



Parent Weekly Rainbow

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PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families!

Welcome to another great week at Mt. Vernon! A special thank you goes out to those families that joined us for First Friday Family Lunch Day! It's always a joy to see our families on campus. We hope that you found the process a little more efficient as we have put some new processes in place to get students out of the cafeteria more quickly. Thank you for your continued feedback on improving practices at our school.

Thank you to those that are supporting our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser. If you haven't already, it's not too late to request a box of chocolates to support. Simply send in the signed permission slip and we will be sure that the chocolates are sent home.

Last week was Attendance Spirit Week. Please visit our Facebook page to see the fun that was had. We had so many students and staff to participate. We highlighted the importance of attending school each day. Early dismissal is also tracked in student attendance. If a student is removed from instruction early, it counts against their perfect attendance. On Friday we had quite a few students that were removed from instruction early. We ask that you consider the amount of instructional time being lost and the impact on student achievement when students are removed early from instruction. Thank you for your commitment to student success by ensuring they are in attendance.

Parents that are registered volunteers, this is a friendly reminder to reactivate your volunteer application. This process happens every year. A link was sent to all registered volunteers to reactivate. If you are not already registered, it's a good time to register as we are planning field trips and other activities that we will be asking for your assistance. If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Mrs. Sanders, to start the process.

Thanks to those that supported their student submitting a design for our T-shirt contest. Our PTA will share the winning design soon and begin taking orders for our school shirts.

Let's have another amazing week! Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

September

- 9th Skating Party (3:15-5:30) @ Astro Skate
- 10th Mid-Term Progress Reports go home
- 12th PBIS Ice Cream social
- 15th ELP Cycle 1 begins (tentative)
- 16th September PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Media Center)
- 18th House Meetings
- 18th PTA Fall Festival
- 19th WFC Candy Bar sales end
- 19th Teacher Planning Day; no school for students
- 26th Bucs Raise the Flags Day (wear your bucks gear)
- 26th PBIS Store shopping
- 30th Fall Pictures

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...

- 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. We apologize for the inconvenience. Our campus opens at 8:15. Please do your best to ensure students arrive in a timely manner.
- Raise the Flags will be supported again this year. We are asking that on the Friday before home games, we show our support of our home team by wearing Buccaneer gear, The first Raise the Flag Friday will be September 26th. Please show your home team pride on that Friday.
- Friendly reminder, cell phones are prohibited in elementary schools.
- 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.
- 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...



- Fridays is House Spirit Day. We encourage students to show their house spirit on Fridays by wearing their house shirt or their house colors.
- Our 1st house meeting of the year will take place on September 18th. This is where students will meet with their house leaders and learn all about their house and our monthly character trait. Please be sure to ask about this experience.
- The House system is used 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, all are welcome and celebrated. 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)
- Fall Festival
- Fall Portraits
- 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

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



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