



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!

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Braungart, our Exceptional Student Education Resource Teacher, on being named as Mt. Vernon's Emerging Teacher of the Year! Ms. Braungart not only works with our students with exceptionalities, but also our 5th grade Success Squad students. She pitches in a helping hand wherever needed. She is such an asset to the Unicorn Family! Please join me in congratulating Ms. Braungart for this honor!!

A special thanks goes out to those that supported our PTA Meeting this week. We really appreciate your input and engagement. Thank you for all that you do to ensure that our students have a magical learning environment. I would also like to thank those that supported our Chuck e Cheeses' Spirit Night. There are many ways to engage in our school efforts and we are grateful that you do!!!

Cycle 4 Enrichment invitations go out on Monday. Parents, please read carefully and complete the entire invitation. Incomplete invitations will be returned. If your student is in the YMCA or Principal's Success Squad, please indicate that on the invitation (circle at top). Enrichment Clubs are filled on a first come, first served basis.

On March 6th, we will host our PTA Spring Concert/Art Show for 2nd thru 5th graders. The show will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. Please see the information sent home on Friday for more information. Other upcoming events include Family Lunch Day/Kona Ice (please prepay for your treat using the QR code included) and Parent University. We hope to see many of our families participating in these upcoming events.

Let's have another amazing week!

Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

February
Student Services Month

24th No ELP this week
24th Cycle 4 Enrichment Invitations go home

March

3rd ELP Cycle 4 begins
3rd National School Social Workers Week begins
6th PTA Spring Concert/Art Show 6:00 p.m.
Down in the Jungle
7th Family Lunch Day/ Parent University
14th National Pi Day
14th End of 3rd Quarter
17th Spring Break begins
21st Spring Break ends
24th Classes resume

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...

- There is no ELP this week. Tutors will be working on Progress reports. ELP will resume next week.
- Cycle 4 Enrichment invitation will go home on Monday. Please be on the lookout for these. In addition, please be sure to complete the invitation in entirety. Incomplete invitations will be sent back for completion.
- 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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March 7th 2025

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