



Parent Weekly Rainbow

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PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families!

Welcome to another great week at Mt. Vernon! I would like to thank those that came out to our very first PTA/SAC Meeting of the year! It was an awesome turnout. Thank you for your participation and feedback as we plan our Fall Festival. I would also like to take a moment to thank Rise Up Soccer, our partners that hosted a soccer clinic on Friday for our girls. Mt. Vernon is a much better place with the support of our parents and our partners.

On Wednesday, August 27th, we will host our Annual Title 1 Meeting/Open House. Please join us as we share our Title 1 Plan and how we will use the grant to support instruction here at Mt. Vernon. Gates will open at 5:15 p.m. We will use the bus gate and the 5th Grade hall gate for entry. Parents are also into classrooms to get a glimpse of the day-to-day happenings. Please plan to join us on Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. Sing-in will be by scanning.

Also on Wednesday, we will be kicking off our Annual World Finest Chocolate Candy Bar Sales! We will sell for approximately 2 weeks. Students will have the opportunity to win some very cool prizes. You will hear all about it at Open House.

Our PTA is hosting a T-Shirt contest for students to design our school t-shirt. Students are encouraged to create a t-shirt design that is inspired by the Mt. Vernon Magic Spirit. Please see the information below. Entries will be accepted until Sept. 5th.

I would like to remind parents to use the crosswalks during arrival in the mornings. This is going to keep you and our students safe during morning arrival. In the afternoon, the car circle is only for car pickup. Please DO NOT get out of your vehicle or walk-up as you will not be permitted on campus. Thank you for following our arrival/dismissal procedures.

We are looking forward to creating lasting memories for our students with your support. Thank you for your part in making this magic happen!
Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

August

- 27th Annual Title 1 Meeting/Open House 5:30 p.m. (Cafe)
- 27th World's Finest Chocolate Candy Bar Sales Kickoff

September

- 1st Labor Day: No School
- 2nd Attendance Spirit Week kicks off!!
- 4th Chuck e Cheeses Spirit Night (3pm - 9pm)
- 5th First Friday Family Lunch
(Please see published lunch schedule)
- 9th Skating Party (3:15-5:30) @ Astro Skate
- 10th Mid-Term Progress Reports go home
- 12th WFC Candy Bar sales end
- 15th ELP Cycle 1 begins (tentative)
- 16th September PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Media Center)
- 18th PTA Fall Festival
- 19th 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...

- Permission slips for our upcoming Skating Party will be coming home on Monday. Please be on the lookout for these.
- 3rd Grade Lunch has had a schedule change. 3rd Graders now have lunch from 11:55 -12:25.
- Our PTA will be hosting our 1st Chuck e Cheeses' Spirit Night on Sept. 4th. Please plan to join us anytime between 3pm-9pm.
- Keep in mind, cell phones are prohibited items in elementary schools. Please be sure that if your student has a phone, it is out of view and turned off while at school. This includes smart watches as well.
- 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. Missed instructional time greatly impacts student success. Please try to have students to school, on time each day. Learning starts promptly at 8:45 each morning.
- 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.



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...

- Parents, if you haven't already, please sign and return the behavior contract that was sent home in the 1st Day Packet.



- Mt. Vernon will continue to be a House School. Fridays are house days, and we encourage students to wear their house shirts/colors on Fridays to show their house spirit.
- 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.

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 9th)
- 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/?](https://www.facebook.com/groups/286451700670977/?multi_permaLinks=513943991255079%2C513762021273276-if_id=1727195578085190-if_t=group_activity&ref=notif)

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Design Our School Shirt



Design on a blank sheet or digitally! Submit by Sept 5th!

Help us design a school spirit shirt!
Enter your design by Sept. 5th online or to your teacher.
Voting will be held after, and the winner will see their design on school spirit shirts!
Shirt sales will be a PTA Fundraiser!

Inspiration: Mt. Vernon Elementary magic spirit!
Things to think about to start your design:
Magic, mascots (unicorns), 2025/2026, 4 houses I family, keep on believing, growing together.

Attendance Week

SEPTEMBER 2ND - 5TH

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT AND PARTICIPATE EACH DAY!

Throwback Day!
Wear styles from a past decade

Twin Day!
TWIN WITH A FRIEND!

School Spirit Day!
Wear your school colors!

Attendance Week

PARTICIPATE AND SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

Tuesday Sept. 2nd "PAIR UP AND SHOW UP!"
TWIN WITH A FRIEND!

Wednesday Sept. 3rd "DON'T BE WACKY, COME TO SCHOOL!"
MISMATCHED CLOTHES, WILD HAIR, ETC.

Thursday Sept. 4th "THROWBACK YOUR ATTENDANCE STREAK!"
WEAR STYLES FROM A PAST DECADE

Friday Sept. 5th "SHOW UP, STAND OUT!"
WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLORS!

MT. VERNON PTA Newsletter

Mt. Vernon PTA Needs You!!

Sign up for the PTA at our web store:
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



QR code for magnets and memberships



Magnets are die cut, 5"

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

Save the Dates:

August PTA Meeting: Tuesday, August 19 @ 6pm
 Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night: Thursday, September 4 @ 3-9pm
 September PTA Meeting: Tuesday, September 16 @ 6pm
 Fall Festival: Thursday, September 18 @ 5:30-7pm
 Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night: Friday, October 10 @ 3-9pm
 Family Mixer (Cage Brewing): Friday, October 17 @ 5pm

Kick Off Meeting:

**Tuesday, August 19
6pm in the Media Center**

Light dinner and snacks
Children welcome to join