



# Parent Weekly Rainbow

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## PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families!

Welcome to another great week at the unicorn palace! Thank you to those families that joined us for First Friday Family Lunch Day! We hope that you have found our new scanning process helpful in getting your child out to you much quicker than previously. We are always open to hear from you. Please feel free to make your voice heard to improve any of our practices.

Our Dental Sealant Program will start this week. Those students that signed up will be serviced. 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.

With the holidays approaching, we want to notify you that if you need assistance with food or gifts, please contact Mrs. Trotter, our social worker or Mr. Escoto, our School Counselor. Both will have resources to share with families in need. The Toys for Tots information can be found below.

I would like to thank those families that supported our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser. We will be announcing winners soon. We will also announce the celebration date for all those that earned this prize. More information to come.

Attention PreK parents, in an effort to support highest student achievement, we will start accepting PreK students at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast will start at this time. We stop serving hot breakfast at 8:40 a.m. Please plan to bring your child in early if they will require breakfast. The goal is to start instruction at 8:45 a.m.

Let's have another amazing week!

Principal Dixon



## IMPORTANT DATES

## SCHOOL SAFETY

October

- 6<sup>th</sup> Dental Sealant Program begins
- 10<sup>th</sup> End of Reporting period 1
- 10<sup>th</sup> Chuck e Cheeses Spirit Night
- 13<sup>th</sup> Teacher Planning Day; No school for students
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dental Sealant Program ends
- 17<sup>th</sup> PTA Family Mixer (Cage Brewing)
- 21<sup>st</sup> October PTA Meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Report Card distributed
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ELP Cycle 1 end
- 31<sup>st</sup> 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> Awards Ceremony (by invite only)

November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle 2 ELP begins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser begins
- 7<sup>th</sup> First Friday Family Lunch/Kona Ice
- 12<sup>th</sup> Great American Teach In (G.A.T.I.)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mid-term Progress Reports go home
- 14<sup>th</sup> Fall Portrait Retakes
- 14<sup>th</sup> CEC Spirit Night

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](http://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.
- Our House Leaders will soon be engaged in their Leadership Retreat. Please be on the lookout for more information for this opportunity for our house leaders.
- The Magic Essentials that we will be highlighting for the next 2 weeks are:
  - Track the speaker
  - When walking in line, keep your arms by your sides and move quietly.

Please support your student in exhibiting these Magic Essentials

## 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:

- 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

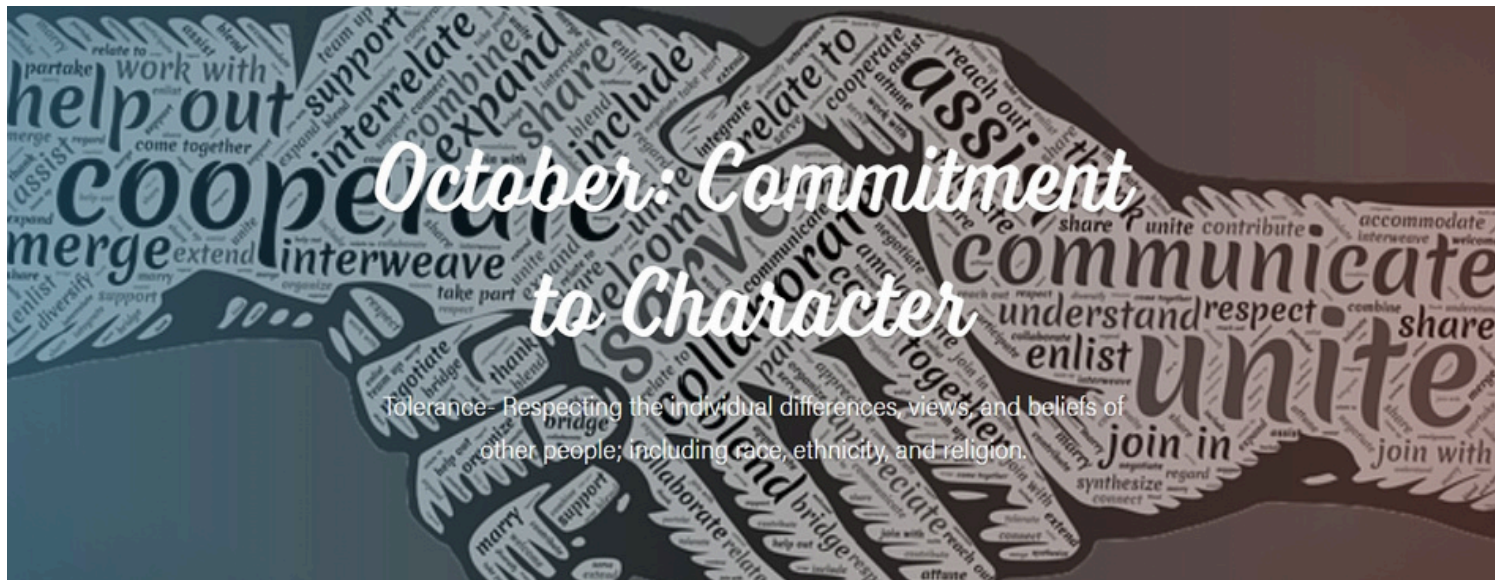
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Tolerance- Respecting the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people; including race, ethnicity, and religion.

## 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](http://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



Registration is **OPEN** until **November 10, 2025**

(or until all spots are filled)

## HOW TO REGISTER

- ① Go to <https://st-petersburg-fl.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx>  
OR  
visit <https://www.toysfortots.org> → "Find a Local Chapter" → Select Florida → Pinellas County
- ② Enter your email address to receive your personal registration link.
  - Use this link to complete and track your application.
- ③ Provide parent/guardian first & last name and phone number.
- ④ Add each child:
  - First & Last Name
  - Date of Birth (must be under 13 years old on 12/25/2025)
  - Gender
  - School

<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<b>OTHER IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES</b>
1. Must live in <b>Pinellas County</b>	<b>Last day to Apply - Nov. 10, 2025</b> (could be sooner if all spots are filled before Nov. 10)
2. Child must be <b><u>under 13 years old on Christmas Day</u></b>	<b>All approvals completed - Dec. 5, 2025</b>
3. Must have a financial need	<b>Confirmation emails sent - Dec. 12, 2025</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTION DATES</b>	<b>After Nov. 10<sup>th</sup></b> families will be asked to: 1. select a pickup date and time 2. enter the bike lottery ( <i>optional</i> )
<b>December 19, 2025: 10 AM – 4 PM</b> <b>December 20, 2025: 8 AM – 6 PM</b> Location: Sent after approval <i>* If you cannot attend these dates, please register with another program.*</i>	<div><b>BONUS BIKE LOTTERY</b> Details will be in the approval notice</div>

Please Note: You can only select your pickup appointment time and register for the bike lottery **AFTER** your application has been approved.

## QUESTIONS?

Please visit Toys For Tots Pinellas County at <https://st-petersburg-fl.toysfortots.org>