



# Parent Weekly Rainbow

V3 Wk. 1

08/10/25



## PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families! Welcome back to another great year of learning! We are so excited to welcome our students and families back into our building! A special thank you to those that came out on Saturday to our Meet the Teacher event. We hope that you were able to begin relationship building with your child's teacher. We are your partners in education, and you are a vital piece to what we do, day in and day out with your child.

Tomorrow, our gates will open at 8:15 for students. Parents are welcome to walk their students to class on day 1. After day 1, we will support students in the hallways as they make their way to class. Breakfast will be served in our cafeteria each day until 8:40 a.m. After 8:40, students will be given a breakfast bar and sent to class.

Our first PTA meeting for this year will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the media center. Please plan to join us as we begin planning an exciting year of support for the Mt. Vernon school family! Below, you will see the PTA Newsletter. Please review for upcoming important information from our PTA. Please consider joining PTA by sending in the \$10 membership fee in the envelope that will be provided in the 1<sup>st</sup> day packet coming home with your child on Monday.

Parents, please mark your calendars for August 27<sup>th</sup>. This is when we will host our Annual Title 1 Meeting/Open House. We would love for you to come in and see all the great things that will be going on in your child's classroom. Please plan to join us at 5:30 p.m.

We are looking forward to an amazing school year! Thank you for your part in making this magic happen!

Principal Dixon



## IMPORTANT DATES

## SCHOOL SAFETY

August

- 11<sup>th</sup> Classes resume: First Day Packets come home
- 19<sup>th</sup> August PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Media Center)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Title 1 Meeting/Open House 5:30 p.m. (Cafe)
- 27<sup>th</sup> World's Finest Chocolate Candy Bar Sales Kickoff

September

- 1<sup>st</sup> Labor Day: No School
- 5<sup>th</sup> First Friday Family Lunch  
(Please see published lunch schedule)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Chuck e Cheeses Spirit Night (3pm - 9pm)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Skating Party (3:15-5:30) @ Astro Skate
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mid-Term Progress Reports go home
- 12<sup>th</sup> WFC Candy Bar sales end
- 15<sup>th</sup> ELP Cycle 1 begins (tentative)
- 16<sup>th</sup> September PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Media Center)
- 18<sup>th</sup> PTA Fall Festival
- 19<sup>th</sup> Teacher Planning Day: no school for students

To ensure the safety of all, we ask that you adhere to the following safety protocols:

- Our campus opens for students at 8:15 a.m. each day. Please don't drop off or leave kids unattended prior to this time.
- Please use our car circle for pick-up and drop off unless your student walks to school. This is the safest and most efficient way for students to enter and exit the campus.
- Please do not drop students off in the street. This is very unsafe.
- School starts promptly at 8:45. Please ensure that your child arrives in a timely manner to arrive to class on time.
- Students arriving after 8:45, must be signed in at the front office with an adult.
- For the safety of all, please use the identified crosswalks when coming on campus.
- Visitors must enter through the front office when visiting our campus. Please have identification on you at all times.



## NEWS YOU CAN USE...

- Mt. Vernon will continue to be a House School. Please read all about our house system below or in your child's agenda/planner. Fridays are still house days, and we encourage students to wear their house shirts/colors on Fridays to show their house spirit.
- Student agendas will be used in grades K-5. Please make it a habit to check/sign (initial) your child's agenda each day.
- Our school website will be another communication tool, again this year. Each week, we will post the Parent Weekly Rainbow and other pertinent information on our website. Please plan on remaining informed by visiting our website frequently.
- Our partner, Rise Up Soccer, has an amazing opportunity for our girls, ages 7-12. They now have a Monday night soccer club that is completely free for Mt. Vernon students. Please see the attached flyer for more information about signing your student up for soccer club.



[www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern)

Please encourage your students to keep our campus safe by reporting anything that they see or hear that can jeopardize the safety of our campus. Thank you for your support of keeping our campus safe.

