation's and the world's leading medical institutions, making Kylie's accomplishment especially remarkable.



Inspired by witnessing her mother's experience with preeclampsia during pregnancy, Kylie has set her sights on becoming an OB-GYN and reproductive scientist. Her goal is to improve maternal healthcare and one day open a birthing center where women feel safe, respected, and supported throughout their pregnancies. Her dedication to addressing healthcare disparities has already begun to shape an impressive academic journey.

In addition to her acceptance into the Mayo Clinic program, Kylie recently completed her second year in the Environmental Leaders of Color (ELOC) program, where she studies artificial intelligence, machine learning, and technology. Through ELOC, she is combining her interests in medicine and technology while learning from professionals who are helping prepare the next generation of diverse STEM leaders.

Kylie's achievements have also been recognized by both the Westchester County Press and the Yonkers Times, highlighting her inspiring journey and commitment to serving others. As she prepares to represent Mount Vernon STEAM Academy at the Mayo Clinic this summer, Kylie continues to demonstrate what is possible through determination, compassion, and a desire to make a difference!

"I've always wanted to make a difference in women's health. Being selected for the Mayo Clinic Pre-College Healthcare Academy is bringing me one step closer to my dream of becoming an OB-GYN and serving my community."
- Kylie, STEAM Junior

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Summer Snapshot

RECHARGING FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Summer may have flown by, but the memories will last a lifetime! Our staff share some of their favorite moments from break, giving us a glimpse into the adventures that helped them recharge for another fantastic school year.

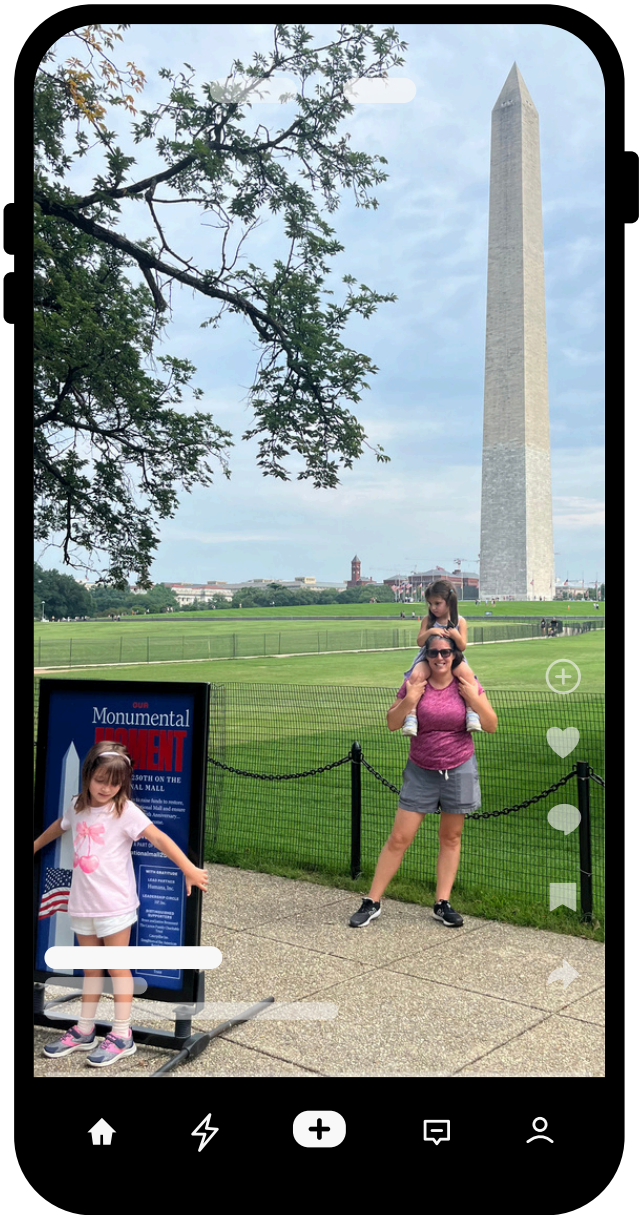


Ms. Wallace (English & Social Studies) traded the classroom for the open road this summer, setting off on an unforgettable campervan adventure through Montana, Wyoming, and South Dakota with her wife, daughter, three dogs, and two cats! Along the way, they explored some of America's most breathtaking national parks, including Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Badlands, and Wind Cave, making memories one mile (and one wildlife sighting!) at a time.

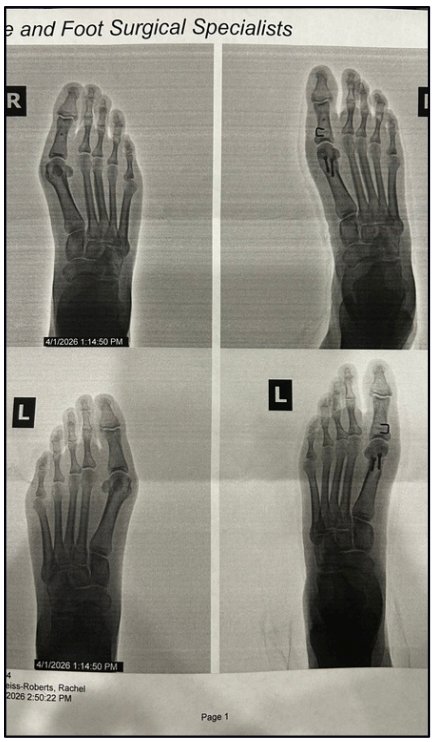


Ms. Jaffess (Physical Education) had a busy summer both in and out of the district! Along with teaching summer school, she hiked through Oregon with college friends, met Snooki from Jersey Shore (and proudly admits she's still a fan!), ran into baseball legend Dwight Gooden in Long Beach, and kicked off one of her favorite summer traditions–the US Open. From hiking trails to celebrity sightings and tennis, Ms. Jaffess definitely made the most of her summer!

