



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!

Thank you for those that were able to join us for First Friday Family Lunch. It's always the highlight of our monthly festivities! We absolutely love to have our families on campus, enjoying lunch with them. I would also like to thank those parents that volunteer to help out with our First Friday Lunch. You are truly appreciated.

This week we will host our STEAM Night! There are tons of fun activities and learning opportunities for children. We hope to see you Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Summer Bridge enrollment is still open. If you were invited, please go ahead and register your student using the Student Reservation System (SRS). If you need support in doing this, please stop by the front office and we can assist you. We will start our 2nd round of invites for students that are recommended by their teachers. Student performance data will be reviewed to determine invitation status.

ATTENTION PARENTS: The bus gate on 13th Avenue North is for **BUS RIDERS AND WALKERS ONLY**. Walkers are those students that walk from the school to their home. Our neighbors are not very happy about those parents that try to avoid the car line and illegally park in front of their homes. They have gotten the police involved and tickets are being written. If you are picking your child up by car, please just use the car line. It goes rather fast as we load 8 cars at a time. It's also the safest method. We will not be sending students to parked cars, as this is a major safety concern and liability. Thank you for understanding that safety is a priority at Mt. Vernon.

Let's have another amazing week!

Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

April

- 7th PRIDE Awards 6:00 p.m. (5th Grade Winners)
Ruth Eckerd Hall
Families of winners have been notified
- 8th Volunteer Recognition Luncheon 12:00 p.m.
(invite only)
- 10th STEAM Night 5:30 p.m.
- 11th 3rd-5th Grade Awards Assembly (invite only)
- 14th PreK-2 STAR Testing window opens
See grade level newsletter for exact day
- 18th Cycle 4 Enrichment ends
- 18th School closed (Good Friday)
- 21st Teacher Planning Day (no school for students)
- 22nd Skating Party (volunteers needed)
- 25th Mid-Term Progress Reports

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

- Please do not drop students off in the street. This is very unsafe.
- The car circle is the safest and the only space that we will facilitate loading and unloading of our students. Please use the car line for safe arrival and departure.
- 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.
- 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, on any day.



NEWS YOU CAN USE...

- Attention Parents, field trip chaperones must be registered volunteers that are assigned to attend the trip through our volunteer coordinator. This includes field trips to public places. Parents that just show up at public places without being assigned to the trip, will not be able to interact with students. If you have any questions about chaperoning field trips, please speak with Mrs. Sanders, our volunteer coordinator. Thank you in advance for following established PCS processes.
- Please be cognizant that your student is in dress code each day. We are seeing more and more students that are out of code (clothing and shoes). Students out of dress code will be sent to the office to get a change of clothes, which may include a call home to get these items exchanged.
- Friendly reminder, enrichment ends promptly at 4:30. Students picked up late will be excused from the program.
- 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.



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 our campus safe.

REMINDERS...

- 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, even to public places. 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

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MOUNT VERNON
ELEMENTARY

STEAM NIGHT



THURSDAY
APRIL 10TH
5:30-6:30

EXHIBITS AND
ACTIVITIES IN
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
, ENGINEERING, ART
AND MATHEMATICS