Minnesota Valley Education District

Quarter 2 Newsletter

November 4th, 2026
Principal Update



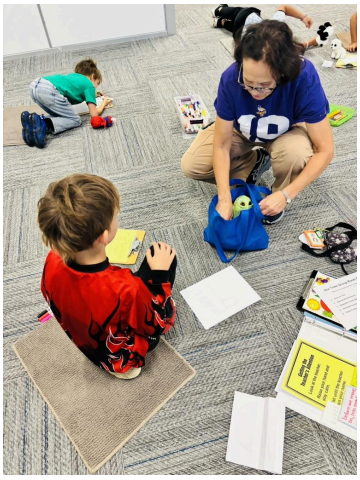
Hello MVED Families,

It is hard to believe we are close to wrapping up Quarter 1! It has been a great start to our school year, and I am so grateful for the hard work our staff continues to put into providing a safe, fun, and engaging learning environment for our students.

One of the best parts of my job is walking through the hallways and peeking into classrooms to see the positive relationships between our students and staff. Building trust takes time, patience, and consistency, and I love seeing our staff put in that effort each day. Those connections make a lasting difference in our students' lives and are a big part of what makes MVED special!

Updates

A few of our students have already begun small transitions back to their home district! It always brings our staff joy to see our students work so hard through the Boystown program and see the growth that is made socially, emotionally, and academically!



One change that was made over the summer was limiting the use of chromebook time. Getting back to the basics of paper and pencil and limiting computer time has been a HUGE success so far for our students. Students are actively engaged with their teachers, they remain more focused on their learning, and more positive peer interaction has been noticeable as well!

Our Elementary and MRS programs also enjoyed a fun field trip during MVED Spirit Week! Students visited the St. Peter Community Center for some trick-or-treating and spent time enjoying the fall weather at Mill Pond Park.

Safety and Security

Last year across the St. Peter School District, two new emergency response teams were implemented through the *I Love You Guys Foundation*. These teams consist of a Behavioral Emergency Response Team and a Medical Emergency Response Team. Both teams are currently in place at MVED and can be on scene or on call in the event of an emergency.

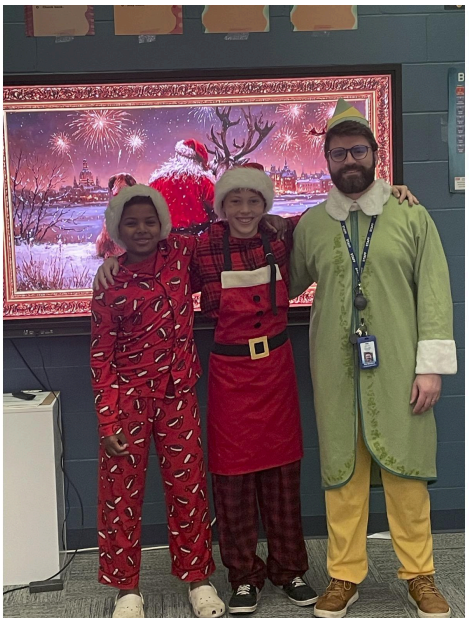
We also continue to partner with our School Resource Officer, Officer Hughes, who oversees the entire St. Peter School District. All staff members are fully trained in Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI), with several staff having completed advanced CPI training as well. MVED is lucky to have one of our very own teachers, Jenna Boman providing the advanced CPI training for our staff.

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Student and staff safety remains our top priority at MVED. I am extremely proud of our staff's continued commitment to training and preparedness, helping make MVED a safe and supportive place for students to learn.

Tidbits & Reminders

As we move through the colder months, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Hats, gloves or mittens, and warm jackets are essential this time of year. If you need assistance with any of these items, please don't hesitate to reach out.



Students have already completed the FastBridge screening assessments for this school year. FastBridge is a reading and math screener that helps us better understand each student's current academic performance, monitor their progress over time, and make informed instructional decisions to support their individual learning needs.

This year, the State of Minnesota is also mandating an additional reading screener alongside FastBridge called **CaptiBasix**. This tool helps identify *why* a student may struggle in certain areas of reading and comprehension. It evaluates five core areas: phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, reading fluency, and comprehension. Students in grades 4-12 will take this screener three times throughout the year. Results of each screener will allow us to see where further instruction and intervention is needed!

Please continue to stay connected through our MVED Facebook and Instagram pages for school-related updates and information!

Key Dates for Quarter 2 (Holiday Season is upon us!)

- **November 9:** End of Quarter 1
- **November 10**: No School
- **November 11:** First Day of Quarter 2
- **November 25:** Early Release Day (12:30 PM)
- **November 26 & 27:** Thanksgiving Break
- **December 23-January 3:** Winter Break
- **January 15:** Early Release (12:30 PM)
- **January 18:** No School (MLK Day)
- **January 22:** End of Quarter 2

Please feel free to reach out at any time if you have questions or need additional information. We appreciate your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,
Tanner Schraw
MVED Principal