Ms. G (Social Studies) spent part of her summer in Washington, D.C., with her girls, taking in the sights! Their trip included visits to the National Museum of Natural History and the National Museum of American History, where they explored everything from the natural world to the stories that have shaped our country.



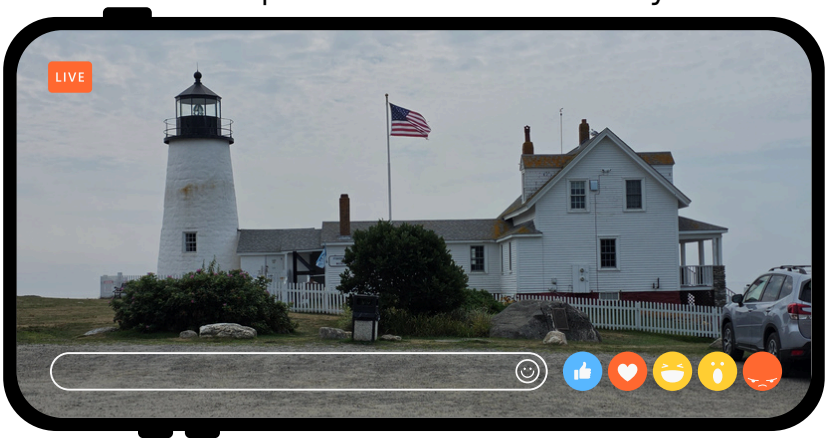
SUMMER TIME





Ms. Roberts (English) took “put your feet up and relax” a little too seriously this summer! Since July 17, she’s been recovering from double foot surgery, complete with two pins, a staple, and roughly 14 stitches in each foot. While it may not have been the summer adventure she planned, she’s making the best of her recovery, and even has the podiatrist’s lovely “before and after” photo compilation to remember it by!

Mrs. Ciallella (Social Studies) made quite a splash this summer during a family getaway to Ocean City, Maryland. From beach days and poolside fun to evenings around the fire pits, the trip was packed with relaxation and adventure. Highlights included spotting breaching whales and dolphins from the shore before ending the vacation with boardwalk rides and a gorgeous sunset. Talk about a fintastic way to spend the summer!



Ms. Benjamin (English) spent her summer in the picturesque coastal town of New Harbor, Maine, where she volunteered at the historic Pemaquid Lighthouse. While enjoying the beautiful ocean views, she helped care for the lighthouse gardens, tending to flowers and keeping the grounds vibrant for visitors to enjoy.

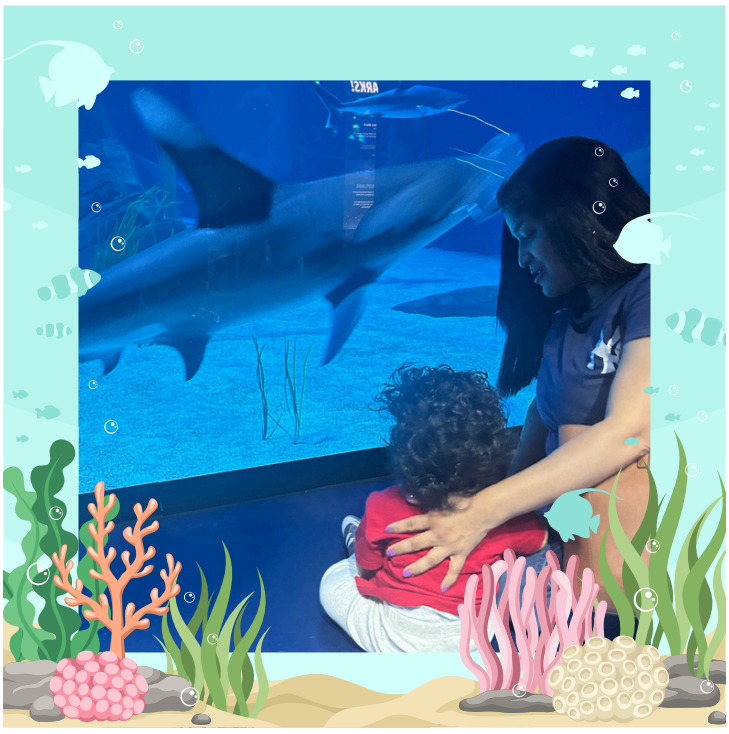




This summer, Ms. Grosso (School Librarian) embarked on an unforgettable 12-day adventure through Portugal with nine other women. Their journey began in the vibrant city of Lisbon, where they spent three days immersing themselves in the country's rich history, stunning architecture, and unique culture. From exploring historic landmarks to experiencing the local cuisine, Lisbon offered countless memorable moments. After their time in the capital, the group traveled south to the breathtaking Algarve region. There, they enjoyed several days of relaxation and exploration along Portugal's spectacular coastline. One of Ms. Grosso's favorite experiences was kayaking in Alvor, where she paddled through hidden sea caves, discovered secluded beaches accessible only by water, and took in the Atlantic shoreline's stunning natural beauty. The combination of adventure, friendship, and unforgettable scenery made this trip a truly remarkable summer experience.

