



Parent Weekly Rainbow

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10/19/25



PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families!

Welcome to another great week at the unicorn palace! Thank you to those families that joined us for our family mixer at Cage Brewing on Friday evening. We look forward to creating additional opportunities to bring our families together, outside of school. Thank you for supporting our PTA.

This week, is our final week for Cycle 1 ELP. Cycle 2 will begin the week of November 3rd. On Tuesday, we will have our October PTA/SAC Meeting. Please join us as we discuss our next activities/events for our families. We would also like to remind parents that field trips are on the horizon. We would love for our parents to chaperone our field trips. In order to do so, you must be a registered volunteer. If interested, please see Mrs. Sanders, our volunteer coordinator to assist with getting you registered to volunteer.

On Wednesday, Pinellas is going Pink! We are asking all to show their support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink!

On Thursday, report cards will come home. Parents, please take a moment to see how your student is progressing. This is a great time to set goals with your scholar and meet with their teacher to see how you can support learning. The biggest thing that parents can do is ensure that students are completing their Dreambox lessons. K-2 students should complete 5 lessons per week. 3rd - 5th grade students should complete 7-10 lessons per week.

Friendly reminder, find help for the holidays by speaking with Mrs. Trotter, our social worker or Mr. Escoto, our School Counselor. Both will have resources to share with families in need.

Let's have another amazing week!

Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

October

- 21st October PTA Meeting
- 23rd Report Card distributed
- 23rd ELP Cycle 1 end
- 31st 3rd-5th Awards Ceremony (by invite only)

November

- 3rd Cycle 2 ELP begins
- 3rd Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser begins
- 7th First Friday Family Lunch/Kona Ice
- 12th Great American Teach In (G.A.T.I.)
- 13th Mid-term Progress Reports go home
- 14th Fall Portrait Retakes
- 14th CEC Spirit Night
- 17th Papa John's Pizza fundraiser ends
- 18th Skating Party (volunteers needed)
- 21st House Meeting
- 24th Thanksgiving Break begins
- 28th Thanksgiving Break ends

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.
- For the safety of all, please use the identified crosswalks when coming on campus. Please DO NOT walk through the car circle during arrival. Thank you for helping us keep you safe.
- 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.
- Visitors must enter through the front office when visiting our campus. Please have identification on you at all times.
- School starts promptly at 8:45. Please ensure that your child arrives in a timely manner to arrive to class on time.



NEWS YOU CAN USE...

- At 8:40, we start serving grab and go breakfast. Please be sure that your child arrives early to receive a hot breakfast.
- Our Parent Support Card has gone digital. Most of the items you receive points for have a QR code for you to sign in. This allows you to automatically get your points for tracking purposes.
- Attention Parents...The late bell rings at 8:45. The gate will close at that time. Students arriving after the gate is closed will need to be escorted to the front office, by their parent, to sign in and receive a late pass. Our campus opens at 8:15. Please do your best to ensure students arrive in a timely manner.
- Attendance Matters...this is a friendly reminder that student attendance is essential to the work that we do. This includes late arrival and early pickups, which contribute to lost instructional time that greatly impacts student success.
- Please make it a habit to check/sign (initial) your child's agenda each day.
- Our school website is a communication resource that is frequently updated. Please view weekly for what's happening on our campus.



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 out campus safe.

REMINDERS...



- Fridays is House Spirit Day. We encourage students to show their house spirit on Fridays by wearing their house shirt or their house colors. Remember, 4 Houses, 1 Unicorn Family!!!
- Our House meetings were held on Friday. Please speak with your student about what topics were covered in their meetings. We will soon have some family friendly house competitions. Look for more info to come.
- Our House Leaders will soon be engaged in their Leadership Retreat. Please be on the lookout for more information for this opportunity for our house leaders.
- The Magic Essentials that we will be highlighting for the next 2 weeks are:
 - Always say "thank you" when given something
 - Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough and say "excuse me".

Please support your student in exhibiting these Magic Essentials

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:

- Field Trips
- Lunchroom Support
- Great American Teach-In (Nov. 12th)
- Skating Party (Nov. 18th)
- 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:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/286451700670977/>

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Registration is OPEN until November 10, 2025

(or until all spots are filled)

HOW TO REGISTER

- ① Go to <https://st-petersburg-fl.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx>
OR
visit <https://www.toysfortots.org> → "Find a Local Chapter" → Select Florida → Pinellas County
- ② Enter your email address to receive your personal registration link.
 - Use this link to complete and track your application.
- ③ Provide parent/guardian first & last name and phone number.
- ④ Add each child:
 - First & Last Name
 - Date of Birth (must be under 13 years old on 12/25/2025)
 - Gender
 - School

ELIGIBILITY	OTHER IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES
1. Must live in Pinellas County	Last day to Apply - Nov. 10, 2025 (could be sooner if all spots are filled before Nov. 10)
2. Child must be <u>under 13 years old on Christmas Day</u>	All approvals completed - Dec. 5, 2025
3. Must have a financial need	Confirmation emails sent - Dec. 12, 2025
DISTRIBUTION DATES	After Nov. 10th families will be asked to:
December 19, 2025: 10 AM – 4 PM	1. select a pickup date and time
December 20, 2025: 8 AM – 6 PM	2. enter the bike lottery (<i>optional</i>)
Location: Sent after approval	
* If you cannot attend these dates, please register with another program.*	
	BONUS BIKE LOTTERY Details will be in the approval notice

Please Note: You can only select your pickup appointment time and register for the bike lottery **AFTER** your application has been approved.

QUESTIONS?

Please visit Toys For Tots Pinellas County at <https://st-petersburg-fl.toysfortots.org>