

# MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ALUMNI NEWS



## ALUMNI EVENTS AT HERITAGE DAYS 2026



### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FUN RUN

Lace up those running shoes and join the Alumni Association for a community Fun Run on Friday, July 10. The run will begin at 8 p.m. prior to the drone show at the Martha Parsons Activities Center. Register by June 19 for a t-shirt. Find more details and registration information on page 19.



### ALUMNI AND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Fuel up for a fun day by visiting the Mount Vernon High School Commons for the Alumni and Community Breakfast on Saturday, July 11 from 8-10 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow classmates, alums and community members.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the days grow longer and the sun shines a bit brighter, spring brings a renewed sense of energy and possibility. This time of year offers a meaningful opportunity to celebrate the enduring strength of our alumni community.

Your continued support, engagement, and pride in our school are what make this community so special. Whether you graduated recently or many years ago, you remain an essential part of our story. I am continually inspired by the many ways you contribute – through mentorship, philanthropy, professional achievements, and by staying connected with one another.

With Heritage Days just around the corner, we look forward to the opportunity to see our alumni and families at the Saturday morning Alumni Association breakfast, the drone show and activities at the Lester Buresh Family Community Wellness Center on Friday, and the parade and activities uptown.

This year the Alumni Association will be bringing back the Fun Run on Friday

night. We all know how competitive Mount Vernon is, but this is truly a fun run for everyone, whether you want to run it or walk the course with family and friends. Hope to see you out there!

As we look ahead, we remain committed to honoring our traditions while embracing new opportunities for growth and connection. I hope this summer inspires you to reconnect, reflect, and reengage with our vibrant alumni network.

Thank you for being such an important part of our community. Wishing you a wonderful spring filled with renewal, success, and joy.



Cathy Hufford '83  
Alumni Association  
President

## NEWSLETTER PROCEDURE

Due to postage costs, the Alumni Association follows the following newsletter procedures:

1. For five years after graduating, classes will receive a digital copy of the newsletter. At each 5-year reunion, alumni can choose to opt into a print copy.
2. In the fall, district teachers will receive the newsletter in their district mailbox.
3. Families with multiple alums sharing the same address will receive one copy.

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# 2026 REUNION INFORMATION

## 2021 - 5 years

**Happy Hour at Scorz, Friday, July 10, 5pm**

Contact: Kean Kamerling  
Email: keeankamerling@gmail.com

Contact: Lauren Ryan  
Email: lauren.ryan1234@gmail.com

Contact: Anna Nydegger  
Email: annanydegger28@gmail.com

Contact: Annaliese Sharp  
Email: annalieseharp@gmail.com

## 2016 - 10 years

**Saturday, July 11, 3:30 pm, casual gathering at Bryant Park. Check class Facebook group for details.**

Contact: Jenna (Brannaman) Kannegieter  
Phone: 319-558-6811  
Email: jenna.brannaman@gmail.com

## 2011 - 15 years

Contact: Sarah (Ryan) Eyde  
Phone: 319-929-9322  
Email: sarahryan320@gmail.com

Contact: Janelle Knight Ullrich  
Email: janellemullrich@gmail.com

Contact: Micah Wieditz  
Phone: 319-654-6126  
Email: micahwieditz@gmail.com

## 2006 - 20 years

**Saturday, July 11th 3-6pm @ Studio 104  
104 1st Ave NE, Mount Vernon**

Contact: Jessica Corcoran  
Phone: 319-558-7016  
Email: jessicamcorcoran@gmail.com

## 2001 - 25 years

**Saturday, July 11, 1-3pm: family friendly gathering at the Reasland Flower Farm  
945 West Main Street, Lisbon**

**6-8pm: light dinner at the PAC (Performing Arts Center) Commons at the Mount Vernon High School for classmates and significant others**

Contact: Stephanie Pizarik Brinkmann  
Stephaniebrinkmann@gmail.com for

questions/details

## 1996 - 30 years

**Farm of Matt & Teresa Stewart  
309 Bolton Manor Rd, Martelle, IA  
2:00-5:00pm on Saturday July 11**

Contact: Maggie Lessmeier Willems  
Phone: 319-929-4542  
Email: maggiewillems@gmail.com

Contact: Ben Pospisil  
Phone: 319-895-0220, 319-213-0336  
Email: bennyp1984@yahoo.com

## 1991 - 35 years

Contact: Jenny Moore Hampton  
Phone: 319-651-3439  
Email: jjdsphamp@mcshi.com

Contact: Jenna Wiebel Wischmeyer  
Phone: 319-895-6008  
Email: jennawischmeyer@hotmail.com

## 1986 - 40 years

Contact: Deb Winchip Douglass  
Phone: 641-755-3055  
Email: debbilld@netins.net

## 1981 - 45 years

**Saturday Sept. 26th at Sutliff beginning at 4pm**

Contact: Rhondi Ewing  
Email: Rhondi@ewingdesign.com

## 1976 - 50 years

**Saturday, July 11  
Class will have a parade float!  
1:00 p.m - Kevin Whitman's home  
318 Hillview Dr SE in MV for an afternoon of reminiscing and catching up. Wood fired pizza will be served, and beer, pop, and water will be provided. Bring lawn chairs and any memorabilia you wish to share.**

