

Weekly Rainbow Parent Edition



PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families! Welcome back to another great week of teaching and learning! This week is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week! Please join us in celebrating our amazing staff!

Thank you for your contribution to the MAGIC last week! Our final Family Lunch Day was a huge success. We hope that you had a chance to drop by the Parent University Resource Table. There were materials to support at home practice with literacy and mathematics skills. A huge thank you also goes out to those parents that volunteered for our Proficiency Party at Chuck e Cheeses'. The students had an absolute blast! On Monday, our VPK students will celebrate their journey to kindergarten. Big Day PreK will start at 11:00 a.m. for our PreK families. This will

kick off 100 days til kindergarten. Our students will be equipped and committed for kindergarten success!

This week, our 3rd – 5th grade students will start their PM3 FAST testing. They were given a huge send off to do their best on the test on Friday during our Pep Rally. Our students are primed and ready to show success. Please be sure that they are setup for success by getting enough sleep, a hearty breakfast, and are present and on time each day. It's showtime Unicorns!!!

We have quite a few end of the year activities/field trips coming up. Please see our calendar to be sure that you are in the know of what is happening and when it is happening. If you are interested in volunteering for any activities, please contact Mrs. Sanders, our volunteer coordinator.

Summer Bridge registration is still open for those invited. New invitations will be sent out to any student that qualified based on their PM3 test score. If you need support in doing this, please stop by the front office and we can assist you.

It's not too late to support our PTA by purchasing a car magnet. Please visit our PTA website to order your car magnet. You just can't hide that Unicorn Pride!

Let's have another amazing week! Principal Dixon			
MARK YOUR	IMPORTANT DATES		SCHOOL SAFETY
5 15 111 20 22 23 26 27 29	th Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week begins Please join us in celebrating our teachers/staff! th Big Day PreK Family Picnic 11-1pm th Spring Concert (PreK-1st) th Mother's Day Happy Mother's Day Unicorn moms!!! Oth PTA/SAC Meeting 6:00 PM Board voting for the 25/26 School Year 2nd Field Day (Volunteers needed) 8rd 4th/Sth End of the Year Field Trip Kennedy Space Center 7 a.m6 p.m. 8th Memorial Day (No School) 7th 5th Grade Moving Up Parade/Celebration 9:15 a.m. 9th Last day of school (full day) st MVE Unicorn PTA End of the School Year Party (Dell Holmes Park/Splash Pad) All are welcome!!!		 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 PM3 testing for grades 3-5 starts on Monday. Our students will have their opportunity to show all that they have learned this
 year. Please encourage your student to do their personal best on the test. Also, please be sure that your student is present and
 ready to perform on their scheduled testing dates.
- Parents, please be sure that your contact information is up to date in Focus. This can be done by logging into your parent portal account. We need to be able to get in contact with you in the event of an emergency.
- Our Primary (PreK-1) Spring Concert will take place on May 15th! We are so excited to see our youngest musicians in action. Please
 plan to join us for this joyous occasion.
- Our PTA is selling Car Magnets to show your unicorn pride! Please support our PTA by purchasing a car magnet.
- Please be cognizant that your student is in dress code each day (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.



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.

- The bus gate on 13th Avenue is only to be used by students that ride the bus or walk home. If you will be picking your student up in a vehicle, please use the car circle. It is the safest. Thank you for keeping our students safe.
- 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.
- <u>Focus</u> 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 Update
- 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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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: <u>May 31</u> 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*