



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! For the record, school is in session on tomorrow, Monday, February 17th. This is one of our official hurricane makeup days. Please be sure that your student is in attendance on tomorrow.

Great news... The Stakeholder Survey window has been extended until February 22nd! You still have time to make your voice heard. Your input is valued. Please complete the survey found at this link: www.pcsb.org/survey.

On Tuesday, our February PTA/SAC meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the media center. Please plan to join us as we discuss/plan the remaining PTA events for this school year.

Potential Retainee letters came home this past week. Parents, if your student is struggling in Reading, please consider signing up for the New World Reading Initiative. This is where students get free books mailed to them each month to build their home library and practice reading. My team will be reaching out to all students that qualify for this program. In addition, I encourage you to make an appointment with your child's teacher for a conference to discuss ways that you can support your student at home.

We still have openings for 3- and 4- year-olds for next year. Please help us spread the word about the PreK opportunities available at Mt. Vernon.

Let's have another amazing week!
Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

February
Student Services Month

3rd -22nd

PCS Stakeholder Survey window
(your opinion counts!)

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

17th School in session (Hurricane Makeup Day)
18th Hearing/Vision Screenings
18th PTA/SAC Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Media Center)
20th ELP Cycle 4 Invitations come home
21st ELP Cycle 3 Ends
22nd Stakeholder Survey window closes (extended date)

March

3rd ELP Cycle 4 begins
7th Family Lunch Day/ Parent University

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

- School starts promptly at 8:45. Students should be in their seats at this time. Our gates will be closed at 8:45.
- 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.
- 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.
- No walkup permitted in the car circle at dismissal. Our car circle will ONLY be used by car riders.
- For the safety of all, 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...

- This is week 6 of our Cycle 3 of enrichment. Invitations for Cycle 4 will go home this week. Remember, clubs are on a first come, first served basis.
- Parents remember, if you want to be entered into the drawing for the gift cards for completing the stakeholder survey, we will need to see evidence that you completed the survey (screenshot, picture, or email etc.) This can be sent via email (Dixonni@pcsb.org, Jonesjuli@pcsb.org, or to your child's teacher).
- 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.



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.

www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

REMINDERS...

- Parents, please be sure that your student is appropriately dressed (in school dress code). We have had several accidents/injuries with students wearing crocs. These shoes are inappropriate and unsafe for the school setting.
- 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. Some trips may require chaperones to pay for entrance.
- 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

PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PTA FB PAGE...

Search for: Mt. Vernon Elementary Parent Page

Link:

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