Contact: Glori Holtz Roman  
Phone: 319-396-2991, 319-431-3115  
Email: glori17@msn.com

## 1971 - 55 years

Contact: Wendy Kaplan Johnson  
Phone: 319-551-1428  
Email: johnsonwendy725@gmail.com

## 1966 - 60 years

**Friday, July 10, Evening at Sutliff  
Saturday, July 11, Alumni Breakfast,  
4:30 pm at Margaret's (1114 Irish Lane)  
for a dinner picnic**

Contact: Margaret Ellison Duffy  
Phone: 319-930-0917  
Email: Margaret917@me.com

Contact: Cindy Buresh Prewitt  
Phone: 612-940-0287  
Email: cynannprew@gmail.com

## 1961 - 65 years

Contact: Richard Blew  
Phone: 816-529-3750  
Email: rkblew@comcast.net

Contact: Bunny Mulligan  
Phone: 319-377-7644

## 1956 - 70 years

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Contact: Deanne Dean LeVan  
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Contact: Roger Schnittjer  
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Email: rmschnittjer@gmail.com

## 1951 - 75 years

Contact: Dick McKeen  
Phone: 319-248-0502  
Email: rmckeek933@aol.com

## 1946 - 80 years

Contact: Helen Peterson Meeks  
Phone: 319-400-2721

Contact: Margaret Clark Reilly  
Phone: 319-895-6090



# MEET THE NEW ALUMNI DIRECTOR: JENNA KANNEGIETER '16

Jenna (Brannaman) Kannegieter grew up in Mount Vernon and is a proud 2016 graduate of MVHS. During her time at Mount Vernon, she immersed herself in band, choir, theater, speech, tennis, track, and student council – experiences that shaped her passion for leadership and community.

She went on to Wartburg College, graduating in 2020 with a BA in journalism and communications with an emphasis in public relations and minors in business, leadership and graphic design. While at Wartburg, Jenna played alto saxophone in the symphonic band, served as Student Body Vice President and completed a fellowship program for young leaders.

Jenna and her husband, Clint, are raising their two children, Clara and Max, in the Mount Vernon community, continuing her strong ties to the place that shaped her. She is excited to build on the strong legacy of the Alumni Association while driving new growth and preparing for a vibrant future.

Sincere thank you to outgoing Alumni Director, Julia Andrews, for her years of service to the Alumni Association!

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# HONORING SHARON HILL



Article written by Amie Roberts,  
Mount Vernon Foundation Director

When many of us think of the Mount Vernon Community School District, we think of Sharon Hill. Throughout her life in our hometown, Sharon embodied servant leadership in a way that deeply enriched our schools and community. Tom Wieseler, Mount Vernon Mayor and Mount Vernon Community School District Foundation Board of Trustees member, writes, "Sharon saw something in me. We served many years on the Board together and I considered her a mentor. She was so insightful and wise and respected. Sharon wouldn't get a medal for talking the most at meetings but what she said made you think deeper. She conducted herself with such decorum. There was no bigger advocate for public education and all things Mount Vernon."

Through her service on the school board and her instrumental role in founding our district's Foundation, Sharon helped shape the future for generations of students. Her work consistently created opportunities for both our students and the broader

community. Sharon had the vision to see the power of investing in young people and understood that supporting them meant building a better tomorrow for all.

In her own words, Sharon shared, "We formed the Foundation to unlock the possibilities within our district and to grow stronger together for the students. I applaud those who have served and helped make our district better for our students and community." Rick Elliott, Mount Vernon Community School District school board president and Foundation board of trustees member, notes, "I find myself working harder, trying to measure up to the standards Sharon set. We are a much better community because of her efforts."

As we mourn the loss of this remarkable woman, we also honor the legacy she leaves behind—a legacy of service, vision, and unwavering commitment to students. That legacy will continue to guide and inspire our community for years to come.

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Superintendent Matt Leeman



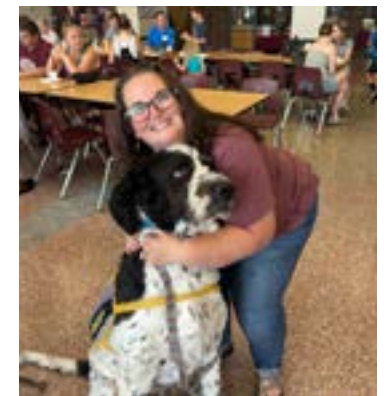
A great crowd enjoying breakfast and conversation



Kay Lind '55 and AnnaMae Baker '60 at the welcome table



Roger Schnittger '56 and Marilyn Schnittger '58



Whitney Turner '00 and Roscoe



MV Staff enjoying ice cream on a warm summer day



Kris Abodeely and Becky Whitman '77 serving breakfast

## DID YOU MOVE? HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS? GET MARRIED?

Don't forget to send your updated contact information, email addresses, and news items to the Alumni Association at alumni@mvcsd.org or call Jenna at 319-558-6811.

