



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 our volunteers that supported our Skating Party and Ice Cream social this week. Thank you for showing up for our students. We are so appreciative of you. Please be sure to track your volunteer hours in the volunteer database. In addition, we would like to thank those families that are supporting our World's Finest Chocolate Candy bar sales. We will give out boxes until they are gone.

Last week, midterm progress reports went home. These gave parents a snapshot of student's current performance. Parents you have ongoing access to your student's progress through Focus. Please be sure that you are consistently monitoring your student's progress.

This week is our Start with Hello Week. This was created by the Sandy Hook Promise. Start with Hello encourages students to be more socially inclusive and connected to each other with three simple steps: 1. See someone alone. 2. Reach out and help. 3. Start with hello. Please see the flyer below to see the activities for each day during the week.

This week, Enrichment Club invitations will go out. Remember, clubs are filled on a first come, first served basis. Please review and follow the instructions on the invitation. Incomplete invitations will be sent back to be completed properly.

On Thursday, our PTA will host our Fall Festival. Please join us as we welcome fall and celebrate with our students. For more information or to purchase tickets/punch cards, please see the PTA Newsletter below.

Let's have another amazing week!

Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

September

- 16th September SAC/PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Media Center)
- 18th House Meetings
- 18th PTA Fall Festival (5:30 p.m.)
- 19th WFC Candy Bar sales end (tentative)
- 19th Teacher Planning Day; no school for students
- 23rd ELP Cycle 1 begins
- 24th Enrichment Clubs Begins (assigned students only)
- 26th Bucs Raise the Flags Day (wear your bucks gear)
- 26th PBIS Store shopping
- 30th Fall Pictures

October

- 3rd First Friday Family Lunch Day
- 6th Dental Sealant Program begins
- 10th End of Reporting period 1
- 10th Chuck e Cheeses Spirit Night
- 13th Teacher Planning Day; No school for students
- 14th Dental Sealant Program ends
- 17th PTA Family Mixer (Cage Brewing)

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.
- 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:

- Fall Festival (Sept. 18th)
- Fall Portraits (Sept. 30th)
- Dental Sealant Program (Oct. 6th-14th)
- Great American Teach-In (Nov. 12th)
- 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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MONDAY

Students can pose with the “H” in HELLO in the hallway outside the cafeteria for a photo.

TUESDAY

Students and staff will say “Hello” and introduce themselves to at least one student they do not know.

WEDNESDAY

Green Out! – Students and staff wear green as a symbol of unity & solidarity.

THURSDAY

Trusted Adult – Students will write a thank you note to a staff member for being their trusted adult at school.

MT. VERNON PTA

Newsletter

**Next PTA Meeting:
Tuesday, September 16
6pm in the Media Center**

Light dinner and snacks
Children welcome to join



Punch Cards for Food and Extras can be purchased with QR code, at website below, or at the gate.

**Mt. Vernon Fall Festival
Thursday, September 18
5:30-7pm (enter at playground)**

Free activities include:

- Petting Zoo with goats and bunnies
- Decorate a mini pumpkin
- Field games and prizes
- Teacher led activities

mtvernonelementary.givebacks.com

Save the Dates:

Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night: Friday, October 10 @ 3-9pm

Family Mixer (Cage Brewing): Friday, October 17 @ 5pm

October PTA Meeting: Tuesday, October 21 @ 6pm