



Parent Weekly Rainbow

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11/16/25



PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families!

Welcome to another great week at the unicorn palace! Thank you to those families that participated in our Great American Teach-In. Our students had an amazing time and learned so much about so many different career paths. We appreciate those families that gave their time to present or to support our visitors. We would also like to thank those that supported our PTA by attending the Chuck e Cheeses' Spirit Night. What a great way to give back and have fun while doing it.

This week, we will have our 2nd skating party of the year. Students will return to school by 5:45 p.m. Please be sure that your student is picked up in a timely manner and then join us in the media center for our monthly PTA/SAC Meeting. On Friday, we will have our Balloons over Broadway parade. Parents are welcome to view the parade from the outside perimeter of the P.E. Field. No check-in will be needed as parents will be off campus. Students will walk the inside perimeter of the PE field. The parade starts at 9:00 a.m.

Our Annual Stakeholder Survey is now open through December 19th. Parents, please take a moment to make your voice heard. The survey can be found by visiting pcsb.org/survey. Our Fall food drive is still under way. Please support Alturismo, the House of Givers, as they give back to our community. Please see the attached flyer below for more information.

Parents, this is a friendly reminder that our campus opens with supervision for students at 8:15 a.m. We are seeing more and more students dropped off prior to 8:15, without adult supervision. Please don't leave your student unattended on campus prior to 8:15. This is a major safety concern.

Let's have another amazing week!

Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

November

- 17th Papa John's Pizza fundraiser ends
- 18th Skating Party (pick-up at 5:45p.m.)
- 18th November SAC/PTA Meeting
- 19th Last day for our Fall Food Drive
- 21st Balloons over Broadway Parade (9:00 a.m.)
- **Please see attachment**
- 21st House Meeting
- 24th Thanksgiving Break begins
- 28th Thanksgiving Break ends

December

- 1st Classes resume
- 5th Family Lunch Day/Kona Ice
- 6th Experience Pinellas (10:00 a.m. @ Clearwater High)
- 8th Scholastic Book Fair opens
- 11th Winter Musical 5:30 p.m.
- 19th ELP Cycle 2 ends
- 22nd Winter Break begins

January

- 2nd Winter Break ends
- 1st Classes resume

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

- Our campus opens for students at 8:15 a.m. each day. Please don't drop off or leave kids unattended prior to this time.
- For the safety of all, please use the identified crosswalks when coming on campus. Please DO NOT walk through the car circle during arrival. Thank you for helping us keep you safe.
- Please use our car circle for pick-up and drop off unless your student walks to school. This is the safest and most efficient way for students to enter and exit the campus.
- Please do not drop students off in the street. This is very unsafe.
- Visitors must enter through the front office when visiting our campus. Please have identification on you at all times.
- School starts promptly at 8:45. Please ensure that your child arrives in a timely manner to arrive to class on time.



NEWS YOU CAN USE...

- At 8:40, we start serving grab and go breakfast. Please be sure that your child arrives early to receive a hot breakfast.
- Our Parent Support Card has gone digital. Most of the items you receive points for have a QR code for you to sign in. This allows you to automatically get your points for tracking purposes.
- Attention Parents...The late bell rings at 8:45. The gate will close at that time. Students arriving after the gate is closed will need to be escorted to the front office, by their parent, to sign in and receive a late pass. Our campus opens at 8:15. Please do your best to ensure students arrive in a timely manner.
- Attendance Matters...this is a friendly reminder that student attendance is essential to the work that we do. This includes late arrival and early pickups, which contribute to lost instructional time that greatly impacts student success.
- Please make it a habit to check/sign (initial) your child's agenda each day.
- Our school website is a communication resource that is frequently updated. Please view weekly for what's happening on our campus.



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...



- Fridays are House Spirit Day. We encourage students to show their house spirit on Fridays by wearing their house shirt or their house colors. Remember, 4 Houses, 1 Unicorn Family!!!
- Alturismo is sponsoring a Fall Food Drive. This friendly competition between houses is to see which house can collect the most food. Please see the flyer below to see how you can support the House of Givers in this event.
- Our House Leaders Leadership Retreat was a huge success. If your child is a House Leader, please ask them about this experience. Each leadership team developed their expectations, motto, and service project. They are very well prepared to lead and facilitate our upcoming House Meetings!
- The Magic Essentials can be found at the front of your student's planner. Please support your student in exhibiting the Magic Essentials

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Sanders, our Family Community Liaison, is the point of contact for all volunteering. If you haven't already, please reactivate your volunteer status by completing the update that was emailed to you. Please don't wait to do this.