## SAVE THE DATE - 2026 HOMECOMING

Thursday, Sept. 24 - Homecoming Parade  
Friday, Sept. 25 - Hall of Fame Ceremony, Homecoming Football Game

# REUNION PICTURES

## CLASS OF 2026



Welcome Class of 2026! The class graduated 125 members on May 24, 2026 with commencement, followed by a senior parade through the community of Mount Vernon. Classmates Landon Wilson and Ingrid Morf were named Class Reunion Organizers and received \$250 scholarships from the Alumni Association at their Senior Awards Night.

*Photo by JoAnn Gage.*

## CLASS OF 1990



L to R: Chaddwick Plotz, Ryan Jamison, Travis Allen, Joel Koffron, Andrea Mott Zastrow, Angie Vittetoe Reed, Matt Slinker, Janee Koehn and Aaron Kirkpatrick.

# REUNION PICTURES

## CLASS OF 1985



Front row: Dennis Hartl

Second row: Dave Ryan, Jeff Clark, Paula Gray, Marcia Peters, Laura Schmitz, Lynette Rodman, Lorri Krob, Connie Royer, Jennifer Spencer, Lisa Niederhauser, Amy Lifson, Butch Meyers, Robin Baker, Tom Dumbaugh, Shawna Hutchins

Third Row: Tim Hoffman, Mark Henik, Peter Ault, Chris Houser, Mark Zinkula, Ron Timm, Wayne Horman, Ruth Corcoran, Ken Woods, Amy Peterson, Kelly Erickson, Ann Vislisl, Nancy Curry, Chris Wilkins, Adria Hardesty, Tami Staley, Jan Caspers, Diane Green

Fourth Row: Mike Vittetoe, Lonnie Wright, Tony Vislisl, Doug Stiffler, Todd Bothel, Jon Reyhons, Dale Stolte, Julie Livermore, Mike Langer, Kevan Forest, Joan Rice, Joe Mrstik, Bill Spellerberg

## CLASS OF 1980



Back row l-r: David Nichols, Larry Johnson, Jerry Zinkula, Bill Barthel, Rick Spellerberg, Dave Dykhuizen, John Royer.

Front row l-r: Susan Clancy Pisarik, Sandy Vislisl Ruhs, Chris Kinley Osborn, Andrea Levan Wagner, Kathy Thuerauf Rice.

# REUNION PICTURES

## CLASS OF 1975



Seated, l-r: Judy (Stolte) Faust, Carolyn (Clausen) Stokes, Barb (Neff) Aguirre, Cheryl (Becicka) Dake, Mary Thomsen, Mary (Conrad) Engstrom, Susan Berends, Jerry Niederhauser, Linda (Royer) Pitlik, Crystal (Cottrell) Clark, Matt Kinley, Jim Hess  
 Standing, l-r: Barry Johnson, Steve Scott, Craig Baack, Lori (Lehman) Reihle, Arden Dana, Mark Whitley, Brian Dake, David Ware, Phil Akers, Carol Woods-Boren, Ed Pospisil, Luann (Covington) LaFollette, Nancy (Kendall) Moses, Mark Clark, Ron Pisarik, Denise (Strother) Clark, Rick Anderson, Ken Clancey, Joe Hufford, Aaron VanDyke, Robert Thomson, Phil Heath, Jack Strother  
 Front centerpiece: Russell Baker, Not pictured: Marcie (Behrens) Fiala, Andrea Jilovec

## CLASS OF 1960



Seated Row: Judy Caldwell Penn, Mary Ann Saathoff Prenosil, Annamae Stoneking Baker, David Penn  
 Middle Row: Lumir Nezerka, Kathy Morrissey Layden, Beverly Lange Chunka, Linda Stastny Bragg, Susan Dye Hodin, Keith Clark, Dorothy Wolfe Welsh  
 Back Row: John Hunter, Paul Herboldsheimer, John Rife, Bob Beckman, Pat Lynott, Fred Niehaus



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Celebrate the academic achievements of students



### Foundation

Learn about upcoming projects and ways you can support MVCSD students

### Current project status:

We are proud to announce that **the Mustang Hub has been installed!**

You can **check it out here:**

<https://mvcsdfoundation.touchpros.com/Home2>

**Moving forward**, gifts are still needed to finish the monumental work of archiving 100+ years of alumni achievements.

### Your donation will allow us to:

- Fund the interactive screen
- Update and maintain the Foundation Donor Wall and Mustang Hub screen
- Upload class yearbooks
- Add to the school timeline
- Create an Armed Forces tribute
- Create a National Honors Society section
- Add sports and activities records

### Ways to get involved:

#### Partner with us.

Your financial contribution will help to fund the work and resources needed to complete and maintain this project. You can mail a check to:

*Mount Vernon Community School District Foundation*  
 525 Palisades Rd SW  
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OR donate online by scanning the QR code or typing this link into your internet browser:



