



Parent Weekly Rainbow

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PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families!

Welcome to another great week at the unicorn palace! Our Extended Learning Program (ELP) has started with students engaging in both tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays (Principal's Success Squad) as well Enrichment on Wednesdays! Our students absolutely love enrichment, and we are super excited to offer these experiences for them. Reminder, we do ELP in 6-week cycles. Cycle 1 will end on October 23rd. We will have one week off and then ELP will resume. Students will be allowed to change their clubs during the cycle changes.

On Tuesday, we will have Fall Pictures. Information went home last week. If you missed the information or would like to pay online, please visit our school website. On Friday, we will have our Frist Friday Family Lunch Day! Please review our website for lunch times and Frist Friday Lunch expectations. We highly discourage students losing instructional time after this event by going home early. Please remember, we have gone digital and sign-in will be from your cell phone. This will track both your attendance and your points on your Parent Support Card.

On October 6th, our Dental Sealant Program will begin for any students that signed up for this service. This partnership (St. Pete Health Department) has supported Mt. Vernon for several years now. We are lucky to be recipient of these free dental services for our students. If you wanted to participate and didn't sign up, please notify our office so that we can send you a permission slip.

We are still selling WFC candy bars. We have a few boxes remaining. If you would like to help us get these boxes sold, please stop by or contact the front office. Thank you for all of your help.

Let's have another amazing week!
Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

September
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)
21st October PTA Meeting
23rd Report Card distributed
23rd ELP Cycle 1 end
31st 3rd-5th Awards Ceremony (by invite only)

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.
- **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. Remember, 4 Houses, 1 Unicorn Family!!!
- Our next House Meeting will be held on October 17th. Students will learn about the October character trait of the month, tolerance. In addition, students will learn about our upcoming PBIS activities and how their house will celebrate.
- 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 Portraits (Sept. 30th)
- Field Trips
- Dental Sealant Program (Oct. 6th-14th)
- Great American Teach-In (Nov. 12th)
- PTA/SAC Member (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- First Friday Lunch

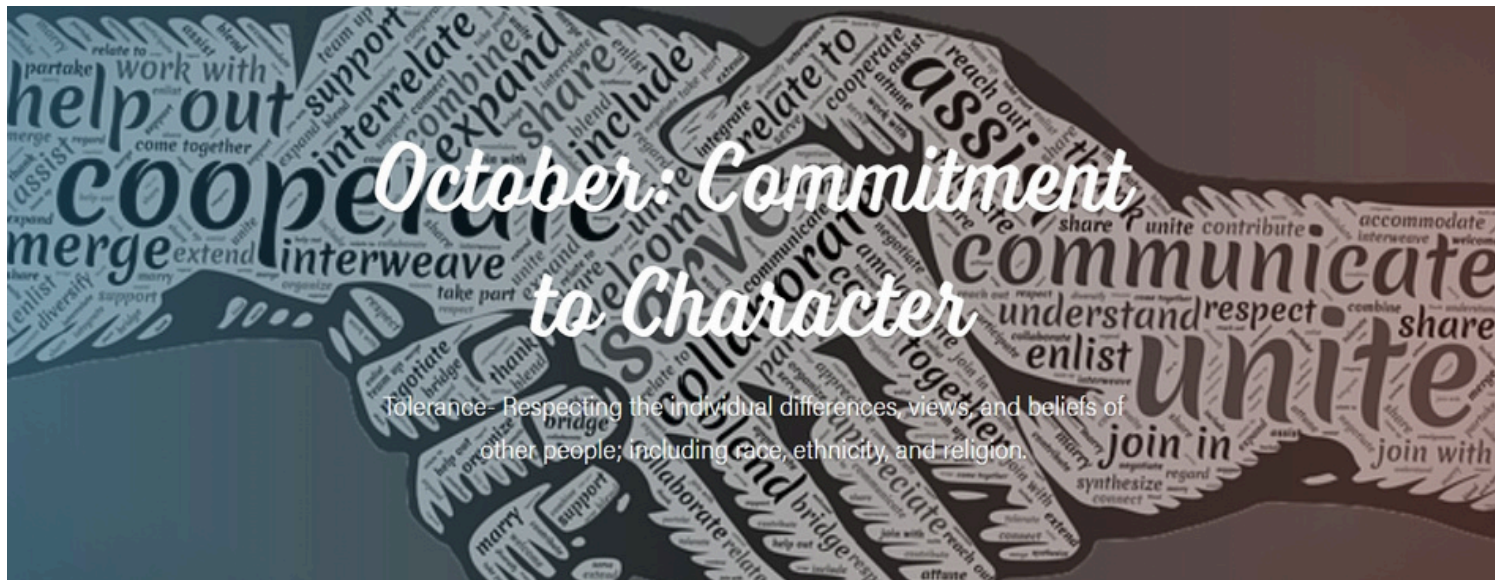
PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PTA FB PAGE...

Search for: Mt. Vernon Elementary Parent Page

Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/286451700670977/>

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Tolerance- Respecting the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people; including race, ethnicity, and religion.

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