



Parent Weekly Rainbow

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PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families!

Welcome to another great week at the unicorn palace! Thank you to those families that participated in our Awards Ceremony and our Red Ribbon Week festivities. Students and staff alike, had an amazing time showing our commitment to a healthy and drug-free lifestyle, as well as a safe, ethical, and responsible use of technology. Thank you for consistently engaging in our school activities.

Cycle 2 ELP resumes this week. The Principal's Success Squad will continue to work on meeting their academic goals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our Cycle 2 enrichment clubs begin on Wednesday. Students must have an enrichment assignment to participate. Enrichment assignments will go home on Tuesday. There is still time to return your invitation/club request. When completing the invitation, please follow the instructions and be sure the form is completed entirely. Incomplete invitations will be returned.

Parents, did you know that Focus allows you to see your child's current grades? You should never be surprised by a report card or a progress report. Set a phone reminder to remind you to check Focus weekly for your child's performance and attendance records. Now is the perfect time to set a conference with your child's teacher to have an in-depth discussion about their performance. PM2 testing is about a month away.

Perfect attendance is just that...PERFECT! Even if you have had an excused absence, that disqualifies your child for perfect attendance. 3 tardies or early releases equates to 1 absence for perfect attendance measures. Please be sure that your students attend school regularly.

Our Fall food drive starts tomorrow, November 3rd. Please support Alturismo, the House of Givers, as they give back to our community. Please see the flyer below for more information.

Let's have another amazing week!

Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

November

- 3rd Fall Food Drive/Cycle 2 ELP begins
- 3rd Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser begins
- 5th Cycle 2 Enrichment begins (must be assigned)
- 5th National School Psychologist Day
- 7th First Friday Family Lunch/Kona Ice
- 10th Toys for Tots registration ends
- 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)
- 18th November SAC/PTA Meeting
- 21st House Meeting
- 24th Thanksgiving Break begins
- 28th Thanksgiving Break ends

December

- 1st Classes resume

SCHOOL SAFETY

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 are 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!!!
- Alturismo is sponsoring a Fall Food Drive. This friendly competition between houses is to see which house can collect the most food. Please see the flyer below to see how you can support the House of Givers in this event.
- Our House Leaders Leadership Retreat will take place on November 14th and 15th. If your student is a house leader, please look out for information about this leadership event.
- The Magic Essentials can be found at the front of your student's planner. Please support your student in exhibiting the 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)
- Winter Concert (Dec. 11th)
- 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/?multi_permaLinks=513943991255079%2C513762021273276-if_id=1747195578085190-if_t=group_activity&ref=notif

School Quality for
Parents/Guardians: Mount Vernon
Elementary School



Parents....We want to hear from you!!!

As we have shared, we want to be intentional about hearing from our families this year. Your input is valuable and a huge part of what we do here every day! It's time for our 1st check-in with our families. Please complete the survey that can be found by scanning the QR code to the left. It can also be found at this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/nBRqu5CL41>

Thank you for your input in making Mt. Vernon a magical place to grow and learn!

Fall FOOD DRIVE

Unexpired, non-perishable food items only.

Collection Dates: November 3rd - 19th

Sponsored by:



Which HOUSE will collect the most items?

**ALL DONATIONS HELP
FAMILIES IN NEED!**

FREE BOOKS DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME!!!



Help kids build reading skills

Florida offers families a completely free reading program to help VPK - 5th graders improve their literacy skills and spark a lifelong love of reading. There's no income requirement to participate!

Enrolled students get special deliveries addressed to them with:

- 9 books that they choose each school year.
- Reading activities that help build literacy skills.

Books are available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, or Braille.

Has your child ever needed extra reading support? Apply and see if they qualify! If they become eligible in the future, they'll automatically begin receiving books and activities.

Apply today:
newworldsreading.com
 to see if your child qualifies




¡Ayude A Su Niño/a A Desarrollar Sus Destrezas De Lectura!

Florida ofrece a las familias un programa de lectura completamente gratuito para apoyar a estudiantes desde VPK hasta 5.º grado. Este programa ayuda a mejorar las destrezas de lectura y fomenta el amor por los libros para toda la vida. ¡No hay requisitos de ingresos para participar!

Los estudiantes inscritos reciben por correo paquetes especialmente dirigidos a ellos con:

- 9 libros que ellos mismos eligen cada año escolar.
- Actividades de lectura que fortalecen sus destrezas lectoras.

Los libros están disponibles en inglés, español, criollo haitiano y en formato braille.

¿Su hijo/a ha necesitado alguna vez apoyo adicional para leer? ¡Solicite y vea si califica! Si es elegible, comenzará a recibir libros y actividades en casa automáticamente.

Solicite la inscripción
newworldsreading.com
 para ver si su hijo/a califica



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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 under 13 years old on Christmas Day	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 (optional)
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>