<https://mount-vernion-alumni-association.givecloud.co>

#### Submit Archive Material.

If you have photos or records that you think would be a great addition, email [mvfoundation@mvcsd.org](mailto:mvfoundation@mvcsd.org)

#### Donate your time.

If you would like to help with this or any other Foundation projects, send an email to: [mvfoundation@mvcsd.org](mailto:mvfoundation@mvcsd.org)



# MUSTANGS // WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## CHRIS WOOD '05



Coaching has become a huge part of my life. Interestingly, I didn't run track and field or cross country in high school, which makes this part of my journey even more meaningful. It's a reminder that sometimes your passion finds you later—and in ways you don't expect. I originally stepped into track as an assistant and quickly rediscovered a love for the sport—the strategy, the numbers, the competition, and most importantly, the mindset required to face challenges head-on. It's incredibly rewarding to help young athletes grow not just physically, but mentally and emotionally as well.

Outside of work, Abby and I stay busy with life together—and with our 9-year-old fur baby, Penny, who definitely keeps things interesting and reminds us daily to enjoy the little things.

We love to travel and have started to feel like our next chapter may eventually lead us toward the East Coast—especially the coast of Maine.

### What accomplishment are you most proud of?

While I'm proud of the success we've had as a program—top-five finishes at state, multiple state championships in events, and seeing over 25 athletes continue their careers at the collegiate level—what means the most to me is the lasting impact.

One of my proudest accomplishments is that 20 former athletes from our program have gone on to coach at the junior high or high school level. That ripple effect—seeing them give back and positively impact the next generation—is incredibly meaningful and speaks to the experience they had within our program.

More broadly, I'm proud to have found a sense of purpose working with today's students. They face a lot, and despite that, they continue to show resilience, growth, and potential every single day. Being a small part of their journey—whether through counseling or coaching—is something I don't take for granted.

### What's one of your favorite memories from your time at MVHS?

It's hard to narrow it down to just one memory because what stands out most is the overall experience and the people. I'll be honest—I wasn't the perfect student. I spent plenty of time in the commons with friends, probably paying more attention to what was on their papers than my own when preparing for classes like

Anatomy or Algebra II. I liked to have fun, make people laugh, and maybe pushed the limits a bit more than I should have at times. Honestly, that's part of what helps me enjoy my job now and relate to some of our more "expressive" students.

But what I appreciated most about MVHS was the sense of community. I took pride in building relationships with people from all different backgrounds, and I always felt like I could be myself while still forming friendships with people involved in theatre, speech, headbanging metal music, or athletics.

The teachers and coaches played a huge role in that. They held me accountable, supported me, and cared about me—even when I needed to be redirected. Looking back, I realize how impactful that was. Educators like Mr. Craig, Mr. Peters, Mrs. Gage, Mr. Ronnfeldt, and many others helped me understand that there was more to life than high school and that I had the ability to make a difference.

If there's one thing MVHS gave me that has lasted the longest, it's the relationships—friends who still feel like family, mentors who shaped who I became, and a community that showed me the importance of investing in people. At the end of the day, it's not the grades, wins, or titles you remember most—it's the people you shared it all with.



### What paths have you taken since graduating from MVHS?

After graduating from Mount Vernon, I attended Wartburg College, where I played soccer. While I sometimes wonder what it would've looked like to pursue other sports as well, I truly loved my time at Wartburg. It was also where I met my wife, Abby, on move-in day freshman year—so I'd say things worked out pretty well.

After college, I returned to Wartburg as an admissions counselor. That role had me traveling across the country, working with students on their postsecondary goals and helping them find their path. During that time, I realized how much I loved working with students and helping them navigate big life decisions—something that really connected back to the support I received from coaches and mentors at MVHS.

That passion led me to pursue my Master's in School Counseling at the University of Northern Iowa, ultimately setting me on the path into education.

### What are you doing now?

I've been at Cedar Falls High School since 2015, serving in a variety of roles including School Counselor, College & Career Counselor, CAPS Instructor, and K-12 STEM & Career Facilitator.

In addition to my work in counseling, I'm heavily involved in athletics. I'm currently in my 10th overall year, including my 8th as Head Coach of the girls track and field team, and I also serve as an assistant coach for girls cross country.

# MUSTANGS // WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## LIBBY RYAN '17



### What paths have you taken since graduating from MVHS?

After graduating from MVHS, I attended Drake University where I played softball and received a bachelor's degree. From there, I thought I wanted to pursue athletic administration, so I took a position at Iowa State University in their athletics department as an athletic academic coordinator. I worked with student-athletes from many different sports, helping build academic and life skills that could be applied in the professional world. With the new era of college athletics and NIL, I decided to change paths, which ultimately brought me to the Peace Corps in Belize.