Summer Vibes

Ms. Rodriguez (Science) hit the road this summer for a family adventure to Georgia! The trip included the Georgia Aquarium, where they got up close with some seriously impressive sharks, and the World of Coca-Cola before heading to the Georgia coast for some beach time. Best of all, baby Derek's first road trip was officially a success!













Ms. Prince (Teaching Assistant) had an exciting and memorable summer filled with travel and achievement. She traveled to Baton Rouge to compete in the International Masons Supreme Queen Contest, representing New York State, and proudly won the competition. She also enjoyed a trip to Syracuse to attend concerts featuring Usher and Chris Brown. These experiences were among the highlights of her summer and made for a season to remember.

Mr. Glinias (Science) had a bee-utiful and busy summer expanding his beekeeping business, Glinias Gold! In addition to producing delicious, locally harvested raw honey, he expanded his services to include safely removing and relocating bee colonies found inside homes. From carefully opening walls to rescuing entire hives, his summer was filled with some truly un-bee-lievable adventures! Curious about the buzz? Stop by Mr. Glinias's room to learn more about his beekeeping adventures, his locally harvested Glinias Gold, and the important role honeybees play in our environment!



Congratulations!

New at School

MEET THE NEW STAFF AT STEAM ACADEMY!

We're excited to introduce the newest members of our school community here at STEAM. Each brings unique experiences, talents, and passions to share with our students. We asked them to share a bit about themselves, the subject they teach or position they hold, where they previously worked (Mt. Vernon or another district), and their favorite food. Get to know them below!

welcome to the team!



Ms. Alethia Bryan
School Social Worker
Mount Vernon Leadership Academy
Most anything Seafood



Mr. Eddy Rafael Correa Castillo
Algebra 2 and Geometry
New Rochelle High School
Camarones à la Criolla



Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez
7th Grade Math and SPED
Greenburgh CSD
Pizza and Sushi



Mr. Richard Molina
Math
Elmsford School District
Ecuadorian Food

Please note: We know not all new staff members are here. They only contributed if they wanted to.

District News

STUDENT VOICES, DISTRICT VISION: STEAM STUDENTS STEP UP



Mount Vernon STEAM Academy students are making their voices heard through Mount Vernon Voice and Vision, a student council that works directly with Superintendent Dr. Demario Strickland to bring student perspectives into district conversations.

STEAM students Vidhi Goel and Alistair Bell were elected to leadership positions, with Vidhi serving as co-vice chair and Alistair as secretary. Many of our STEAM students were there to represent our school, including juniors Adam Munoz, Class of 2028 treasurer, and Rickayla McCalla, Class of 2028 secretary. Adam said he values the opportunity to work with student leaders from across Mount Vernon and

Dr. Strickland, adding, “I’m honored to have the chance to speak for the students of Mount Vernon.” Rickayla has also embraced the opportunity, sharing, “I love that we get to speak our minds and that student voices are actually being put front and center to make a difference.”

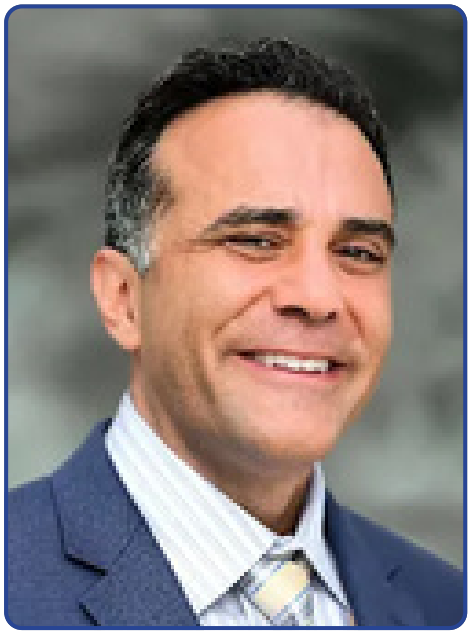
Class of 2026 Salutatorian DanaMarie Galindo also returned to support the council before heading to Vassar College this fall. We are proud to see STEAM students past and present using their voices, developing as leaders, and representing their school community!

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Around the School

THE NEXT CHAPTER IN LEADERSHIP AT STEAM

We’re excited to welcome the newest members of our leadership team to MV STEAM! Our new principal and new-ish assistant principal bring a wealth of experience, fresh perspectives, and a shared commitment to supporting our students, staff, and school community. We asked each of them to introduce themselves, share a little about their background, and share a fun fact so you can get to know the leaders helping to guide our next chapter.



Mr. Engelhardt
Principal
Alexander Hamilton High School in Elmsford

Favorite food: Halibut
Fun Fact: He previously taught in Thailand!

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Mr. Alexander
Assistant Principal
Hamilton School, Mount Vernon

Favorite Food: A porterhouse steak hot off the grill, fresh-shucked Wellfleet oysters, and shrimp cocktail.
Fun Fact: He has attended more than 200 concerts over the years.

Welcome back, Mr. Alexander, who was previously an AP at STEAM Academy!

