



The Wildcat Report

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Maquoketa Valley's Impact on Student Achievement Through Professional Learning

Maquoketa Valley staff and students continue to work hard to meet the academic and social emotional needs of all of our students. A recent article written by Elizabeth Kelsey from the *Telegraph Herald* on September 10, 2022 entitled, "Test Scores Show Academic Recovery," is proof that all of that hard work is paying off. The article included an overview of local districts 3rd, 8th, and 11th grade student proficiency scores in the areas of English-Language Arts and Mathematics. The graph below summarizes where Maquoketa Valley falls in relation to other area districts.

Student test results

Percentage of students who were proficient in English/language arts and math in the third, eighth and 11th grades in the spring 2022 Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress.

District	3rd ELA	3rd math	8th ELA	8th math	11th ELA	11th math
Bellevue.....	64	83	78	60	58	67
Clayton Ridge	67	68	77	61	81	57
Dubuque.....	58	69	71	68	63	55
Holy Family	85	84	92	79	66	60
Maquoketa.....	44	49	71	56	72	59
Maq. Valley	84	98	91	93	88	68
West Dubuque.....	73	86	86	88	81	76
West Delaware.....	71	83	87	79	77	68
STATEWIDE	65	72	75	67	70	60

Maquoketa Valley continues to shine! Through ongoing professional learning opportunities, providing up-to-date technology and curriculum resources, and our caring and supportive staff we are looking forward to even better things to come. During Wednesday early outs and on full professional learning days, the staff at Maquoketa Valley will continue to focus on three main goals this school year including social-emotional behavioral health, assessment for learning, and providing a student centered learning environment.

Teachers are continuing to learn ways to implement social emotional & behavioral health (SEBH) into their classrooms. Our goal is to create a culture where children and adults have self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision making skills, relationship skills, and are socially aware in all of the PK-12 classroom settings. During the month of September, Pat Lehmann, a school improvement consultant from Keystone AEA, is supporting our learning as we review our classroom layouts, rules & routines, and use of transitions. This reflection allows teachers to support students in various ways, while building a safe & secure learning environment, allowing students to maximize their learning potential. **(Continued on next page)**

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**Maquoketa Valley Community School District
Ensures High Levels of Learning to Empower All Students For Lifelong Success.**

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Another aspect of our professional learning is in the area of assessment for learning. During our Professional Learning Communities / Content Team time, conversations continue to focus on these data-driven questions:

- What do we want all students to know and be able to do? (universal instruction)
- How will we know if they learn it? (formative & summative assessments)
- How will we respond when some students do not learn? (differentiated instruction of universal instruction and / or the intervention system)
- How will we extend the learning for students who are already proficient? (differentiated instruction of universal instruction and / or the intervention system)

By exploring these questions and using classroom data to support academic interventions for all students, teachers are focused on helping students learn their grade-level material.

Our third professional development goal is focused on student-centered learning. Our goal is to increase student achievement by increasing educator capacity to improve student engagement, equity, and accessibility to learning. Teachers are working on improving their curriculum and teaching strategies, while focusing on increasing student engagement and technology integration in the classrooms. Teachers continually meet regularly to discuss student needs at monthly Student of Concern meetings at the elementary level and KidTalk meetings at the secondary level. An additional learning opportunity that is in place this year, allows for our district's paraprofessionals to receive their own professional learning once a month. This learning is focused on the needs of the paras and learning ways to implement strategies and supports that benefit the students.

Through all of these initiatives we will continue to uphold our mission to ensure high levels of learning to empower all students for lifelong success! We appreciate anyone who supports our students in anyway to ensure that our students are successful!



Regular Board Meeting

September 19, 2022

High School Library, Delhi, Iowa

The regular meeting of the Maquoketa Valley Board of Education was called to order by President Donna Kunde at 5:30 p.m. on September 19, 2022. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted.

Board Members Present – Kunde, Overman, Zietlow

Board Members Absent – Dabroski, Feldmann

Staff Present – Supt. Dave Hoeger, Troy Osterhaus, Brenda Becker, Tiersa Frasher, Jackie Moorman, Megan McCrary, Amber Boeckenstedt, Shane Kirchoff, Halyee Lau and Erika Imler

Visitors Present – Jennifer Livingston, Luke Livingston, Alia Domeyer and Haley Ronnebaum

The Board tabled Administering Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Member until the election results have been canvased and official results have been received.

Motion was made by Zietlow, seconded by Overman to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Overman, seconded by Zietlow to approve the consent items. All ayes. Carried.

Ms. Lau, Haley Ronnebaum and Alia Domeyer gave a brief presentation on their summer trip to the Royal Highland Show in Scotland.

Two open enrollment requests in and four open enrollment requests out were approved in a motion by Zietlow, seconded by Overman. All ayes. Carried.

