Greetings Families!!!

A huge thank you to those of you that came to our Winter Family Fun Night! We hope that you enjoyed the festivities. We would also like to thank those that supported the Penguin Patch. It’s always warming to get our families on campus participating in the festivities. This week, we will continue our 12 Days to Winter Break countdown. Please see this week’s activities on the flyer below.

On Friday, we had our annual health screenings. Many of our scholars were not able to be screened due to consent not being signed. Parents, please log into your parent portal account to be sure that you have completed the online health consent so that hearing, vision, and BMI screenings can be completed.

On Wednesday we will kick-off our house system. K-5 scholars will find out which house they have been assigned to at a schoolwide assembly. Scholars will also receive their house t-shirts, which we are asking scholars to wear on Thursday with their pajama pants. What house will your scholar be assigned to, Kraken House of Strength, Rhino House of Horns, Phoenix House of Flames, or Dragon House of Scales? We are excited to start this culture and climate enhancing system at Mt. Vernon!

I want to remind families that the UniMart, our pantry, is open on Mondays and Thursdays. Please stop by to shop for essentials. This is open to all Mt. Vernon families.

Our Annual Stakeholder survey remains open. We are asking that you make your voice heard. Please complete the survey by copying the link below in your browser. **Family Survey Link:** https://survey.k12insight.com/r/23-24PinellasParentpublicaccess

Thanks for all you do to support the Mt. Vernon learning community!!!

Your partner in education,
Principal Dixon

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**December**
- **18th** PM2 Assessment Makeups
- **20th** House System Kickoff
- **21st** Last day of Report Period 2
- **22nd** School Closed/Winter Break begins

**January**
- **8th** Classes resume
- **11th** Last day to prepay Kona Ice

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- Winter Break Challenges will be sent to keep our scholars engaged over the break. Please encourage your scholar to participate.
- **Please bring in your photo I.D. each time you come to the office.** We have new staff that may not know you.

**Current Volunteer Opportunities**
- Lunch Pals
- Garden Upkeep
- Science Festival Field Trip (4th and 5th)
- Family Lunch Day (1st Friday each month)

Please contact Mrs. Sanders to volunteer for any of these events @ 893-1815.
PM2 Assessment Makeups

PM2 makeups will continue for any scholars that were absent during administration. If your child was out, please be sure that they are in attendance this week to makeup their assessment.

Assessment performance reports will be sent home for all scholars that tested during the PM2 assessment cycle.

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Holiday gifts come home on Thursday!!!

STAR Kids Foundation Christmas Gift Donations

One of our donors have provided funds for each of our scholars to go home with a gift for the holidays. While I graciously appreciate this generosity, I want to be respectful of differences. If you don’t wish for your scholar to receive a Christmas gift, please let their teacher know. I will be sure to respect your wishes. Thank you in advance for your communication.

Pre Order Kona Ice

Attention Families:

Kona Ice will be on campus every 1st Friday for Family Lunch Day. You can preorder your Kona Ice Treat by using the QR code that is on the shared flyer. You can even purchase Kona Ice for another scholar (pay it forward) or your scholar if you won’t be able to attend the Family Lunch. Please take advantage of prepaying for your Kona Ice Treat. The January flyer with QR code can be found below.
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Mount Vernon Elementary
Friday Jan 12th 2024
USE QR CODE BELOW TO PRE ORDER
We will accept payment at the truck day of event
Pre Order Ends Jan 11th 7:00 pm

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