In Remembrance

HONORING THE PAST, TEACHING THE FUTURE: MV STEAM REMEMBERS SEPTEMBER 11TH



On September 11, MV STEAM Academy came together to honor the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks through remembrance, reflection, and learning.

The day began with a solemn ceremony outside the school at 9:11 a.m. Music teacher Ms. Faust performed Taps on the trumpet as the American flag flew at half-staff. Assistant Principal Mr. Wilbekin addressed the school over the loudspeaker, allowing students and staff throughout the building to share in the moment of remembrance. Assistant Principal Ms. Marte also joined the ceremony.

Student leaders stood alongside faculty and administrators for the tribute, including juniors Aaron Padilla, Class of 2028 Vice President, and Isabel Nava Ferreira, Class of 2028 President, as well as senior Valeria Martinez, Class of 2027 Vice President. The ceremony left a lasting impression on each of them. Isabel shared that she "felt moved" by the experience, while Valeria said she was "inspired by Ms. Faust's beautiful performance." Aaron reflected that he "felt connected to and impacted by the remembrance of 9/11." Their participation was especially meaningful as the school works to ensure that a new generation, one with no firsthand memory of September 11, understands its history and lasting impact.

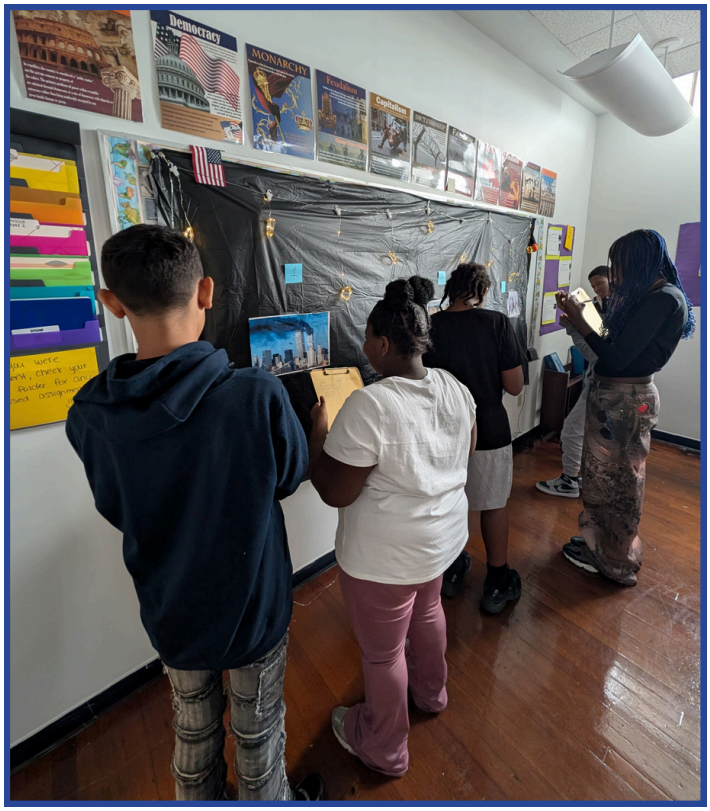
At the center of the school's commemoration was Mr. DeHay, a STEAM Academy staff member and veteran of both the United States Air Force and United States Marine Corps. Mr. DeHay, whose more than 20 years of military service included deployment to Afghanistan just three days after September 11, created a powerful memorial display in the school's front entrance.

The tribute featured images and artifacts remembering the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, while also honoring first responders, members of the military, and all those whose lives were forever changed by the attacks. The display transformed the entrance of MV STEAM Academy into a place for students and staff to pause, reflect, ask questions, and remember.

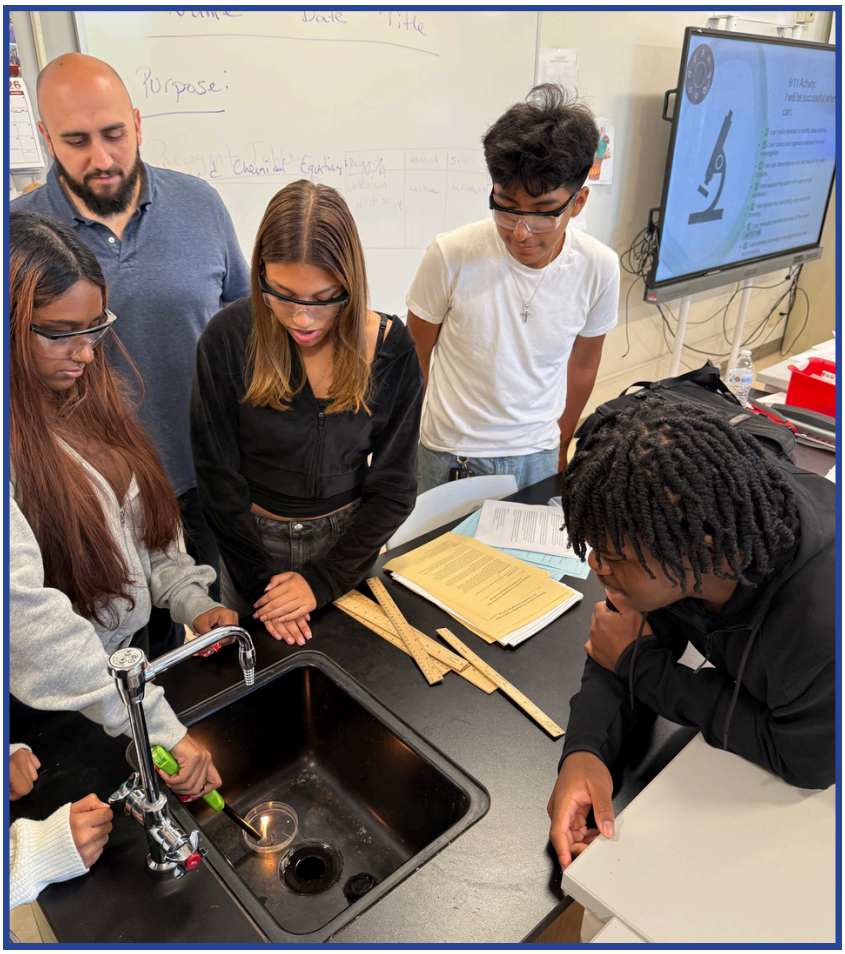
Together with the morning ceremony and classroom lessons held throughout the school, the commemoration reinforced an important message 25 years later: we remember those who were lost, honor those who served, and ensure their stories are carried forward by the next generation.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO WATCH THE PERFORMANCE OF "TAPS," BY MS. FAUST!



