

MVA

Parent News

February 2009



**"God is love.
Whoever lives
in love lives in
God, and God
in him "**
1 John 4:16
(NIV)

March Upcoming Events

Mission Trip Returns	8
Sunday School	1
Homeleave	4-8
Midterms - 10th	12-13
Midterms	16-17
OGT testing	16-20
Sunday School	22
Academy Days	22-23
Service Day	25
Echolier/Band Tour	25-29
Parent-Teacher Conference	27
Spring Break	27-5



Departmental Spotlight



by Mr. Tim Soper **Art Department**

This year the Mount Vernon Academy Art Department is under the direction of Mr. Tim Soper. The goal of the department is to give students exposure to and instruction in a variety of artistic media.

The students began the course learning to distinguish between the right brain and left brain. They practiced viewing objects as they really were and not as they were expected to be. This

brought the students to a point where their drawings became much more realistic and believable.

The class spent time learning about perspective, shading, contours, and tones. All these skills have helped them develop some fine artwork. Students have worked on producing sketches of still life, landscapes, and portraiture.


Currently, the art class is working with acrylic paints. Painting is a very different form of art, distinct in many ways from pencil sketching, yet the lessons learned with the pencil can be applied and beneficial when painting. Thus far they have

been working on learning to mix colors, produce correct tonal values, and produce three-dimensional images on a two-dimensional space. Using these skills, we hope to develop some fine still-life and landscape paintings.

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ACADEMY DAYS

Academy Days will be March 22-23 for students in 7th-11th grades. Visitors will have an opportunity to experience academy life through a variety of activities designed to familiarize them with each other, MVA's campus, current students and staff. Attendees will join shortened classes allowing them to meet the teachers, complete financial aid applications, and audition for a variety of scholarships.

If you know someone who is interested in attending, please contact Amy Soper by phone at 740-397-5411 or through email (asoper@mvacademy.org).

Spring Pictures

LifeTouch, the company who provides school portraits, will be taking Spring Pictures on February 23. Students taking spring portraits can dress in casual clothing for their picture and take a picture individually or with a group of friends. A unique prop such as an instrument may also be included in the picture.

After the portraits have been developed, LifeTouch will send you, the parents, a portrait package. If you like the picture, you send payment for what you keep. If you do not wish to order, simply return the portraits to the MVA Main Office and pay nothing.



This 'N That:

Informative
MVA Tidbits

- **Don't Forget:** a **Sunday School** has been added to the schedule on March 1.
- Students from all grades will be involved in the **Development Phone-A-Thon** February 16-20 helping raise funds for MVA.
- **MVA Handbells** is selling citrus fruit. Contact Linda Taber (ext. 239) for more information or to place an order.