



Weekly Rainbow Parent Edition

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PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families! Welcome to another great week of teaching and learning! I would like to thank those of you that supported our PTA this past week. I would also like to thank those parents that came out and celebrated our 3rd-5th graders that were recognized at the awards ceremony on Friday. We appreciate your engagement with what's happening at our school.

This week is Celebrate Literacy Week! We will be celebrating the love of literacy and taking a literacy road trip. Please join us for the festivities, including dress up days and Camp Read-a-Lot on Thursday evening! If you haven't already RSVP'd, please do so using the QR code on the attached flyer. We hope to see each of you there. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

This week, students will be taking class and Spring pictures. Please refer to the flyers that were sent home for more information. Only class pictures will need payment to be sent in with the order. Spring pictures will be ordered after you see the proof that will be sent.

This is a friendly reminder that Parent University will occur on the 1st Friday. We will send logistics information next week on the Rainbow. We are hoping to support more families with helping their students close known learning gaps.

Let's have another amazing week!

Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

January

- 27th Celebrate Literacy Week begins (see attached flyer)
- 28th Class/Spring Pictures (See attached flyer)
- 30th Literacy Night (Camp Read-a-Lot) 5:30 p.m.
- 30th 3rd Grade Portfolio Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.

February

- 4th Ready, Set, Kindergarten! (5:30 p.m.)
- 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)
- 21st ELP Cycle 3 Ends

To ensure the safety of all, we ask that you adhere to the follow 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...

- Amistad, House of Friendship is selling Candy grams for \$1.00. Students can purchase Candy Grams that include positive affirmations for a teacher, staff member, friend, or family member. Candy grams will be delivered on Friday February 14th.
- 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

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:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/286451700670977/?](https://www.facebook.com/groups/286451700670977/?multi_permaLinks=513943991255079%2C513762021273276-if_id=1727195578085190-if_t=group_activity&ref=notif)

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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!



CANDY GRAM ORDER FORM

PAY \$1 AND CHOOSE THE WORD YOU WANT TO
SEND TO A FRIEND WITH A SWEET TREAT! YOU
CAN SEND A GRAM TO MORE THAN ONE FRIEND!

unique courageous confident creative

motivational caring charismatic

you can do hard things

brave genuine intelligent

YOUR NAME / GRADE: _____

SENDING IT TO / GRADE: _____

WORD FOR GRAM: _____

SENDING IT TO / GRADE: _____

WORD FOR GRAM: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: _____