The remembrance continued inside the classroom, where teachers created meaningful opportunities for students to explore September 11 from different perspectives. In Ms. Ciallella's class, students participated in a gallery walk where they examined images connected to 9/11 and recorded their notices, wonders, and emotions. After discussing what they already knew with a partner, students watched a compilation of news coverage from September 11, 2001. The lesson led to conversations about why the World Trade Center and Pentagon were targeted, as well as the courage and bravery of the passengers aboard Flight 93.



In Mr. Glinias's AP Chemistry class, students approached the history of September 11 through the lens of science. During a "Chemists Respond to a National Emergency" investigation, students took on the role of environmental chemists studying a mystery dust sample. Inspired by the scientific investigations conducted following the collapse of the World Trade Center towers, students made observations, designed tests, and used evidence to determine what materials could be present in their sample. The activity connected chemistry to a real historical event while showing students the important role scientists can play in understanding and responding to national emergencies.

Together, these lessons demonstrated that remembering September 11 extends beyond a single subject area. Whether examining the historical events and human experiences of that day or exploring the scientific response that followed, STEAM students were encouraged to question, investigate, reflect, and understand why September 11 continues to matter 25 years later.



Senior Spotlight

STEAM SENIOR REPRESENTING STUDENT VOICES

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Student leadership continues to have a meaningful role in the Mount Vernon City School District. Mount Vernon High School senior Timothy Jenkins was recently sworn in as an ex-officio student trustee on the Mount Vernon Board of Education after being selected as chairperson of Mount Vernon Voice & Vision, the student-led council that advises Superintendent Dr. Demario Strickland.

In his new role, Timothy will represent student perspectives at Board meetings and provide updates on the work of Voice & Vision. His appointment is another exciting step toward ensuring that students across Mount Vernon have a voice in the decisions that shape their schools.

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM

Every role in our school makes a difference. Help us recognize a colleague who goes above and beyond! Nominations are open to all staff members, teachers, security, support staff, office, custodial, cafeteria, TAs, and more!



Special Events

STUDENTS INSPIRED TO USE THEIR VOICES AT STEAM ACADEMY

On September 10, Mount Vernon STEAM Academy welcomed nationally recognized youth speaker and leadership advocate Shaun Derik for a school-wide kickoff assembly titled “Use Your Inside Voices.” The high-energy event challenged students to recognize the power of their voices and encouraged them to lead with purpose, make positive choices, and create meaningful change within their school community.

During the interactive presentation, students participated in discussions and activities designed to highlight the importance of leadership, responsibility, and personal growth. Through storytelling and audience engagement, Shaun Derik emphasized that every student can make an impact by speaking up, supporting others, and taking action.

Following the assembly, student leaders gathered for a special leadership luncheon with Shaun Derik. The discussion focused on transforming student ideas into action and developing plans for leadership opportunities throughout the school year. Students explored ways to strengthen school culture and launch initiatives that address their peers' needs and interests.

Coordinated in partnership with the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau, the day served as an inspiring reminder that student voices matter.

As students left the assembly, they were encouraged to use their voices not only to express themselves, but also to lead, serve, and help shape a positive future for their school and community.



District News

MVCSD KICKS OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH "EXCELLENCE BY DESIGN"

Faculty, administrators, and staff from all 13 Mount Vernon City School District schools gathered at Mount Vernon High School for the District's annual convocation, officially launching the 2026-27 school year. Superintendent Dr. Demario Strickland introduced this year's theme,"Excellence by Design," emphasizing the importance of intentional planning, proactive leadership, and a shared commitment to student success.

The event celebrated the dedication of MVCSD employees while highlighting District accomplishments, welcoming new administrators and principals, and recognizing staff members for decades of service to Mount Vernon students and families. Dr. Strickland also shared priorities for the year ahead, including academic achievement, strong school culture, operational excellence, and the continued implementation of the GEMS of Instruction framework to ensure high-quality learning experiences in every classroom. Faculty and staff left the event energized and inspired as they returned to their buildings to prepare for a successful school year.







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Around the School

READY, SET, COMPETE!

