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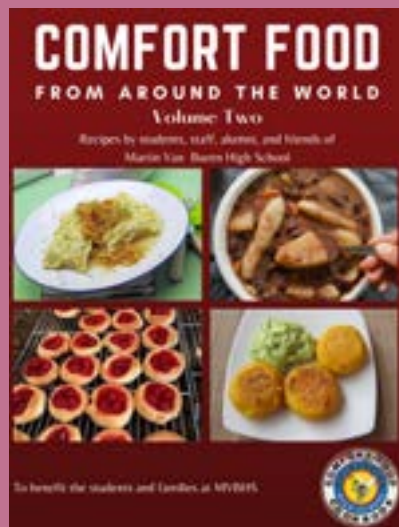
## MEET MVB'S NEW PRINCIPAL, DEBORAH NETTLEFORD

I come to you with over twenty years of experience in education and I am honored to be the principal of Martin Van Buren High School. One of my greatest joys was being a Social Studies teacher. Through this I developed a deep appreciation of history and the people who help to make it everyday. Our alumni community helped create an institution that has achieved so much. What greater honor than to have those who walked our halls, studied in our library, and wore our colors, continue to stay connected to our school. While my goal is to ensure the best educational experience for our current students, I will work to bridge the generations between those who came before and our community today. The Martin Van Buren legacy is built on the rich history of its alumni and it is my hope as principal to have our students learn from the past in order to forge ahead and be prepared to navigate the future.

With heartfelt gratitude, I thank Martin Van Buren's alumni for their contributions. I am excited to explore the past, enjoy the present, and plan for the future, in hopes of continuing to build many more happy memories here at MVB. I hope you will join me in furthering these bonds.

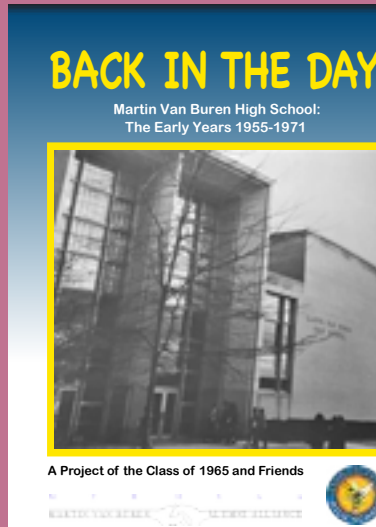
"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

## MVBHSAA BOOKSTORE



### NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Back in the Day; MVB THE EARLY YEARS, and both Comfort Food Cookbooks are NOW available to order! You can get the digital versions, for \$10 each, or a printed copy just \$30 each! MVB history, good cooking and a taste of some of what MVB is all about. All to support a good cause. Go to our website, [mvbhsaa.com](http://mvbhsaa.com), and follow the instructions!



## Language Learning Lab-A Sneak Peek

A year ago the idea of capturing the stories and memories of our earliest alumni was hatched and so the Back in the Day project began. While our goal was to collect the remembrances of those who were a part of MVB in the early years we felt this undertaking needed to have a link to the school today and so we married this labor of love with a plan to make a real impact on the current students. So here we are on the cusp of rolling out a number of efforts to impact the school in a variety of much needed ways. None is bigger than our mission to provide enhanced support of our English language learners, those students whose first language is something other than English. After so much time learning in virtual mode they have suffered the most, and so with some of the funds our BITD campaign raised we are building a dedicated language learning lab complete with laptops, an enhanced library of foreign language books and a whole lot more. We are also planning big changes in the main Library, as we work to transform the space, untouched since it was built in the 1950's, to become a 21st century resource. More to come!



See what's new  
on the blog!

### FINDING HER VOICE

#### THE SOAPBOX CHALLENGE

This is a public speaking program designed to get our students up on stage to learn the skills necessary to convey ideas, open minds, and convince an audience of a certain point of view and Isamary describes her experience here. This is but one facet of our Law Program which we have described in a companion [article on our website](#).

### MVB TRACK AND FIELD Team @ The PENN RELAYS

After a couple years of Covid we are all ready to take on exciting adventures and for our Track Team an excursion to Philadelphia is something really special. From April 27-30th our T&F athletes will be competing in the oldest and largest track and field competition in the world. This will be the Relay's 127th year and we are so excited to be a part of this. Hats off to their coach Clive Waters who has worked so hard, alongside his wife Carrel to make this dream a reality. LETS WISH THEM LUCK

### MVB FUN FACTS

#### THE ORIGIN OF OK

Perhaps no phrase is uttered more often than this, nor used in more languages than you have fingers and toes. While none of this may be a surprise to you, I'm guessing its origin just might be. OK is believed to be derived from the old English phrase as a shortened version of Ori Korrekt. It was then popularized by none other than our namesake Martin van Buren, as his campaign phrase in 1840, OK being the abbreviation of Old Kinderhook, his birthplace — AND NOW YOU KNOW!

**LAW PROGRAMS** Since joining MVB as an assistant principal of Social Studies, Kevin Shult has been focused on building a law program much like the one he created at Hillcrest HS. His vision of this is now a reality with The MVBHS Institute for Law and Humanities. Here is a detailed story about the full extent of what he has built: learn about not only the depth of the undertaking, but also this semester's busy schedule of activities—the highlight of this being the Change The World-Model UN youth forum. [Read](#) more about all that is happening, and how you can help support this initiative.

**THE CAREER FORUM CONTINUES** The Alumni Alliance has had a motto since day one—to make MVBHS better—and that manifests itself in multiple ways. One we are most proud of is career awareness, and it's even better when we can carry out this mission with the help of alumni and friends of the school. We have already conducted 3 forums this school year, graphic arts, business, and medicine. Read all about it [here](#). Next up is technology on March 11. We will have more such sessions, and if you are involved in the legal sphere let us [know](#). We would welcome your participation!