



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 your contribution to another great week! I truly appreciate each and every one of you for your constant support of making Mt. Vernon MAGICAL! We can't do what we do without your support.

This week, we have our Skating Party on Tuesday afternoon. This is the final and largest Skating Party of the year. PreK students are invited but must be transported and accompanied by a parent, for their safety.

Last week, our K-2 students started their STAR testing. This round gives information on whether or not our students are ready for the next grade level. Students performing below grade level are highly encouraged to attend summer bridge. If you have already been invited, please be sure to register using the student reservation system. If you need support in doing this, please stop by the front office and we can assist you.

Please see the attached PTA Newsletter for events hosted by our PTA. We would love your support in any of our scheduled events. Our PTA will be hosting an End of Year Party for our families. Please plan to join us on May 31st at Dell Holmes Splash Pad.

Let's have another amazing week!
Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

April

- 21st Teacher Planning Day (no school for students)
- 22nd Skating Party
- 25th Mid-Term Progress Reports

May

- 1st PM3 Assessment Window opens (3rd-5th)
- 2nd Family Lunch Day/Kona Ice
- 2nd Parent University (during lunch)
- 2nd K-2 Proficiency Party @ Chuck e Cheeses'
- 5th Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week begins
- 5th Big Day PreK Family Picnic 11-1pm
- 15th Spring Concert (PreK-1st)
- 11th Mother's Day
- 20th PTA/SAC Meeting 6:00 PM
- 22nd Field Day (Volunteers needed)
- 23rd 4th/5th End of the Year Field Trip
Kennedy Space Center
- 26th Memorial Day (No School)

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...

- Our PTA is selling Car Magnets to show your unicorn pride! Please support our PTA by purchasing a car magnet.
- **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. Police have gotten involved, and citations are being written. Please avoid the hassle by using the car line. It's 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.
- 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.
- 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.
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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...

- 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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MT. VERNON PTA

Newsletter

Car Magnet Pre-Sale

Show off your Mt. Vernon Elementary school pride and help support the PTA by purchasing a car magnet for \$5! Magnets will be 5" round with our school logo (illustration on the right).



You can purchase at website below or bring cash (must be exact) or check made to Mt. Vernon PTA to the front office. Pre-sale discount ends on May 2. Magnets will be delivered to your scholar or arranged for pick up early to mid-May.

mtvernonelementary.givebacks.com/store



Save the Date: May 31 End of the Year Party

Celebrate graduation and kick off summer at Dell Holmes park and splash pad! All students, families, and staff are invited.

Date: Saturday, May 31

Time: 9am - 11:30am

(hoping to beat the heat!)

Location: Dell Holmes Park, Shelter 3

Next PTA Meeting & Elections: Tuesday, May 20 at 6pm in the Media Center

Children welcome to join