



# Mountain Valley Middle School NewsLetter



January 2024



## Renaissance

**In January, MVMS held its first Renaissance celebration of the year.**

Students were nominated by staff and chosen for awards based on the following criteria:

1. Regular attendance
2. Homework done on time
3. Participates in class
4. Completes makeup work
5. Positive peer interactions

## ✨Spotlight: ArtVan✨

ArtVan promotes equity and accessibility by delivering mobile art therapy for transformational healing to people in their communities. Each week we bring a new project anywhere from drawing, painting, papermaking, clay, and working outdoors. We lead with a project idea and then allow for an open studio approach for youth to take the project in any direction they need to. We welcome all middle school aged youth of all artistic abilities to join us Tuesdays, 2:45 - 4:30. There is a bus option to return home.



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Mrs. Crutchfield & Mrs. Sevigny offered a basic cooking class during Earned Time.

## Student Earned Time

Each week students that are meeting the standards in all of their classes are able to sign up for an extra fun filled block of allied arts.

Students have voice and choice during this time. Students can play board games, learn to code, help create play sets, work on 3D printing projects, compose music and art. As you can see students have even had the opportunity to learn some basic cooking skills.

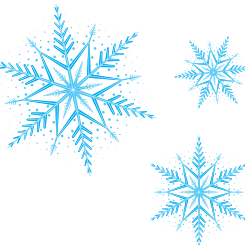
## Student Council

Student council started the year by brainstorming involvement in school activities, events, and goal setting. We put together a raffle basket for our teachers the night of Parent Teacher Conferences. We had a successful, school-wide fundraiser selling snow cones and 50/50 raffles at our home basketball games. We have put on two spirit weeks so far this year and have taken on an exciting project that has involved students in making banners for our pep rally that celebrates our student-athletes. In the coming months, we are looking forward to helping with the family engagement committee in putting on a spaghetti dinner and we are in the very early stages of planning our semi-formal. We will be continuing our fundraising efforts throughout the year. We truly appreciate all the support from MVMS families and staff. ❤️❤️❤️



### Did you know?

The history of the snowman dates back to the 1400s when artists, including Michael Angelo, considered snow to be free art supplies.



## Upcoming Events

- February 5th: \Black Mountain Ski Day
- March 7&8 @ 7pm. The Many Disguises of Robin Hood