Greetings Families!!!

A Very special thank you to those of you that have supported with our Candy Bar sales! We are officially SOLD OUT! We sold 212 boxes of chocolate in less than 2 weeks. Thanks for your support. We can’t wait to announce our winners of our fundraiser!

Parents, if your scholar is out for any reason, please be sure to report the absence. This can be done by calling 727-893-1815 and hitting 6 and leaving the message of the student’s name and why they are out. This can also be done by hitting the report an absence link on our school web page. This information is very helpful to our Child Study Team that monitors attendance. Please provide a written doctors note if possible.

Parents, I want to remind you of our shared responsibility in keeping our scholars safe at all times. Leaving scholars unattended prior to adults on duty and dropping them off in the middle of the street with ongoing traffic is very unsafe. Please help us keep our scholars safe by dropping them off starting at 8:15a.m. in the car circle. I appreciate your commitment to keeping everyone safe.

Your partner in education,
Principal Dixon

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**October**

23rd Red Ribbon Week begins
26th Pinellas Goes Pink
26th Trunk Or Treat 5:30-7:30
26th Report Cards go home

**November**

4th Garden Restoration Project 8:00 a.m.

- 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 still accepting candy donations for our Trunk Or Treat event. Candy can be dropped off in the front office.
- It’s not too late to decorate your trunk for Trunk Or Treat. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Sanders, our Family Community Liaison.
Trunk or Treat

Prepaid tickets will come home on Wednesday. Only tickets will be accepted for games and food at this event. Please pre-purchase your tickets by completing and returning the ticket purchase form that was sent home. I will send it in the app.

Library Media Specialist

Mrs. Marlow, our Library Media Specialist is out on maternity leave. She will return in January. In her absence, we have Ms. Alyssa Lavalla as our Long Term Substitute. Ms. Lavalla will continue to support our Library Media program. Although she is Out of Field (not certified in Library Media), she is a certified teacher that has taught in Pinellas County previously. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Lavalla to Mt. Vernon!

Family Friendly Schools

Pinellas County Schools has launched a Family Friendly Schools initiative. We would like to know how your visit was each time that you visit our campus. Please look for the family friendly schools flyer in our front office during your visit and give us your feedback. Our goal is for Mt. Vernon to be a positive and welcoming place to visit. Thank you for your participation.

Metropolitan Ministries

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:

October Weekly PBIS Events

- **OCT. 6TH**: Magic Store
  - Prices Varies

- **OCT. 13TH**: Popcorn @ Lunch
  - Price: 60

- **OCT. 20TH**: Sit with a Friend @ Lunch
  - Price: 75

- **OCT. 27TH**: Spooky Movie @ Lunch
  - Price: Free
MT. VERNON ELEMENTARY

TRUNK OR TREAT

5:30PM-7:30PM
OCTOBER 26

VOLUNTEER HERE!

bit.ly/MVETOT23
MT VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

GARDEN VOLUNTEER DAY

SATURDAY NOV 4TH AT 8AM

Join us in beautifying our elementary school garden. It’s a great opportunity to connect with nature and contribute to the learning environment for our students! No prior gardening experience is necessary. Come join us and make a difference in our school garden!

What to Wear/Bring
• Comfortable Weather-Appropriate clothing
• Closed-toe shoes
• Hat or cap for sun protection
• Water bottle to stay hydrated
• Your Friends & Family!
When To Return Based Upon Signs and Symptoms

Fever
Defined as oral temp greater than 100°F, axillary/temporal temp greater than 99°F, or tympanic temp greater than 101°F. Can return to school when fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Vomiting
Send home for vomiting two or more times in a school day unless the vomiting is known to be caused by a condition that is not contagious. Can return to school when vomiting has resolved for 24 hours.

Diarrhea
Send home for two or more loose stools in a school day unless the diarrhea is known to be caused by a condition that is not contagious. Can return to school when diarrhea has resolved for 24 hours.

Diarrhea with blood or mucus
Send home for one or more loose stools with blood or mucus. Can return to school when diarrhea has resolved for 24 hours.

Please keep your child home from school if he or she has one of the conditions or illnesses listed below. Report your child’s absence to their school and consult their health care provider.

Chickenpox (Varicella)*
Children may return one week after the rash first appears, or when all lesions have dried and crusted.

Clostridium Difficile (C. Diff)
Children may return with written clearance from a health care provider.

Conjunctivitis (Pink eye)
A child who has pink or red eyes with white or yellow drainage may have conjunctivitis. Students do not need to be kept home from school unless there are other signs of illness.

Fifth Disease (Erythema infectiosum)
A child with this rash, characterized by a "slapped face" appearance, does not need to be kept home from school. Pregnant women and immune-compromised persons should seek medical advice.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease
A child with this rash does not need to be kept home from school unless a fever is present, there is persistent drooling, or they are too uncomfortable to attend school.

Head Lice
Children should be kept home from school if they are experiencing head scratching and live lice or nits are present. Students may return to school when no nits or live lice are present.

Hepatitis A**
Children may return one week after the onset of jaundice or illness with written clearance from a health care provider.

If you have any questions about this list, please contact your child’s school or the Pinellas County School Health Services Department at 727-588-6320.

For more information, visit our website at www.pcsb.org

The best protection from disease is PREVENTION!

Make sure your children receive their immunizations on time...

...cough or sneeze into your sleeves...

...and wash hands

When Can My Student Return to School?
A Quick Reference Guide for Parents

If you think that your child has an illness that can be spread to others, please keep him or her home from school. Contact your child’s health care provider for further information.

Impetigo
Children may return 24 hours after treatment started. Area with lesions or sores must remain covered.

Influenza or Influenza-Like Illness (ILI)
Children may return five days after symptoms began, or when active signs of illness have resolved. Student must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Measles**
Children with fever, red or swollen eyes, cough, runny nose, or rash may return four days after the onset of the rash with written clearance from a health care provider.

Meningitis**
Children experiencing high fever, headache, or stiff neck may return with written clearance from a health care provider. *Bacterial Meningitis is immediately reportable to Health Department.

Mononucleosis
Children may return to school with written clearance from a health care provider. Clearance should include any activity restrictions.

MRSA
A child with MRSA does not need to be kept home from school unless there are other signs of illness present. All lesions or sores must be covered with no visible drainage.

Mumps*
Children may return five days after the onset of gland swelling.

Pertussis*
Children may return five days after appropriate antibiotic therapy with written clearance from a health care provider.

Ringworm of the scalp (Tinea Capitis)
Children with ringworm of the scalp may return when treatment has started and with written clearance from a health care provider.

Rubella (German Measles)**
Children may return six days after the onset of the rash, with written clearance from a health care provider.

Scabies
Children may return 24 hours after treatment has begun with written clearance from a health care provider.

Shingles
A child with shingles does not need to be kept home from school unless the blisters cannot be covered. In this instance, children may return when all lesions have dried and crusted.

Streptococcal infections (Scarlet fever, Strep throat)
Children may return 24 hours after treatment has begun, with written clearance from a health care provider.

Tuberculosis*
Children with this condition can return only with written approval of the Department of Health Pinellas and with written clearance from a health care provider.

* Reportable to DOH next business day.
** Reportable to DOH immediately.

If you have any questions about this list, please contact the school nurse or the Pinellas County School Health Services Department at (727) 588-6320.