

A Message from the Head of School

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A BEACON to Guide Us

"When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better, too."

- Paulo Coelho

Do you ever wonder if you're on the right path?

We all have destinations we want to visit. We all have goals that we want to accomplish along the way. But how are we going to know if we are on the right path and what do we do when we struggle along the way?

Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy's mission is to be a school of excellence that not only prepares you for this journey but also is there to be your guide throughout, every step of the way. Let's use our logo of a lighthouse as a reference. Just as a real lighthouse shines its light to guide ships safely to shore, MGLVA will shine its beacon of light to guide you throughout your journey. This beacon will light your path and guide you safely to your destination. Although much will be required of each of us, MGLVA will be there when things get rocky. To further emphasize this point, let's explore the word, "BEACON," and see how it can help light our path.

B = Brave

Be Brave. To embark on a journey in which some locations are unknown, we must be brave. However, this does not mean that we are not afraid. Being brave is doing what we need to do even though we may be scared. Just the fact that you joined an online school shows bravery. However, when things get "scary," many supports are here to help guide us safely to our destination.

E = Ethical

Be Ethical. In everything we do, to ensure we are keeping on the same path, we must do what is right and just. We must continually strive to shape this school and our educational journey into something we can be proud of. Do good things.

A = Ambitious

Be Ambitious. We must be determined to succeed. We must have a strong desire to overcome obstacles. We must be purposeful in our actions. If we hit some rocks along the way, we must not let that sink our ship. We need to have the desire to keep on sailing. Together, we can achieve so much more.

C = Compassionate

Be Compassionate. We are not on this journey alone. We have many supports around us. Our parents, our siblings, and our teachers are here with us to share in the joys and struggles together. Each of us comes from many backgrounds. Each of us has a story to tell. If we show compassion to each other and strive to understand each other, we will have a caring school community to work within.

O = Open to New Ideas

Be Open to New Ideas. Learning in an online school community is different from your traditional school. It requires us to think differently, to act differently. We must be open to new ways of doing school. We must be willing to try new things and approach learning in new ways. It sometimes will be hard, but we are in this together. Our minds need to be open to new possibilities.

N = Noble

Be Noble. Be proud of where you come from. Stand up for what you believe in. Be proud of your heritage. Saying that you are part of an online school will get many odd looks from people. Hold your head high. If we are each committed to making this school the best online school it can be, there will be nothing to be ashamed of. We can and will do great things together.

Keeping the BEACON shining is what we intend to do and we're here to help guide you through the rest of your journey. Just reach out if you need us.

Houston, We Have a Party!

MGLVA invites ALL K-12 students and families to VAI's Curiosity on Wheels Event

You're invited to blast off into orbit for a variety of space-themed, hands-on, STEM experiences!

Come design a space suit, launch rockets, explore Mars, and visit creatures from another land. The fun will be out of this world! Lunch and drinks will be provided so be sure to reserve your spot and register today!



Van Andel Institute for Education in partnership with Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy will take inquiry-based science to new heights as kids and families think – and act – like scientists.

Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Time: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: Italian American Cultural Society and Banquet Center
43843 Romeo Plank Rd, #1

Clinton Twp, MI 48038

Cost: FREE

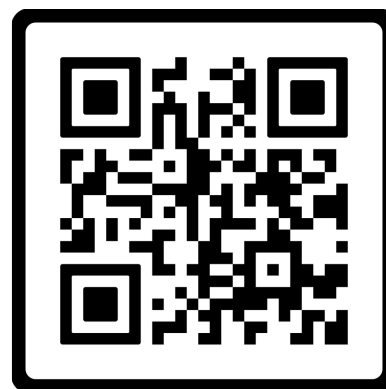
Theme: Out of this World!

To Register, go to <http://bit.ly/3mkUU5B>

Don't Forget to Re-Register for Next Year!

Follow these 8 easy steps or scan the QR code to get started.

1. Just log in to the Online School with your Learning Coach username and password.
2. Click "Re-Register for Fall" in the left-hand column.
3. Update your status by selecting the "Click Here" button.
4. Select your Re-registration status by choosing from the dropdown menu and then click "Submit."
5. Verify your shipping address to ensure your materials and books arrive at the proper location.
6. Edit your address if needed.
7. Confirm your contact information.
8. You're done!



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