Ms. Wallace kicked off the school year with a focus on SEL, relationship-building, and classroom community. The first full week culminated in a special Competition Day, where students competed against other classes for House Points and faced their classmates in a series of fun challenges. After some friendly competition, one student from each class walked away with the ultimate prize, a tiny piñata stuffed with candy! The day brought plenty of laughter and helped students start the year connecting, collaborating, and building community.





Important Information

CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

Help us showcase the amazing things happening at MV STEAM Academy! Share a classroom celebration, student achievement, or event you'd like featured in our monthly newsletter.

BREAKING NEWS

Around the School

HARVESTING SUCCESS: STEAM "FARM" TO TABLE

Our STEAM Academy Community Garden enjoyed a bountiful harvest this summer thanks to the hard work and dedication of Mr. Hyman and our garden volunteers. The garden produced an impressive variety of crops, including tomatoes, green bell peppers, lettuce, basil, broccoli, callaloo, cucumbers, and even a delicious cantaloupe. Many of these fresh vegetables were generously shared with staff members, allowing everyone to enjoy the fruits of the garden's success.

A special thank you goes out to the staff members who volunteered their time throughout the summer to help with weeding, watering, and harvesting. Their commitment and teamwork helped the garden flourish and made this season's harvest possible. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to this wonderful community effort and look forward to an even bigger and better growing season next year!



Recipe: Jamaican-Style Callaloo

From the kitchen of: Chef Blake

Chef Blake's Kitchen Tip:
I season MY food until MY ancestors say STOP! LOL! Listen to YOUR ancestors and prepare to YOUR desired taste. Also, be sure to utilize the ingredients based off of the QUANTITY of Callaloo you have.

Ingredients:

- Fresh Callaloo
- Vinegar (white or apple cider)
- Salt
- Thyme (fresh or dried)
- Chicken or veggie broth
- Black pepper
- Onion powder
- Garlic powder
- Chicken bouillon powder
- Onion
- Green bell pepper (any color is fine)
- Scotch bonnet pepper (if you like HEAT, go all out, if not, USE SPARINGLY or omit entirely)
- Minced garlic
- Plum tomato
- Vegetable oil

Preparing:

1. Clean fresh Callaloo THOROUGHLY! Soaking (Vinegar & Salt), Rinsing, Seed, skin & damaged leaves removal- (I LOOKED UP PROPER CLEANING ON YOUTUBE TV)
2. After cleaning, pat dry and roughly chop Callaloo.
3. Heat some vegetable oil in a pan and sauté onions, garlic, green pepper, scotch bonnet pepper, tomato and thyme 2-3 minutes.
4. Add Callaloo and remaining seasonings, 1 packet of chicken bouillon and a ½ cup of chicken or veggie broth.
5. Stir and let steam for about 15-20 minutes.
6. ENJOY!





Recipe: Traditional Greek Vlita Vrasta
(boiled amaranth greens)

From the kitchen of: Chef Nassis

Ingredients:

- 1.5 to 2 lbs (700g–900g) fresh Vlita (amaranth greens), trimmed of tough lower stems
- 1 tsp to 1 tbsp sea salt (for boiling water)
- ¼ cup extra virgin Greek olive oil
- 1 to 2 fresh lemons (juiced)
- Salt and black pepper to taste

Instructions:

1. **Clean the greens:** Wash the vlita thoroughly in a large bowl of cold water to remove all dirt and sand. Change the water a few times until it runs completely clean. Separate thicker stems from delicate leaves if they vary greatly in thickness.
2. **Boil the water:** Bring a large pot of water to a rolling boil and add salt.
3. **Cook the vlita:** Add the tougher stems first if they are thick, cooking for about 5 to 7 minutes, then add the soft leaves. (If your greens are young and tender, cook all together for 5 to 8 minutes until fork-tender but still vibrant green).
4. **Drain:** Drain the greens well in a colander. You can rinse briefly with cool water or transfer to an ice bath if you want to lock in that bright green color.
5. **Dress and serve:** Transfer to a serving dish and generously drizzle with extra virgin olive oil and fresh lemon juice. Toss gently and season with a pinch of sea salt. Serve warm, at room temperature, or chilled with crusty bread.

Staff Spotlight

NATIONAL DAYS

Each month, we celebrate members of our MV STEAM family in honor of their National Day. Get to know the incredible people who make our school such a special place through their stories, experiences, and the impact they have on our students every day! This month we are celebrating **National IT Professionals Day** and **National Teaching Assistant Day!**

In honor of National IT Professionals Day, we're excited to recognize Pat and the support he provides to the MV STEAM Academy community every day!



Pat has been with the district for seven years, all seven of them at STEAM. What he enjoys most about his job is simple: helping people, whether that means supporting students or helping teachers solve a problem. Outside of school, Pat enjoys hiking, playing pickleball, gardening, and cooking, and he proudly notes, "Yes, I'm one of the few Italian techs who can cook a good carbonara!"

Thank you, Pat, for seven years of keeping STEAM connected, helping us troubleshoot the unexpected, and always being there when students and staff need you!

"What do you call it when AI takes your job? Tuesday." - *Pat, IT Professional Extraordinaire*

Our Teaching Assistants are such an important part of the MV STEAM Academy community! Each day, they support our students, work alongside our teachers, and help create a welcoming environment where students can learn and grow. This month, we're shining a spotlight on our amazing TAs and giving you a chance to learn a little more about the people who make a difference in our classrooms every day.