The following personnel recommendations were approved in a motion by Overman, seconded by Zietlow:

Kim Hunt – resignation as High School Paraprofessional

Erika Imler – employed as Student Council Sponsor

Trevor Arnold – employed as Student Council Sponsor

Jody Montz – employed as High School Paraprofessional

Scot Moenck – employed as Middle School Study Hall Paraprofessional

Madison Imler – resignation as MS/HS Assistant Softball Coach

All ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Zietlow, seconded by Overman the Board approved the lawn mower quote from Ellis Implement in the amount of \$8,256.30. The mower will be used at the Delhi campus. All ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Zietlow, seconded by Overman the Board granted the Superintendent the authority to approve open enrollment applications that are time sensitive and require approval prior to the next scheduled board meeting. All ayes. Carried.

Fund raising activities for the 2022-2023 school year were reviewed and approved in a motion by Overman, seconded by Zietlow. All ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Overman, seconded by Zietlow the 2022-2023 Classified Staff Handbook and Certified Employee Handbook were approved. All ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Zietlow, seconded by Feldmann the Board approved filing the application to the SBRC for Modified Allowable Growth for negative 2021-2022 Special Education balance in the amount of \$248,106.86. All ayes. Carried.

In a motion by Overman, seconded by Zietlow the Board appointed John Zietlow to the Delaware County Conference Board. All ayes. Carried.

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In a motion by Zietlow, seconded by Overman, Brenda Becker, Troy Osterhaus and Tiersa Frasher were approved as the District Level I Investigators and the Delaware County Sheriff Department was approved as Level II Investigators for the 2022-2023 school year. All ayes. Carried.

The District recently participated in the director redistricting process. Supt. Hoeger updated the Board on the new director districts. Further action will take place regarding this in December.

Supt. Hoeger also updated the Board on the Governor's Safety Grant. A vulnerability study has been scheduled for all buildings in January. The District may only use proceeds from the grant to purchase items that are recommended from the study. After the results from the study are received, a formal safety equipment plan will be determined.

The Board expressed their appreciation to the community for the support of the recently passed PPEL vote. Supt. Hoeger presented the Board with a proposed project schedule. It was determined that an architect would be needed for the bleacher and playground equipment projects. Supt. Hoeger will contact OPN regarding these projects.

Supt. Hoeger updated the Board on proposed Middle School Athletic admission prices. Further discussion regarding this will take place in the future.

The October board meeting will be held on October 24th instead of the regular scheduled third Monday.

The annual IASB Convention is currently scheduled for November 16-18th.

At 6:58 p.m. in a motion by Zietlow, seconded by Overman the Board entered into a closed session pursuant to Chapter 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa for the purpose of discussing evaluation of employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. A roll call vote was answered as follows: Kunde, Overman, Zietlow; all ayes. Carried.

At 7:19 p.m. the Board entered into open session.

In a motion by Zietlow, seconded by Overman the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. All ayes. Carried.

Maquoketa Valley Activity Calendar

This can be found on the website. Please check that for all activities. Cancellations will be updated on the Maquoketa Valley Website.

MV Fine Arts Boosters

Welcoming ALL parents who want to be involved with their kids!

You are already a member and it is free!

Supporting kids from **Band, Choir, Speech, Drama,** and any other fine arts at Maquoketa Valley.

Join us at the next Fine Arts Booster Meeting, **October 3rd, @ 6:30 PM** in the HS library.

Save the Date

The 43rd annual
CRAFTS & VENDOR SHOW

sponsored by the
MV Athletic Booster Club
will be

Sunday, October 30

from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

For information, please call:
Heather Intorf 563-920-9666



Halloween Parades

Monday, October 31st

1:00 - Earlville

1:45 - Johnston

2:30 - Delhi



Weather Calls



MV reports their school closings and cancellations to 3 TV stations: KGAN (2), KWWL (7), and KCRG (9), by 6:25 a.m. They also report them to these radio stations: KMCH and KDST. When bad weather hits, please turn to one of these TV or radio stations. Please DO NOT call the school. Their lines will be busy contacting personnel, other schools, bus drivers, etc.

Text Alert System

We will be using your information in Power School to alert you. It is important to have your current phone number and email updated. This is used for unexpected early dismissals, late starts and school closures.

If you have any questions or issues, please call Sarah Lown in the high school office, 563-922-2091.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 1 and November 3

Conferences will be held at all centers.

Conferences time will be 3:00 - 7:00

**School Picture retake day
is scheduled for
Thursday, October 27th
at all centers.**



School Bus Safety

The Iowa Department of Public Safety and the Iowa Department of Education would like to remind motorists to pay attention to safe driving rules in low-light conditions, particularly in school zones and when approaching bus stops. Watch for children who may be walking or riding their bikes. Never pass a stopped school bus with its stop arm extended and when the yellow or red lights are flashing. The Iowa State Patrol reminds all drivers to please be extra careful as you drive through school zones and on Iowa's roadways. Please stay alert for pedestrian and school bus traffic.



Maquoketa Valley Cheer team had a successful camp. 70+ campers from Earlville, Johnston & Delhi elementary school and 5, 8th graders all attended. They performed during second quarter of Friday's home football game.



