

MVHS clubs unite for good cause

MOUNT VERNON — Members of Mount Vernon High School clubs and teams — National Honor Society; Family, Career and community Leaders of America; FFA; In-the-Know; Vedette; Key Club; Spanish Club; Student Council; class officers; football, girls volleyball and boys basketball — are among those uniting for the first time to promote a cause: Cancer awareness.

Separately, MVHS student organizations and teams have given many hours and many donations of materials and money to support causes in Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio and around the world.

Recent cancer diagnoses of students, teachers and their family members have affected almost every person at the high school. Advisers and coaches felt a unified approach to cancer awareness would bring students of different interests and talents together to build a sense of community around a concern touching many.

The student groups have planned themed activities ranging from September's "Kiss the Llama for a Kid," Pediatric Cancer Awareness; October's "Pie for Pink" and "Volley for the Cure," Breast Cancer Awareness; to February's "Fill the Floor" with new stuffed animals for Children's & Saint Jude's Hospitals-Cancer Preven-



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Mount Vernon High School student clubs and teams have united to promote cancer awareness. Students who participated included, first row, from left, Kennedy Farmer, Matt Brenneman and Avery Mullins; second row, Fredi Bockover, Elizabeth Day, Cassidy Daniels, Odalys Fajardo and Sara Jordan; third row, Hannah Kinear, Jada Kennerly, Lauren Keaton and Morgan Jessup; and back row, Sarah Payne, Matthew Dinnen, Fiona Keller, Taylor Gregory, Luke McKee, Bradyn Burke, Bryce Matera, Nicole Steady and Joseph Higginbotham.

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MVHS Principal Scott Will kicked off the school year with this statement: "Our building focus for the 2016-17 year will be Build into Community. We want our students to have owner-

ship of the environment that is created at MVHS. While striving for excellence in academics will always be at the forefront of our responsibility to the students and community, fostering community through activities

and relationships will also be an important piece of that academic process."

MVHS student clubs and teams are excited to take leadership roles in building this strong MVHS community.