### REMINDERS...



The House system is a dynamic, exciting way to create a powerful and positive school climate. Students are celebrated for their efforts through a process that builds character, empowers academic excellence, fosters school spirit, enhances relationships, and promotes a culture of belonging for all. Here at Mt. Vernon, we welcome and celebrate all students no matter where they come from or what they have experienced in life. Every student has a place of belonging at Mt. Vernon.

Each house has a meaning, color, cheer, and chant. Each house has both student and staff house leaders. House leaders are responsible for teaching House specifics to the members. Houses participate in friendly competitions. Students that celebrate others are recognized the most! Although we have 4 houses, we are still one family!

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Sanders, our Family Community Liaison, is the point of contact for all volunteering. If you haven't already, please reactivate your volunteer status by completing the update that was emailed to you. Please don't wait to do this.

We currently have the following volunteer opportunities:

- Skating Party (September 9<sup>th</sup>)
- PTA/SAC Member (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- First Friday Lunch

### PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PTA FB PAGE...

Search for: Mt. Vernon Elementary Parent Page

Link:

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# MT. VERNON PTA

## Newsletter

### Mt. Vernon PTA Needs You!!

Sign up for the PTA at our web store:  
[mtvernonelementary.givebacks.com](http://mtvernonelementary.givebacks.com)

If you use the envelope that comes home with your scholar, please note:  
**price should be \$10, not \$6\***

\*Dues have gone up this year as our costs with Florida PTA have increased\*

**Kick Off Meeting:  
Tuesday, August 19  
6pm in the Media Center**

Light dinner and snacks  
Children welcome to join



Magnets are die cut, 5"



QR code for magnets  
and memberships

### Car Magnet Sale

Show off your Mt. Vernon Elementary pride and help support the PTA by purchasing a car magnet!

**Price: \$6 or 2 for \$10**

You can purchase with (exact) cash or check at PTA meetings and events or at website below:

[mtvernonelementary.givebacks.com](http://mtvernonelementary.givebacks.com)

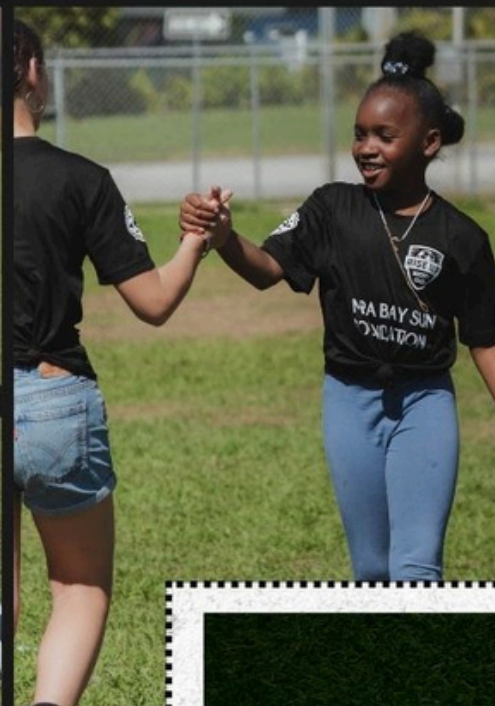
**Dues and fundraising go towards  
family events, teacher and staff  
appreciation, Field Day activities,  
class shirts, and more!**

### Save the Dates:

August PTA Meeting: Tuesday, August 19 @ 6pm  
Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night: Friday, September 5 @ 3-9pm  
September PTA Meeting: Tuesday, September 16 @ 6pm  
Fall Festival: Thursday, September 18 @ TBD  
Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night: Friday, October 10 @ 3-9pm  
Family Mixer (Details TBD): Friday, October 17 @ 5pm

For more info: [UnicornsPTA@gmail.com](mailto:UnicornsPTA@gmail.com)





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PINELLAS COUNTY UNITED

**AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 2025**  
**MONDAY NIGHTS**  
**FREE-2-PLAY**  
**GIRLS ONLY**  
**AGES 7-12**

**MONDAY**  
**NIGHT**  
**SOCCER**