### What are you doing now?

Currently, I am a Peace Corps Volunteer in Belize. The project I am working on is called Youth Empowered by Sports (YES). I work alongside youth and sports organizations (government and non-governmental) to support the development and sustainability of school-based sports clubs in preparation for national primary school sports tournaments. My workday is split into two different parts. In the morning, I work with the National Sports Council of Belize trying to improve organizational processes and create more accessible athletic opportunities for primary-school students (i.e. sports camps, regular seasons, and post-season tournaments). In the afternoon, I work at my assigned primary school where

I've built a "Life Skills Sports Club" and coach the five sporting disciplines alongside my counterparts. Sports provide a fun, low pressure environment where kids can work on essential life skills that will help them grow into professionals.

### What accomplishment are you most proud of?

It would be easy to view accomplishments as a former athlete (and now, coach) through awards or specific wins as they are visible, exciting, and concrete. However, those aren't what I am most proud of. I believe my greatest accomplishment is the community of family and friends I have around me. Whether in Belize or back home in Mount Vernon, I feel like I have the greatest support system and team in the world. If you truly become who you surround yourself with, then I feel incredibly fortunate.

### What's one of your favorite memories from your time at MVHS?

Generally, I think my favorite memories from my time at MVHS are competing in state tournaments with my teammates and coaches. Those were always stressful weeks, but it was so fun to compete at such a high level next to my childhood best friends. Or... maybe my favorite memory is never losing a basketball game to Solon ;)



# THANK YOU 2026 DISTRICT RETIREES



## Ed Timm

**Official Title:** ArchDuke of Social Studies  
**Years of Service:** 20+  
**Retirement Plans:** I am not retiring. I am changing careers.  
**Parting Words to Share:** My kids, wife and students have never listened to me so why would anyone listen now?



## Jackie Engelbrecht

**Official Title:** High School Library Associate  
**Years of Service:** 21 years  
**Retirement Plans:** Continue with my side job doing landscape maintenance and personal gardening. Also continue running our B&B and instructing water aerobics. But most of all, hopefully I will spend lots of time in Sacramento, CA with my sons and daughters-in-law.



## Tom Wilkinson

**Official Title:** WORLD LANGUAGES TEACHER - German and Spanish  
**Years of Service:** 32 Years  
**Retirement Plans:** Compete in archery tournaments that I have always put off because of the school schedule  
**Parting Words to Share:** "German words can easily be confused with expressions of anger or inappropriate comments. Ach du dickes Eil"



## Dee Winder

**Official Title:** 6th Grade Science  
**Years of Service:** 38 total with 36 in MV  
**Retirement Plans:** Spend as much time as possible with family and friends. Play really hard.  
**Parting Words to Share:** Thanks to the Mount Vernon community and the Mount Vernon Community School District for being a great place to work. A special thanks to all the middle school teachers, faculty, and staff for all the laughs.



## Mary Leopold

**Official Title:** Kindergarten Teacher  
**Years of Service:** 23  
**Retirement Plans:** Visit kids, volunteer, day and weekend adventures, spend time with family and friends  
**Parting Words to Share:** "Enjoy the Now "



## Kris Abodeely

**Official Title:** Elementary Kitchen Lead  
**Years of Service:** 26  
**Retirement Plans:** Spending time with our 3 Grandchildren and welcoming the birth of 2 more this summer.  
**Parting Words to Share:** I will be sad to leave however I will have many, many memories to take with. Memories of all the good times, all the great kids and all the friends I have been fortunate enough to meet along the way. It's truly been an honor to work with so many skilled and professional folks, both in the kitchen and all 3 schools.



## Kathi Orr

**Official Title:** Middle School Paraprofessional  
**Years of Service:** 20 yrs.  
**Retirement Plans:** Spending time with my family!



## Diane Buffo

**Official Title:** CARA Grant Project Coordinator  
**Years of Service:** 7  
**Retirement Plans:** Travel and spend time with



## Heidi Neihaus

**Official Title:** Special Education Paraprofessional  
**Years of Service:** 20 years plus 2 years as a substitute before being hired full time  
**Retirement Plans:** After retiring I will continue to substitute both as a teacher and para, work in my yard, make quilts, and hopefully travel.  
**Parting Words to Share:** I can't think of anything too wise or witty for parting comments other than I have enjoyed my time working for the students and staff here.



## Rick Bryant

**Official Title:** Evening Custodian (Elementary)  
**Years of Service:** I worked here for almost 9 years  
**Retirement Plans:** Don't have any specific plans for retirement. I'm just going to relax and maybe do some fishing.  
**Parting Words to Share:** The teachers and staff at the elementary are great people and I enjoyed working there most of the time.



