Greetings Families!!!

A very special thank you to those families that joined us for Family Lunch Day!!! Each family that attended will receive points on their Parent Support Card. I will pull a report from the sign-in system to ensure that everyone gets their points.

We will kickoff our World’s Finest Chocolate Fundraiser on Tuesday. Scholars will have the opportunity to win some cool prizes including time in the money machine!!! Please be on the lookout for the candy box request form that will be coming home on Tuesday.

On Wednesday we are having our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our UniMart. This is our onsite pantry that is open for our families to come in and shop for food, clothing, toiletries, and other resources. Please join us on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. for the Grand Opening. Regular shopping days will be on Mondays (by appointment only) and Thursdays (9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)

As we approach the holiday season, many agencies are offering to support families through these difficult times. Please see information below about agencies that are helping with food and gifts for our children.

PreK parents, please continue to help keep the car line flowing by using spaces 1-3 only in the car circle or parking in a designated parking space.

Your partner in education,
Principal Dixon

October
10th World’s Finest Chocolate Kickoff
11th UniMart Ribbon Cutting 10:00a.m.
16th No School for Students
19th Rise Up Soccer ends
23rd Red Ribbon Week
26th Trunk O Treat 5:30-7:30
26th Report Cards go home

• On November 4th, our PTA will be hosting our Garden Restoration Project. We are in need of volunteers to help. Please plan to join us with your garden tools at 8:00 a.m.
• Our PTA is accepting candy donations for our Trunk O Treat. Candy can be dropped off in the front office.
• We are also looking for volunteers to decorate their trunks for Trunk O Treat. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Sanders, our Family Community Liaison at 727-893-1815.
Metropolitan Ministries is starting registration for Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance. Here is the link to register your family for holiday help. They are doing in-person and online registrations.

https://www.metromin.org/holiday-central/need-help/

Toys for Tots Pinellas registration is now open:
Pinellas County Florida
Request Toys using the web address below:


Have you heard of the RCA House System?

Mt. Vernon will be moving to a Schoolwide House System. The Ron Clark Academy House System is a dynamic, exciting, and proven way to create a positive climate and culture for students and staff. Using RCA’s methods will help our school confidently implement processes that build character, a sense of belonging, relationships, and school spirit.

Mt. Vernon’s House System features four houses — our learning and leadership communities for scholars. Each House has unique properties such as its own color, symbols, qualities, and designs. Over time, each House also starts to take on its own values and personality driven by the culture of the scholars and staff within it.

Each scholar will be assigned to one of the following houses:
- House of Scales (Dragon; Green)
- House of Strength (Kraken, Blue)
- House of Horns (Rhino, Grey)
- House of Flames (Phoenix, Orange)

House Assignment will soon be activated in the PBIS App. **We are asking that you please don’t share house assignments with scholars just yet.** We want to create an element of surprise and make a big announcement when scholars learn their house assignment.

Our 4th and 5th Grade Scholars will be house leaders. Scholars will have the opportunity to apply for leadership positions in their assigned house. We will keep you’ll updated on the implementation of our House System.

For more information about the House System, please visit the following website:
https://rcahousesystem.com/
October Weekly PBIS Events

**OCTOBER SPooky MAGIC EVENTS**

**OCT. 6TH**
MAGIC STORE
PRICES VARIES

**OCT. 13TH**
POP CORN @ LUNCH
PRICE: 60

**OCT. 20TH**
SIT WITH A FRIEND @ LUNCH
PRICE: 75

**OCT. 27TH**
SPoOKY MOVIE @ LUNCH
PRICE: FREE