Ms. Prince
Years in MVCSD: 28 years
Years at MV STEAM: 19 years
Favorite Part of the Job: Helping students and seeing that something she said or did made a meaningful impact on them.
Fun Facts: She loves to dance and is a huge sports fan!



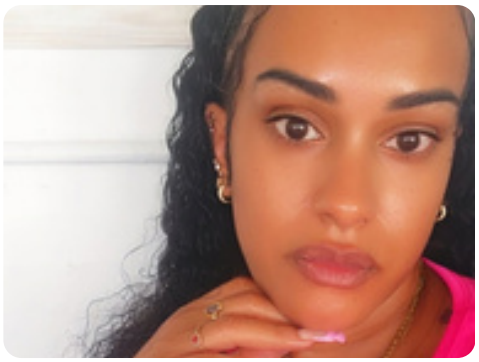
Ms. Matos
Years in MVCSD: 3 years, 5 months
Years at MV STEAM: 1 year
Favorite Part of the Job: Seeing the moment when something clicks for a student and hearing, "Oh, I got it, Ms. Matos!"
Favorite Hobby: Reading



Ms. McLawrence
Years in MVCSD: 3 years
Years at MV STEAM: 2 years
Favorite Part of the Job: Building meaningful relationships with students and supporting them every day.
Fun Fact: Ms. McLawrence is an MVCSD alumna who graduated from the district in 2018 and now gives back to the community where she grew up.



Ms. Philip
Years in MVCSD: 13 years
Years at MV STEAM: 3 years
Favorite Part of the Job: Making a difference in students' lives and helping them build a successful future.
Fun Facts: She enjoys spending time with family and friends and loves traveling around the world.



Ms. Clarke
Years in MVCSD: 7 years
Years at MV STEAM: Going on 4 years
Favorite Part of the Job: Helping, inspiring, and motivating students while providing the emotional support they need to succeed.
Fun Facts: She enjoys singing, cooking, reading, and writing!



Puzzles & Brain Teasers

THE BREAK ROOM

Take a break, test your brain, and have some fun with puzzles, riddles, and challenges inspired by this month's issue of The STEAM Scene! Complete this page and claim a prize with Ms. Wallace! Have a creative idea or want to design a puzzle for a future issue? Let her know, she'd love to feature your work!

WORD SEARCH

Find the 15 words below.
Words can go in any direction
(horizontal, vertical, diagonal).

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- ☐ MAYO CLINIC
- ☐ OREGON
- ☐ WASHINGTON
- ☐ OCEAN CITY
- ☐ LIGHTHOUSE
- ☐ PORTUGAL
- ☐ AQUARIUM
- ☐ QUEEN
- ☐ HONEY
- ☐ THAILAND
- ☐ CONCERTS
- ☐ GREENHOUSE
- ☐ CARBONARA
- ☐ PSAT
- ☐ SAT

BRAIN TEASER

I'm not alive, but I grow. I don't have lungs, but I need air. I don't have a mouth, but I can drown. What am I?

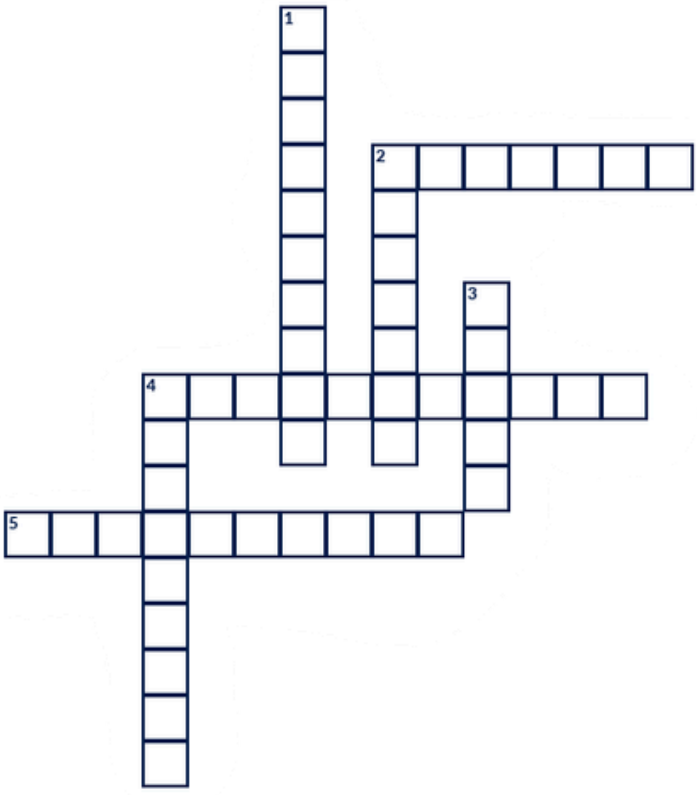
QUICK THINKING

Which one doesn't belong?
Circle it and tell why!

Convocation	Assembly	Field Trip	Vacation
Assistant	Teacher	Counselor	Therapist
Trumpet	Taps	Memorial	Basketball
Singing	Cooking	Reading	Skydiving

CROSSWORD

Use the clues to fill in the puzzle.
All of the answers can be found in this issue!



ACROSS

2. First name of the senior sworn in as an ex-officio student trustee.
4. Vidhi Goel's role on the district's Voice & Vision Council (no spaces).
5. Mr. Molina's favorite type of food.

