



# Weekly Rainbow Parent Edition

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1/20/25



## PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families! Welcome to another great week of teaching and learning! I am so excited to embark on another week of Unicorn Magic! Last week I shared with the kids that they will be arriving on Tuesday to a surprise!!! I can't wait for the excitement and for them to come home on Tuesday afternoon to share the big surprise with families. I won't spoil it right now, however, please be prepared for some exciting news on Tuesday afternoon!

This week, we will host our 3rd-5th Awards Ceremony. This is by invitation only. Parents, please bring your invitations with you. Each student will be allowed 2 guests. All guests will need identification to enter the building.

Parents, please mark your calendars for January 28th. This is when students will be taking Spring and Class Pictures. Please be on the lookout for picture envelopes/information.

January 27th, we will be kicking off Celebrate Literacy Week! This is always a wonderful time as we celebrate the importance of Literacy. We have quite the week planned for our students, including Camp Read-a-Lot on January 30th. Please plan to join us in the festivities!

Parent University will be moved to 1st Fridays starting on February. There will be no Parent University this week.

Please see the attached flyers for all upcoming events. All the information that you will need can be found on each flyer. Let's have another amazing week.

Principal Dixon



## IMPORTANT DATES

## SCHOOL SAFETY

January

- 20th MLK Jr. Day (School Closed)
- 21st Monthly PTA/SAC Meeting 6:00p.m. (Media Center)
- 24th 3rd-5th Awards Ceremony (Invite only)
- 27th Celebrate Literacy Week begins (see attached flyer)
- 28th Class/Spring Pictures (See attached flyer)
- 28th Principal's List Party (Game Bus)
- 30th Literacy Night

February

- 4th Ready, Set, Kindergarten!
- 7th Family Lunch Day/Kona Ice
- 7th Parent University
- 7th Mid-Term Progress Reports go home
- 11th Astro Skate Party
- 17th School in session (Hurricane Makeup Day)

To ensure the safety of all, we ask that you adhere to the following safety protocols:

- Attention PreK parents: If you arrive after 2:55pm to pick up your child, you will need to summon an adult at the car circle to get your child. Please DO NOT just walk on campus.
- Please DO NOT drop students off prior to 8:15 and leave them unattended. Supervision starts at 8:15 a.m. This is a major safety issue.
- Late students must be signed into the front office by an adult. Please don't drop late students off in front of the school after school has started.
- No walkup permitted in the car circle at dismissal. Our car circle will ONLY be used by car riders.
- 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.
- Parents please be sure that your student is wearing the proper footwear to school. Crocs and slides are not permitted.



## NEWS YOU CAN USE...

- Our monthly PTA meeting will take place on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Please plan to join us to discuss what our PTA is cooking up for our students!
- Parents, I can't stress the importance of following all of the safety and security protocols that have been established. We want to ensure that all stakeholders are safe when visiting our campus. Please be sure to review the School Safety advisories on page one. Thank you for understanding that safety for all is a priority at Mt. Vernon.
- Parents, student attendance matters!!! Students are expected to be in their classrooms, in their seats at the 8:45 bell. Students arriving after 8:45 will be marked tardy. Gates open at 8:15a.m. If your student is going to be absent, please notify us by calling in at 727-893-1815 or going to our website to report the absence.



[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. 3rd-5th graders are explicitly taught how to use their student devices to anonymously report. This can also be done at home by using the above site. Thank you for your support of keeping out campus safe.

### REMINDERS...

- Parents, with the change in weather, please be sure that your student is dressed appropriately and in dress code each day. I am seeing a lot of crocs. These shoes are inappropriate and unsafe for the school setting. In addition, I am also seeing prohibited head coverings. Please be sure that your student is in dress code each day.
- With many Field Trips on the horizon, I highly encourage those parents that would like to attend to get registered as volunteers. This is the only way that parents can accompany us on Field Trips.
- Student Planners are used for communication between home and school. Please be sure to check for updates or messages from the school in the planner.
- Focus is the current communication app that we are using. Please be sure that we have your updated email and phone number to ensure that you are receiving all messages that are sent. Focus can be accessed by using your parent portal email and password.
- Fridays are House Spirit Day! We encourage students to wear their House color or House shirt on Fridays. Although we have 4 houses, we are 1 Unicorn Family!



