



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! A huge shout out goes out to each of you that came out to Camp Read-A-Lot. We had an amazing time learning and celebrating the role of literacy in our lives. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school.

Tomorrow our Stakeholder survey window opens. This is the time that we ask parents, students, and staff to give us feedback on how we are doing in the education process. What is going well? What changes would you like to see? What ideas do you have? Your opinion counts! We are always open to hearing what we can do to make Mt. Vernon a better place to learn. Your input helps us to do just that!!! The survey can be found at this link: www.pcsb.org/survey. Parents that take the survey and send evidence that they took it (screenshot, email, print out) will be entered into a drawing for two \$25 gift cards. We are looking for improved participation this year.

This week, we will have First Friday family lunch/Kona Ice. Parents can prepay for Kona Ice using the shared link. In addition, we will have Parent University. This week, we will focus on card and dice games that can support fact fluency and sharpen math skills. Please join us while you are here on Friday! Don't forget your points on your parent support card when you sign in.

I would like to take a moment to thank each of you that sent cards, warm wishes, texts, emails, and happy thoughts as I dealt with the passing of my mother. I appreciate every act of kindness. It felt good to have support from my extended family <3

Let's have another amazing week!
Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

February
Student Services Month

3rd Stakeholder Survey window opens
(your opinion counts!)

Link to access the survey: www.pcsb.org/survey

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)
18th Hearing/Vision Screenings
18th PTA/SAC Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Media Center)
21st ELP Cycle 3 Ends

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...

- February is student services month. This is the time that we recognize and celebrate the contributions of Student Services professionals in our schools. During Student Services Month, we highlight school counselors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, educational diagnosticians, prevention staff and crisis response members. Please join us in celebrating these professionals for all that they do for our students.
- Feb. 3rd-7th is National School Counseling Week and Student Services Week. Please join us in celebrating our student services team! (Escoto, Trotter, Sadaat, E. Hillman, Raspitzi, and Braungart.) Thank you team for all that you do.
- Amistad, House of Friendship is still selling Candy grams for \$1.00. Students can purchase Candy Grams that include positive affirmations for a teacher, staff member, friend, or family member.
- 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. 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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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: _____