## Jean Wade

**Official Title:** Elementary Teacher  
**Years of Service:** 30 years of teaching at Mt. Vernon Community Schools. An additional 2 years of subbing long-term positions and day to day subbing.  
**Retirement Plans:** My plans include spending time with family and friends, traveling to as many parks with my husband and furry kids, and just enjoying life with the people I love.  
**Parting Words to Share:** Educational programs come and go over the years. What seems to matter most centers on the positive relationships you build with your students and the fact that you truly care about their well-being. At any age, I believe Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs is one of the most important theories to enable student success.  
*You cannot be all things to all students.  
 But sometimes, just sometimes.  
 You will be the right teacher  
 At the right time.  
 You will be the exact teacher  
 That one student needed more than Anything.*  
 -Paul F.C. Mundy



## Lisa Kramer

**Official Title:** First Grade Teacher  
**Years of Service:** 33 years at MVCSD  
**Retirement Plans:** I'm looking forward to spending time with our grandchildren, family vacations, lunch dates with friends, and some home improvement projects.  
**Parting Words to Share:** I have truly enjoyed my time in Mt. Vernon. I've stayed for so many years because of the special people I work with and the wonderful community. I have spent my years advocating for my students, building relationships, and creating an environment where learning can be fun. It is important to find joy in what you do and be passionate about what you believe in. Teaching has done this for me. I'm thankful for the good friends I've made and the many sweet little humans I have had the pleasure to teach. I leave MVCSD with a full heart and excited for the next chapter of my life!

# THANK YOU 2026 DISTRICT RETIREES



## LeAnn Pisarik

Official Title: Paraprofessional  
Years of Service: 26  
Retirement Plans: Yet to be determined  
Parting Words to Share: Enjoy the ride, it goes by faster than you think.



## Julie Jilovec

Official Title: Middle School Kitchen Staff  
Years of Service: 7



## Jennifer Lengwin

Official Title: Special Education Associate  
Years of Service: 20 years (17 yrs Elementary, 3 yrs Middle School)  
Retirement Plans: I likely will only dip my toes into "retirement mode". I plan to continue working in the MV district as a substitute for teachers and associates, and continue as the clubhouse manager for Kernoustie Golf Club. I look forward to traveling to visit my three kids who live in three different states and my mom who is memory care in Ohio. Hopefully there will also be trips to my home state of WA for visits with friends, deep sea fishing, Mariners games, and beach walks.  
Parting Words to Share: "It has been a deep honor to work in Special Education for the past 20 years, a career I started later in life thanks to Gary Nelson. My students, along with their families, have taught me so much. I am immensely grateful. They face challenges with incredible grace, grit, and resilience. Watching former Kindergarteners grow into young adults has been pure joy. There is no greater feeling than walking into a business and hearing former students call out my name. They are proud of their accomplishments and I am over the moon proud of them. They will forever hold a special place in my heart."



## Marty Williams

Official Title: Grounds & Maintenance  
Years of Service: 15



## Vance Light

Official Title: Head Wrestling Coach  
Years of Service: 33

## ALUMNI EVENTS AT HERITAGE DAYS 2026



### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FUN RUN

The Mount Vernon Alumni Association is hosting a Fun Run on Friday, July 10th, at 8:00 pm at the high school football field. The course will be relatively flat, and staying away from the Mount Vernon hills. Utilizing the school district properties, the course will start and finish on the football field, giving runners and walkers a chance to grab a cold beverage or ice cream before the Heritage Days drone show. It is not a timed run and the distance will be approximately a 4.5k, or 2.9 miles.

Cost is \$20, which includes a commemorative race t-shirt, or \$10 without a t-shirt. Must register by June 19th to receive a t-shirt.



### ALUMNI AND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Fuel up for a fun day by visiting the Mount Vernon High School Commons for the Alumni and Community Breakfast on Saturday, July 11 from 8-10 am. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow alums and community members while enjoying a meal.

### INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Many hands make light work! The Alumni Association would appreciate extra hands to help with serving ice cream on Friday and/or breakfast and coffee Saturday morning. Reach out to alumni@mvcsd.org and Jenna will send you the signup link for all things Alumni events for Heritage Days weekend.

See page 4 for 2026 reunion details and organizer contact information.

# In Memory

of classmates we have lost

Joyce Anderson Melsha '55  
11/27/25, Solon, IA

Adam Dake '01  
12/2/25, Mount Vernon, IA

Gary Biderman '67  
12/9/25, Ely, IA

Linda Armstrong Janko '59  
12/13/25, Palo, IA

Roy Caldwell '61  
12/16/25, Berkley, CA

Gregory Solomon '79  
12/18/25, Marion, IA

Glen Clark '66  
12/28/25, Galena, IL

Andrea Goudy '65  
1/23/26, Batavia, IL

David Kroeger '58  
1/22/26, Marion, IA

Joy Buchmeyer Howe '84  
1/31/26, Eau Claire, WI

Betty Pospisil Wolfe '45  
3/5/26, Mount Vernon, IA

Michael Murphy '70  
3/14/26, Berthoud, CO

Patricia Caldwell Kamath '57  
4/13/26, Iowa City, IA

Narji Rayman Steinbrech '55  
4/27/26, Solon, IA

- FRIENDS -

Charles Silliman - German Teacher  
3/28/26, Cedar Rapids, IA

Please excuse us if your classmate or loved one is not listed here for their recent death, but let us know for inclusion in the next newsletter

## HALL OF FAME

Even though the Hall of Fame committee has already met to select 2026 Hall of Fame winners (who will be announced in July), the nomination window for MVCS D Alumni Hall of Fame awards is always open! See Hall of Fame Award categories below. Go to [mvalumni.org/hall-of-fame/](http://mvalumni.org/hall-of-fame/) or email [alumni@mvcisd.org](mailto:alumni@mvcisd.org) to learn more.