DOWN

1. The school-wide leadership speaker who encouraged students to use their inside voices.
2. The instrument Ms. Faust played during STEAM's September 11 remembrance.
3. Surname of the veteran who created the September 11 memorial display.
4. Spanish word for shrimp in Mr. Correa Castillo's favorite dish.

CLASS ADVISORS

Class of 2027
Ms. Comrie & Ms. Roberts

Class of 2027 Instagram!

Class of 2028
Ms. Wallace

Class of 2028 Instagram!

Class of 2029
Mr. Claro & Mr. Glinias

Class of 2029
TBD!

Class of 2027 & 2028
(Middle School)
Ms. Ingram & Ms. Porter

Around the School

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

7th Grade - 92.19%
8th Grade - 88.83%
9th Grade - 91.41%
10th Grade - 85.77%
11th Grade - 85.21%
12th Grade - 84.43%

Donations

DONATE TO THE SUNSHINE FUND!

Donate to our faculty-supported program that is used to acknowledge and support staff members during significant life events, both positive and challenging. See Ms. Grosso with any questions!

DONATE HERE:
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About MV STEAM Academy

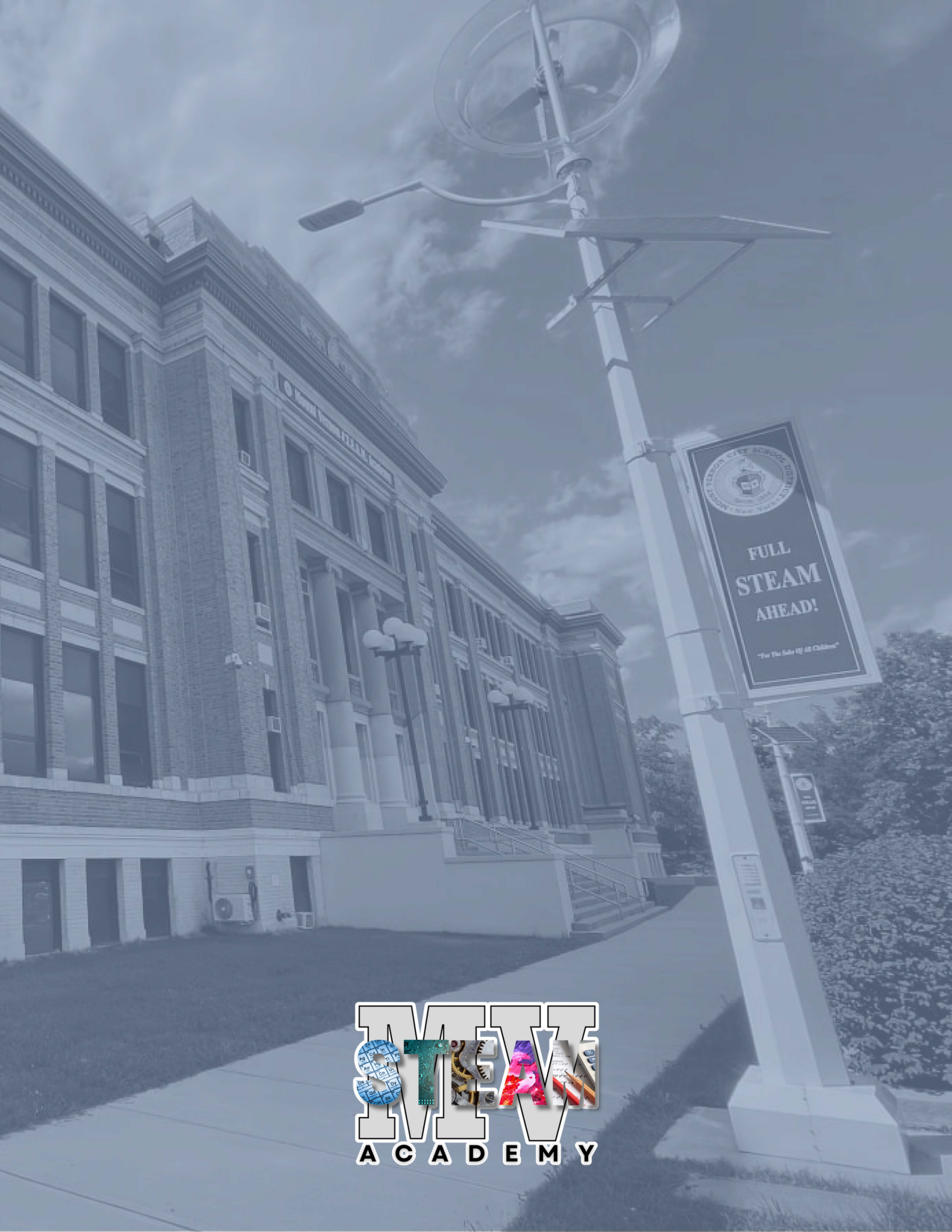
MISSION AND VISION

The vision of the Mount Vernon STEAM Academy is to prepare students for success in the 21st century by providing equitable, rigorous, and innovative learning opportunities across all content areas through a STEAM lens.

We will promote active learning and challenge our students to take full ownership of their education, centered around the 4Cs (critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity) and 5Es (engage, explore, explain, elaborate, and evaluate). We encourage our students to identify and recognize their skills, talents, and passions.

STEAM INSTAGRAM

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