



Parent Weekly Rainbow

V3 Wk. 16

12/1/25



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 Ballons over Broadway Parade! Our students really enjoyed making their balloons and parading around the perimeter of our school. What a great way to kick off our Thanksgiving Holiday Week. We hope that our families find some time to reflect on all the things that they are thankful for. We are thankful for each and every Mt. Vernon family!

While on vacation, we encourage our students to remain engaged by participating in our Thanksgiving Challenges. The challenge boards were sent home with students last week. They can also be found on our website. Completed challenge boards can be turned in for an opportunity to visit the secret prize closet.

Next week, our PM2 testing window opens. Our VPK-2nd grade students will start testing on Tuesday Dec. 2nd. Please be sure that your child is in attendance and ready to show what they have learned. Students showing growth or reaching proficiency will be celebrated at the end of our PM2 testing window.

Congratulations are in order for Liv and Brydon. These students won our PTA's t-shirt contest. Their work can be found on our t-shirts that are for sale (see flyer below). Our December PTA/SAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday Dec. 16th. Please join us as we wrap up the year.

Our Annual Stakeholder Survey is now open through December 19th. Parents, please take a moment to make your voice heard. The survey can be found by visiting pcsb.org/survey.

Let's have another amazing week!
Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

November

24th Thanksgiving Break begins

**Thanksgiving Challenge Boards can be found online. They were also sent home with students. Completed boards must have parent signature to be eligible for the prize closet.

**MyOn Challenge online as well

28th Thanksgiving Break ends

December

1st Classes resume

5th Family Lunch Day/Kona Ice

6th Experience Pinellas (10:00 a.m. @ Clearwater High)

8th Scholastic Book Fair opens

11th Winter Musical 5:30 p.m.

16th PTA/SAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

19th ELP Cycle 2 ends

19th PCS Stakeholder Survey closes

22nd Winter Break begins

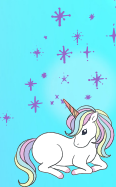
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2nd Winter Break ends

5th Classes resume

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...

- Our Annual Stakeholder Survey is now open through December 19th. Parents, please take a moment to make your voice heard, The survey can be found by visiting pcsb.org/survey.
- Our PTA will begin selling t-shirts after the Thanksgiving break. Please see the flyer below to see how you can order t-shirts for both you and your student.



- 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!!!
- 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

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Franco, our new Family Community Liaison. We are excited to have her join our team. Please bare with her as she learn her new role and acclimate to her position.

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
- Winter Musical/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:

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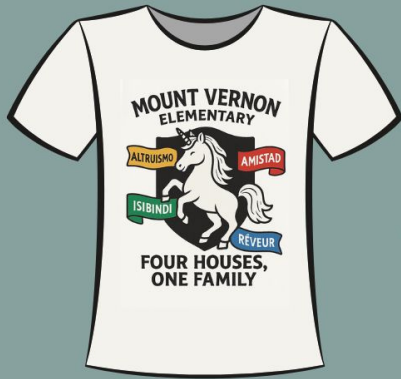
PCS Annual Stakeholder Survey is now open!!!

Attention Families:

The Annual PCS Stakeholder survey is now open through Dec. 19th. It only takes a few minutes to make your voice heard. Your responses help us to understand the needs of students and families. It also helps us to identify trends to plan for the future. The more response we have, the more data we have to inform change in our schools. Make your voice heard by completing the survey that can be found at: pcsb.org/survey.com

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

Limited Edition T-Shirt Sale



*Thank you to everyone who submitted a shirt in our contest and congratulations to Liv Alcantara and Brydon Webb for your winning designs!!

Support Mt. Vernon and look great doing it! The PTA is excited to launch our t-shirt sale, designed by and voted on by our students!

Shirts will be available in light blue or navy, in cotton (\$12) or Dri Fit (\$15). Add \$2 for adult XXL

Order forms will be sent home the week after Thanksgiving or you can order online at:
mtvernonelementary.givebacks.com

Save the Date!

Winter Concert & Family Night

Bundle up and join us for a cozy and fun-filled Winter Concert & Family Night, hosted by Mr. B and the PTA!

Date: Thursday, December 11
Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm

This event is open to all families and staff. The concert and activities will be free and food, drinks, and extras can be purchased with a meal deal or punch card, available here:

mtvernonelementary.givebacks.com



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TOY GIVEAWAY

Sharing the spirit of the season and helping every family
feel the joy and warmth of the holidays.

FRIDAY, December 12 | 6 – 8 PM

Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. S., St. Pete



Families interested in joining the celebration
must register by November 23.

st. petersburg
parks & recreation

Spaces are limited.
Scan the QR code to register:



727-893-7134 | stpeteparksrec.org



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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




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¡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



EXPERIENCE PINELLAS ON DECEMBER 6TH !!



Join us at
EXPERIENCE PCS
AND SPARK EXCELLENCE

DECEMBER 6, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL • 1951 GULF TO BAY BLVD.
FREE TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE!

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| Music | Chess | STEM | Academic Competitions |
| Games | Athletics | Art | Food for Purchase |

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Y DESPERTAR LA EXCELENCIA

6 DE DICIEMBRE, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
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ENTRADA Y PARTICIPACION GRATIS!

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| Música | Chess | STEM | Competencias Académicas |
| Juegos | Atléticos | Arte | Comida para comprar |

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