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Sanders, our Family Community Liaison, is the point of contact for all volunteering. We currently have the following volunteer opportunities:

- Garden Planter assembly (new planters)
- Skating Party (Feb. 11th)
- PTA/SAC Member (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- First Friday Lunch
- Field Trips (Many on the horizon)

### PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PTA FB PAGE...

Search for: Mt. Vernon Elementary Parent Page

Link:

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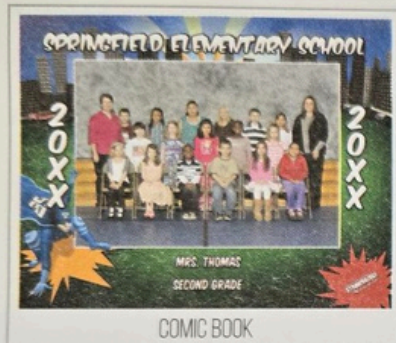
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# CLASSROOM GROUP PHOTOS

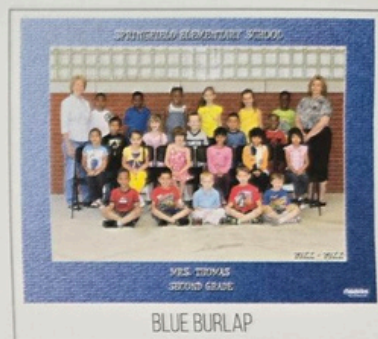
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## CLASSROOM GROUP PHOTOS

Picture  
Day is: 1/28/25

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Vaya a [www.strawbridge.net](http://www.strawbridge.net). Haga clic en ordenar fotos e ingrese el código siguiente:

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### INSTRUCTIONS INSTRUCCIONES

1. Please fill in the information requested in the section to the right.  
Por favor complete la información solicitada en el sección a la derecha.  
**\*Please use one envelope per child. Por favor use un sobre por niño.**
2. Please enclose exact payment. Change cannot be made. Please make checks payable to Strawbridge Studios, Inc.  
Por favor incluya la cantidad exacta. El cambio no se puede hacer. Por favor de hacer los cheques pagables a Strawbridge Studios, Inc.

3. Return payment to school by Picture Day.  
Regrese el pago a la escuela el día que las fotos sean tomadas.  
This is a fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a percentage of each package sold.  
Esto es una recaudación de fondos para nuestra escuela. Nuestra escuela recibe un porcentaje de cada paquete comprado.

Returned checks will be electronically re-presented to your account along with the state allowable fee. Your use of a check is your acceptance of this policy.  
Los cheques devueltos serán representados electrónicamente a su cuenta junto con el honorario permisible del estado. Su uso del cheque es su aceptación de esta política.

### PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR INFORMATION

School: Escuela	
Homeroom Name: Maestro de grupo	
Student Name: Estudiante	Grade: Grado
Phone: Teléfono	
E-Mail: Correo Electrónico	Quantity: Cantidad
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	

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# SPRING PICTURES



## MEMORIES THAT LAST A **LIFETIME**

Props and backgrounds may vary.



### PICTURE DAY: DIA DE FOTOS

Tuesday, Martes

1/28/25

#### SEND NO MONEY TODAY!

A proof or portrait package will be sent home from the school with information on how to order. (Allow 3-4 weeks)

#### NO ENVIE DINERO HOY!

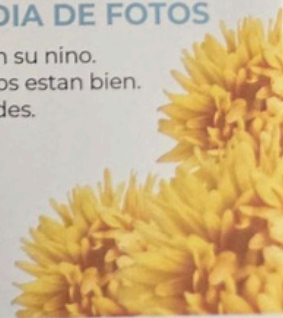
Una prueba o paquete de fotos sera enviado de la escuela a casa con la información de como ordenar. (Dentro 3-4 semanas)

#### PICTURE DAY ATTIRE

Choose colors that compliment your child. Solid colors and small patterns work best. Avoid clothing with large images and logos.

#### ROPA QUE VESTIR EN EL DIA DE FOTOS

Seleccione colores que complementen su niño. Colores solidos y estampados pequenos estan bien. Evite ropa con imagenes y logos grandes.



Come take a trip with us to Camp Read-A-Lot!!!  
Celebrate Literacy Week begins January 27th!!!

## LITERACY ROAD TRIP!

Help us celebrate reading with the following dress up days! Also, don't forget:

Literacy Night: Thursday 1/30/25 from 5:30-7pm

3rd grade parent meeting: Thursday 1/30/25 6:30-7pm

### Monday 1/27:

#### Maui to Madeira Beach Day

The beach is a great place to read! Dress like you're ready for fun in the sun!



### Tuesday 1/28:

#### Talent Tuesday

From Hollywood to Broadway, reading is everywhere! Dress like a super star today!

### Wednesday 1/29:

#### Western Wednesday

Grab your finest western wear to read like a cowboy!



### Thursday 1/30:

#### Camping Thursday

Get ready for our literacy night, Camp Read-A-Lot, by coming to school in your camping attire!

### Friday 1/31:

#### Pajama Friday!

Come to school ready to read in your pajamas!





# *Mount Vernon Literacy Night*

## **CAMP READ-A-LOT**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH**

**5:30-7:00PM**

### *Activities*

- *FREE Books*
- *Take Home Literacy Activities*
- *Interactive Read A Loud Experience*
- *Literacy Games*
- *FREE Hot Dogs, Chips & Hot Cocoa*
- *3rd Grade Parent Meeting 6:30-7pm*

*All Students Welcome!*

*RSVP By Jan. 23rd!*

Pre-K to 5th Grade Camp Read-A-Lot RSVP



**COME MAKE S'MORE MEMORIES!**