### Alumni Achievement Award

Given to alumni who have earned recognition for their achievements and contributions in their professional life.

### Alumni Service Award

Given to alumni for specific and meritorious service to any non-profit organization.

### Community Impact Hall of Fame

Awarded to alumni who should be rewarded for their service impact on the Mount Vernon Community.

### Fine Arts Hall of Fame

Awarded to alumni with exceptional accomplishment in the fine arts while attending Mount Vernon High School and/or post-High School.

### Athletic Hall of Fame

Awarded to alumni with exceptional accomplishment in athletics while attending Mount Vernon High School and/or post High School.

NOTE: All nominees must be an alum of Mount Vernon High School and at least 28 years of age. If you have already submitted a nomination, you do not need to resubmit.

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## SCHOOL YEAR SPOTLIGHTS:



Mustang Girl's Basketball State Runner-Up Finish



Large Group Speech All-Class State Championship:  
Norah Weber, Lyn Bauer, Allie Teague, Emara Perreault, coach Grant Freeman '06



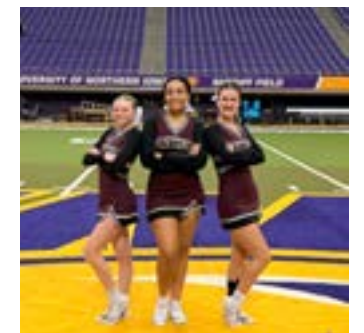
J-Term students traveled to Greece and Italy



Journalism students were awarded a banner for Yearbook of the Year



Middle School Musical Performance: High School Musical Jr.



Honor Cheer Squad: Chloe Lynner, Mia Panos, Lyn Bauer



5th Grade Musical Performance: A Kid's Life



Mini Mustang Cheerleaders were 116 strong



National Math Stars semi-finalists



Gracie Pinckney 170lb State Wrestling Champions



Middle School Science Olympiad brought home first place at the State Tournament

## FOUNDATION BOARD MIXER



Superintendent Matt Leeman, Carol Woods-Boren '75, Camille Tryon, LeAnn Briesemeister, Eric Briesemeister, Tom Wiesler, Shawna Rawson '85, Brenda Bany, Trish Recker, Paige Eby, Laura Story Johnson, Kristi Meyer, Bill Thomsen '72, Ann Koppenhaver '78, Susan Mounts Fisher '65, Rick Elliott, Virginia Roudabush, Amie Roberts, Jenna Brannaman Kannegieter '16, Matt Meyer, Becky Thumm Whitman '77, Dave Ryan '85.

MVCSD Foundation and the Alumni Association Board as well as friends from the Fine Arts Association, the Booster Club, Washington Elementary Teacher and Parent Group (WETAP) and the Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (MSPTO) came together in January for a mixer at Mount Vernon Bank and Trust Co. The mixer served as an opportunity for these groups to connect, share ideas, and celebrate their collective pride in the district. Special thanks to Dave Ryan and his team at Mount Vernon Bank and Trust Co. for hosting the event.

## ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME



L-R: Nelson Rhomberg '21, Collin Swantz '25, Ben Brannaman '05, Josef Briesemeister '25, AJ McDermott '25, Connor Spencer '22, Gabe Kringlen '09.

A group of MVHS Boys Basketball alums teamed up for some friendly competition back in December for the annual Alumni Basketball game.

Any former MVHS Boys Basketball Players are welcome to join us in the High school gym for the Annual Alumni Basketball game on Saturday, December 19. Time TBA. Come support the Mustang Basketball team at their game earlier in the afternoon.

If you are interested in playing or contributing to the game, contact High School Coach Derek Roberts at 563-212-5094 or by email droberts@mvcsd.org

## ANOTHER EXCEPTIONAL YEAR

As the school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been another exceptional year for our district—and to extend my sincere appreciation to all who make this community so special. Serving as your Superintendent continues to be a privilege, and I am incredibly grateful for the trust, partnership, and ongoing support my family and I have experienced throughout this second year.

We have worked through the addition of many new things that will be coming your way. To highlight a few: we have created a communication guide to help families know whom to contact when they need assistance with a variety of items, reviewed our Good Conduct Policy to make it more current, signed on to improve our parking lot this summer and the MS exterior in the Fall, and we're currently still working to some potential updates to our Evidence Based Reporting (EBR) system. Many of these items will still need Board approval at our June meeting and then more information will follow!

Our fine arts programs have also continued to thrive, earning well-deserved recognition and accolades. Whether through music, visual arts, theater, or performance-based competitions, our students consistently demonstrate creativity and passion at an incredibly high level. Our musicals, concerts, art fairs this year have once again been fantastic! Our programs remain a cornerstone of what makes our district so special, thanks to the dedication of our talented staff and the enthusiasm of our students. I hear about our fine arts often in the places I go which is not the norm!

