



Weekly Rainbow Parent Edition

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PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families! Welcome back to another great week of teaching and learning!

I hope our students had a restful and relaxed week off. Students were challenged to remain engaged during the break using the Spring Break Challenges. Students who participated should return their completed challenge board (Blue card sent home) by Tuesday afternoon to be entered into the drawing for cool prizes. The drawing will take place on Wednesday morning's announcements. All participants will receive extra PBIS points.

Summer Bridge enrollment begins on Tuesday. This year's program is by invite only. Invites were sent before the break. Summer Bridge for Mt. Vernon students will be at Northwest Elementary School. Students can elect to go to the Summer Bridge site of their choice. Transportation will only be provided for students eligible for transportation, going to their home school site. Parents must accept their SB invitation through our SRS system. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

PreK students are encouraged to participate in our Rising Kindergarten Program. All students entering Kindergarten in Pinellas County Schools for the 25-26 school year are welcomed to attend. This program will prepare our future kindergartners for the Big Day, 1st Day of Kindergarten!!!

Our monthly PTA/SAC meeting will take place on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. We are asking all to join us as we begin to discuss Teacher Appreciation Week and upcoming PTA events. Our PTA values your input and would love your support on implementing activities for our students to engage in. Please plan to join us on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in our Media Center.

Let's have another amazing week!

Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

March

24th Classes resume

25th Summer Bridge Enrollment begins
By invite only (use the SRS system)

25th Monthly PTA/SAC Meeting 6:00 p.m. Media Center

28th Q3 Final Grades submitted

April

3rd Report Cards distributed

4th Family Lunch Day/Kona Ice

4th Parent University (during lunch)

8th Volunteer Recognition Luncheon 12:00 p.m.

10th STEAM Night

11th 3rd-5th Grade Awards Assembly (invite only)

18th School closed (Good Friday)

21st Teacher Planning Day (no school for students)

22nd Skating Party (volunteers needed)

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...

- Friendly reminder, enrichment ends promptly at 4:30. It's imperative that students are picked up on time. After 1 late pickup, students will be dismissed from the program. Please be sure that your student is picked up on time.
- Parent volunteers can host enrichment clubs, as long as they are registered volunteers (Level 2). If you are interested in hosting a club, please notify Ms. Dixon.
- Attention parents, Fridays are designated as House Day. Students that have on their house shirt will receive an extra PBIS point. Please remind your student to show their house spirit on each Friday.
- Attention parents of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) students: Each year, the Florida Department of Education surveys parents of children who receive special education services to determine how well their children's schools are partnering with them. The ESE Parent Survey is for parents of children who have an IEP. Parents can find the survey here: https://fldoepaads.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3PG600mhqGEGljl



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, 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:

- 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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