*Princess Party hosted by MV Dance Team
October 29th, 2022
Johnston Elementary School
Drop off 11:00 am - pick up at 1:00 pm
\$20 per Princess or Prince*

There will be:
Nails, Makeup and Face Painted Crowns
Tea party with snacks
Photos with each princess
Dance party
And more

Money will be collected at the door. Cash or Check only.
All profits will benefit and help send the MVDT to State Dance.

Bring your whole family to the Northeast Iowa Family STEM Festival! Experience FUN Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematic activities at this **hands-on** event.



Thursday, October 27, 2022

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Community Center (Delaware Co. Fairgrounds)
200 East Acers Street, Manchester

(FREE ADMISSION)

For additional information



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Exciting Start to School Year

First grade has had an exciting start to the school year! In literacy, we are working on doing work and habits of character. Students began lessons by exploring different kinds of tools. They were then given challenges and had to decide on the best tool to complete the challenge. After learning about tools, we focused on three habits of character that can help us do work (collaboration, initiative, and perseverance). Students had to work as a team to create the tallest tower with cups, build shapes with jump ropes, and many other fun activities. After the challenges, we discussed how we used each of those habits. In addition to our reading curriculum, we have had fun experimenting with sound in science, celebrated grandparent's day, and cheered at the parade. We are having so much fun!



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 CHICKEN STRIPS DINNER ROLL (9-12) CURLY FRIES CORN STRAW. APPLESAUCE PUMPKIN BAR LONG JOHN	4 SUB ON WG BUN SUN CHIPS CARROTS/CELERY APPLES PINEAPPLE SAUS/EGG BISCUIT	5 OUT AT 2:05PM TENDERLOIN ON WG BUN HASH BROWN PATTY BAKED BEANS PEACHES PANCAKE ON A STICK	6 PIZZA WG BREADSTICK MARINARA LETTUCE PEARS SCRAMBLED EGG/TOAST	7 WALKING TACO REFRIED BEANS RED PEPPER STRIPS GREEN BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES BREAKFAST CHOICE
10 GRILLED CHICKEN/WG BUN POTATO TRIANGLE BAKED BEANS APPLESAUCE BREAKFAST PIZZA	11 ROTINI/MEATBALLS MARINARA WG GARLIC BREADSTICK LETTUCE ORANGES PINEAPPLE CINNAMON ROLL	12 OUT AT 2:05PM CORN DOG TATER TOTS WINTER MIX PEARS PEACH CRISP OMELET/CROISSANT	13 GREAT IA APPLE CRUNCH DAY MR. RIB WEDGE CUTS CARROTS APPLES FRENCH TOAST	14 PIZZA DIPPERS MARINARA CHEESY BROCCOLI ORANGES CRAISINS HAM, EGG, CHEESE BISCUIT
17 HAMBURGER ON WG BUN CHEESE SLICE FRENCH FRIES BAKED BEANS ORANGES COMBO ON A WG BUN	18 CHICKEN NUGGETS WG DINNER ROLL (9-12) MASHED POTATOES CHICKEN GRAVY CORN APPLES SAUS/EGG/BISCUIT	19 NO SCHOOL TODAY	20 PIZZA WG GARLIC BREADSTICK MARINARA LETTUCE SIDE KICK LONG JOHN	21 MAC & CHEESE WG CINNAMON ROLL VANILLA YOGURT CHEESY BROCCOLI BLUEBERRIES PEACHES BREAKFAST CHOICE
24 CHICKEN PATTY/WG BUN POTATO TRIANGLE WINTER MIX STRAWBERRIES PANCAKE ON A STICK	25 MAIDRITE ON WG BUN WEDGE CUT FRIES BAKED BEANS PEACHES COOKIE OMELET/CROISSANT	26 OUT AT 2:05PM MEATBALL SUB CURLY FRIES CARROTS/CELERY SIDEKICK APPLES FRENCH TOAST	27 TACO SALAD REFRIED BEANS GREEN BEANS RED PEPPER STRIPS RICE MANDARIN ORANGES CINNAMON ROLL	28 CHEESY GARLIC BREAD LETTUCE CARROTS PINEAPPLE APRICOTS PANCAKES & SAUSAGE
31 BBQ PORK ON WG BUN CHEESY POTATOES COLESLAW CORN SIDEKICK BREAKFAST PIZZA	ATTENTION PARENTS: IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP A POSITIVE BALANCE IN YOUR CHILDS ACCOUNT AT ALL TIMES. (9-12) = HS ONLY WG = WHOLE GRAIN	SALAD IS OFFERED EVERYDAY FOR 7-12 GRADE STRING CHEESE, EXTRA MILK AND SECONDS (EXTRA ENTREE) COST YOU THE PARENT.	THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER. EVERY MEAL IS SERVED WITH A 8 OZ. MILK	ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME OTHER BREAKFAST CHOICES: CEREAL BAGEL PBJ YOGURT

DUE TO SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS, ITEMS ON MENU MAY CHANGE AT ANYTIME. THANKS FOR UNDERSTANDING