

Miami Valley Academies

# Knight-ly News

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## Principal's Corner:

- We would like to shine the light on two educators who are accomplished authors for Read Across America Month!
- Students are continuing to make gains in the classroom so we are taking our first field trip of the school year to Skateworld of Kettering! K-5 students with excellent behavior and academic performance will be invited to go. Staff will also be rewarding students weekly who have good behavior and academic performance with tasty treats in school starting this week!
- Kindergarten through 5th will be skating March 17 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and grades 6-8 will have Game Truck stopping by March 18. Permission Slips will be coming for your approval.
- Effective March 1st, masks will be optional within the school building.

## Author Spotlight:

Allyn Atadero:

1. What is the title of your book?

Missing: When the Son Sets: The Jaryd Atadero Story

2. When was it published and by who? This is the second edition and it was published by Tate Publishing, 9-3-2015.

3. Is there a story behind why you wanted to write it? The book was written to tell people about my missing son. It chronicles the issues I faced as my family and I searched for answers concerning my son and his disappearance. Jaryd's story made national news and it was featured on Good Morning America and The Today Show. His disappearance is still an unsolved mystery.

4. Did you deal with any writer's block?

I didn't experience any writer's block because the book is nonfiction. It was difficult to write from an emotional perspective, but easy to write from a historical perspective.

5. Any plans for publishing any new books? Not at this time

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Mariah Thomas:

1. What is the title of your book?

Divine Sisters Series: The Call to Purpose. It is a chapter book about two teachers who were ready to quit their job until they found out they were superheroes. The book is about finding your purpose and walking in it.

2. When was it published and by who?

Kenya Baker Books Publishing on October 11 2020

3. Is there a story behind why you wanted to write it?

My twin sister Maya had a dream about us being superheroes. She said the dream was so real we had to write a book about it. Also, the story details the struggle of teaching inner city youth. We both wanted to use our struggle to connect people with their purpose and push them to persevere. It is something adults and children can relate to.

4. Did you deal with any writer's block?

My sister and I wrote the book together. We definitely dealt with writers block several times. Overall, it took us two years to finish. Life got busy. We were both working and attending graduate school so it took longer than expected.

5. Any plans for publishing any new books?

Yes right now we are writing the sequel to book one. It is the called Divine Sisters Series: Destined for Trouble. It follows the sisters to a Hawaii vacation where they run into trouble and villains.

Additional information: Check out our website. We have 1 personality quiz, 2 virtual escape rooms, 4 worksheets, lesson plans, and 4 games.



## Featured Info

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### Into the Now

- March 1st marks the start of Women's History Month.
- Read Across America commences for the whole month of March. The school will celebrate on March 4th.
- The JusticeMobile has been rescheduled. A new date will be given in the near future.

### Into the Future

Upcoming Events:

- March 13 is Day Light Savings which means clocks will move an hour forward!
- March 11th, 8th grade class will visit Riverscape High.
- March 14th marks National Pi Day! Classes will have fun with Pi numbers.
- March 16th, the 7th and 8th grades classes will visit Miami Valley CTC.
- March 17th, K-5 will have a field trip to Kettering Skateworld.
- On March 18th, the Game Truck will be visiting MVA to allow the 6th-8th graders all sorts of fun!
- Quarter 3 Student Showcase will be held on March 31st.

### Field Trips

March is a very busy month for MVA students with 4 field trips/activities scheduled. The first will be a trip for the 8th grade class to Riverscape High, next will be a trip for the 7th and 8th grade classes to Miami Valley Career Tech Center. March 17th will be a field trip for grades K-5 at the Kettering Skateworld with the 18th being an event for the 6th-8th grade classes participating in the Game Truck. Permission slips will be sent out soon!



### The JusticeMobile

The JusticeMobile needed to reschedule due to maintenance issues. A new date will be released at the earliest convenience.

### Day Light Savings

March 13th is Day Light Savings time. This means that our clocks will spring forward one hour! Make sure to fix your manual clocks.

### Read Across America

On March 4th, MVA is allowing family, friends, and members of the community to come and read a story of their choosing to our students. If you are interested, please attend during school hours (8am-1:30pm). For more information, please contact the school.