We currently have the following volunteer opportunities:

- Field Trips
- Lunchroom Support
- Winter Musical/Concert (Dec. 11th)
- PTA/SAC Member (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- First Friday Lunch

PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PTA FB PAGE...

Search for: Mt. Vernon Elementary Parent Page

Link:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/286451700670977/?multi_permaLinks=513943991255079%2C513762021273276-If_id=1747195578085190-If_t=group_activity&ref=notif

PCS Annual Stakeholder Survey is now open!!!

Attention Families:

The Annual PCS Stakeholder survey is now open through Dec. 19th. It only takes a few minutes to make your voice heard. Your responses help us to understand the needs of students and families. It also helps us to identify trends to plan for the future. The more response we have, the more data we have to inform change in our schools. Make your voice heard by completing the survey that can be found at: pcsb.org/survey.com

Thank you for your input in making Mt. Vernon a magical place to grow and learn!



Mount Vernon Elementary Presents

BALLOONS OVER BROADWAY

Join us for our Annual Balloons Over Broadway Parade!

Celebrate Thanksgiving with a special STEAM parade inspired by the beloved book *Balloons Over Broadway*. Come see student creativity in action as our learners bring their own balloon designs to life!

Date: Friday, November 21st, 2025

Time: Parade will start promptly at 9:00am

Where: Mount Vernon Elementary PE Field. Parents will line the outside of the fence to watch the parade.

Ballons Over Broadway Read-a-loud

A read-a-loud of the book *Balloons Over Broadway*, can be found at the link below. Take a moment to read the book that our parade is centered around.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2391pvhv2I>



MT. VERNON PTA

Coming Events

ALL students, families, and staff are invited!

11/14
FRI

Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night

Mention Mt. Vernon at check out and we get a 20% cut of the money spent!

11/21
FRI

Family Mixer

Cage Brewing - 2001 1st Ave S (5 - 7pm)

11/18
TUE

November PTA Meeting

6pm in the Media Center
Light dinner will be served

12/11
THU

Winter Family Night & Musical

Hot chocolate bar, food, games, crafts, and more! More info to come.!

FREE BOOKS DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME!!!



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Help kids build reading skills

Florida offers families a completely free reading program to help VPK - 5th graders improve their literacy skills and spark a lifelong love of reading. There's no income requirement to participate!

Enrolled students get special deliveries addressed to them with:

- 9 books that they choose each school year.
- Reading activities that help build literacy skills.

Books are available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, or Braille.

Has your child ever needed extra reading support? Apply and see if they qualify! If they become eligible in the future, they'll automatically begin receiving books and activities.

Apply today:
newworldsreading.com
to see if your child qualifies




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¡Ayude A Su Niño/a A Desarrollar Sus Destrezas De Lectura!

Florida ofrece a las familias un programa de lectura completamente gratuito para apoyar a estudiantes desde VPK hasta 5.º grado. Este programa ayuda a mejorar las destrezas de lectura y fomenta el amor por los libros para toda la vida. ¡No hay requisitos de ingresos para participar!

Los estudiantes inscritos reciben por correo paquetes especialmente dirigidos a ellos con:

- 9 libros que ellos mismos eligen cada año escolar.
- Actividades de lectura que fortalecen sus destrezas lectoras.

Los libros están disponibles en inglés, español, criollo haitiano y en formato braille.

¿Su hijo/a ha necesitado alguna vez apoyo adicional para leer? ¡Solicite y vea si califica! Si es elegible, comenzará a recibir libros y actividades en casa automáticamente.

Solicite la inscripción
newworldsreading.com
para ver si su hijo/a califica



EXPERIENCE PINELLAS ON DECEMBER 6TH !!



Join us at
EXPERIENCE PCS
AND SPARK EXCELLENCE

DECEMBER 6, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL • 1951 GULF TO BAY BLVD.
FREE TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE!

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| Music | Chess | STEM | Academic Competitions |
| Games | Athletics | Art | Food for Purchase |

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Y DESPERTAR LA EXCELENCIA

6 DE DICIEMBRE, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
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ENTRADA Y PARTICIPACION GRATIS!

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| Música | Chess | STEM | Competencias Académicas |
| Juegos | Atléticos | Arte | Comida para comprar |

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