



# 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 our PreK parents that participated in our Ready, Set, Kindergarten event. We hope that you have determined that Mt. Vernon is the place for your kindergartner to be! Even if we are not your close to home school, you can apply for a Special Attendance Request to have the opportunity to attend kindergarten at Mt. Vernon. The SAR window is currently open for Grades 1-5. The Kindergarten SAR window opens on March 3rd.

We still have openings for 3 and 4 year-olds for next year. If you, or a friend, is looking for a magical environment for your little one for the upcoming school year, please consider Mt. Vernon. Parents, please help us spread the word about the PreK opportunities available at Mt. Vernon.

The Stakeholder Survey window remains open. Your input is valued. Please The survey can be found at this link: [www.pcsb.org/survey](http://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.

Thank you to those parents that participated in Family Lunch Day. We really appreciate you taking the time to engage with our school community. I do have a growing concern about the number of students that leave for the day after Family lunch Day. Valuable instructional time is missed when students are absent. I know it seems like a small amount of time but every minute counts when filling learning gaps. Please refrain from removing students from instruction at the end of Family Lunch Day. Thank you for understanding.

Let's have another amazing week!

Principal Dixon



## IMPORTANT DATES

## SCHOOL SAFETY

February  
Student Services Month

3rd -16th

PCS Stakeholder Survey window  
(your opinion counts!)

Link to access the survey: [www.pcsb.org/survey](http://www.pcsb.org/survey)

10th Last day to purchase Candy Grams

11th ELP cancelled (Skating Party)

11th Astro Skate Party (5:45 pickup @ Bus Gate)

12th Potential Retainee Notification

14th Candy Grams delivered

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...

- Pick-Up from Astro Skate will be at 5:45p.m. Parents will pick-up from the Bus Gate.
- ELP will be cancelled on Tuesday due to our Skating Party. We will resume on Wednesday with Enrichment Clubs.
- Parents, there is still time to take the Stakeholder Survey! The window closes on February 16th. Your opinion counts! We want to hear from you! Be sure to show a screen shot, email, or picture that shows that you completed the survey to be entered into our drawing for 2 gift cards.
- Monday is the last day to purchase Candy Grams! 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](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...

- 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 (April 22nd)
- 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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TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO PURCHASE THESE!

**AMISTAD**

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_