Our athletic programs once again demonstrated excellence, highlighted by multiple state-level accomplishments with hopefully more to come before the year is out. These successes reflect not only the ability and dedication of our student-athletes, but also the tireless efforts of our coaching staff and the support of our families and community. Across the board, our teams competed with pride, resilience, and sportsmanship.

None of these accomplishments happen by chance. They are the result of the collective commitment of our outstanding teachers and staff, the support of our families, the leadership of our School Board, and the unwavering pride of our community. Most importantly, they are made possible by our students, who continue to rise to every challenge and represent our district so well!

As we transition into summer, I want to thank you for your continued support and for making this second year just as memorable and impactful as the first. I remain honored and grateful to serve in this role and to be part of such an exceptional community.



Matt Leeman  
Superintendent

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER SELECTION COMMITTEE



A group of alumni and community volunteers met on May 5 to select two seniors to give the commencement addresses on May 24. The committee included (L to R) Bill Thomsen '72, Sara Kendall '78, Kim Konkowski '81, Brenda Lagenberg, Mary Jane McWilliams, Ann Lehman Currie '77, Jenna Kannegieter '16, Janet Huebner and Bridget O'Connor.



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- Scroll until you see "Alumni Veteran Tribute"
- Complete the webform
  - Please provide photos and accolades!

To learn more about the veterans being honored, check out the Mustang Hub OR scan the QR code below!

- Within the Mustang Hub, select:
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  - Alumni
  - Military



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## ANNUAL GIFT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Thank you to the alumni, businesses, parents, and friends listed below who contributed to the Foundation during 2025.

The Mount Vernon Community School District Foundation is a charitable non-profit organization that partners with alumni, businesses, parents, and friends of the Mount Vernon community to support a higher level of educational excellence and opportunities to prepare Mount Vernon School students for the challenges of global opportunities. The Foundation receives tax-deductible contributions to support the programs of the Mount Vernon Community School District.

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 Stewart, Michael & Karen  
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 Stockman, Donald & Kali  
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 Stoner, Dan & Cathy  
 Stoner, David & Jo Ann  
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 Studt, Michael  
 Stuver, Michael & Bridget  
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 Sullivan, Lucinda & Jason  
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 Sutliff Bridge Authority  
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 Swantz, Scott & Lois  
 Tauke, Sharon  
 Taylor, Elizabeth  
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 TCWGlobal Finance  
 Teague, Craig & Mary Anne  
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 Tharp, Dr. & Mrs. Michael  
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 Thys, Amanda  
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 Weber, Alison  
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 Westhoff, Jackie & Casey  
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 Wolter, Kyle & Lacey  
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 Woods, Joleen & Michael  
 Woods, Kevin  
 Woods, Lynn  
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## FOUNDATION DONATIONS

Your donations to the Foundation help the school district fulfill its mission in the classroom for students! The Foundation supports classroom and media center projects in the elementary, middle, and high schools, and each dollar you contribute goes directly to support excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts for Mount Vernon students.

### WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

Contributions to the Mount Vernon Schools Foundation are tax-deductible and can be made in a variety of ways:

- One-time cash donations
- Annual pledges of cash donations
- Donations honoring a person
- Memorial donations
- Scholarships
- Designated gifts
- Endow Iowa Fund
- Wills
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- Retirement plan assets
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- Charitable lead trusts
- Cash surrender value
- Charitable gift annuity
- Life insurance
- Property

Your donations are put into our general fund and then used for a variety of projects that work to make a difference for Mount Vernon students. You may also designate how you would like your donation used, for example, specifically for use by Kids Club, or Kids in Need, teacher grants, school trips, or any one of our district organizations. Thank you!

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Many of the scholarships awarded to graduating seniors are passed through the Mount Vernon Schools Foundation to the graduates. Through these scholarships, you help provide the next generation of Mount Vernon alumni with the help they need for their next step in education.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS

During the construction of the new high school, the school district had used all of its available resources to construct the new high school and to remodel the current high school building into a middle school. It was the \$367,000 in Mount Vernon Foundation contributions to the 'Fulfilling the Promise' Capital Campaign that provided the necessary funds to help the school district finish the buildings.

## YOUR FOUNDATION DONATIONS WORK THROUGH THE TEACHER GRANTS PROGRAM

Every year the Foundation provides grants for district faculty and staff to fund projects that are innovative and promote a higher level of educational excellence for Mount Vernon students.

Your generous support of the Foundation helps to make these projects a reality. Thank you for continuing to support our Mount Vernon students!



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**ONLINE** at [www.MVAlumni.org](http://www.MVAlumni.org). Select 'DONATION' in the top left corner.

NOTE: do not be alarmed that the page you are directed to is a Foundation page. Select 'Alumni Association' for your donation and the total amount does come directly to us. For donation reporting purposes the MV Alumni Association operates under the MVCSD Foundation, a tax-exempt organization.

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