Greetings Families!!!

Welcome to another great week of teaching and learning!! This past week was quite busy for us. Our scholars started their PM2 assessments. Preliminary data is showing great growth in many of our scholars’ performance. There are still some learning gaps that will continue to be addressed. Parents, I can’t stress how important it is for your scholars to be in attendance on their assessment day. It’s important for scholars to be well rested, fed, and encouraged to do their personal best. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Our Winter Family Fun Day will take place on Wednesday December 14th at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to those that have returned their food reservation. If you plan on purchasing food, please send your reservation in by Monday. I have attached the flyer that includes the reservation ticket. Payment will take place on the night of the event at the food vendor (Heavy’s Food Truck).

We have 9 more instructional days in this semester. While we have some spirit activities planned, teaching and learning will remain at the forefront of what we do. We have our 12 days to Winter Break countdown that is taking place.

Our Annual Stakeholder survey remains open. I only have 3 that have sent in a screenshot of their completion message. If you haven’t already, please take the time to make your voice heard by completing the survey at the link below. Reminder, those that provide evidence of completion will be entered in a raffle for four $25 gift cards.

Family Survey Link: https://survey.k12insight.com/r/23-24PinellasParentpublicaccess

Thanks for all you do to support the Mt. Vernon learning community!!!

Your partner in education,
Principal Dixon

Please bring in your photo I.D. each time you come to the office. We have new staff that may not know you.

Please DO NOT drop students in the road on 47th St. Please ensure safety by using the car circle.

Current Volunteer Opportunities
- Lunch Pals
- Garden Upkeep
- Science Festival Field Trip (4th and 5th)
- Family Lunch Day (1st Friday each month)

Please contact Mrs. Sanders to volunteer for any of these events @ 893-1815.

December
11th  Penguin Patch opens
14th  Winter Family Fun Day 5:30 p.m.
15th  Hearing, Vision, and BMI Screenings
15th  Penguin Patch Closes
21st  Last day of Report Period 2
22nd  School Closed
25th  Winter Break begins

January
8th  Classes resume
VPK/PPK Enrollment Window remains open!!!

Our 24-25 VPK/PPK Enrollment window remains open until December 13th. Be sure that you have reserved your seat for the 24-25 school year. Seats fill fast. Information can be found on our school website or at: https://www.pcsb.org/early.

Penguin Patch opens December 11th!!!

On December 11th, the Penguin Patch will return to Mt. Vernon. This fundraiser will allow our scholars to purchase gifts for their family and friends. A flyer was sent with items that can be purchased and prices. Students will only go shopping during their scheduled shopping times. K-2 shopping times will be from 9-11, daily. Grades 3-5 shopping time will be 12:30-2:00pm daily. Due to limited space, window shopping will not be permitted.

Petty cash is not kept on hand so please send scholars with the exact amount of their purchase based on the advertised prices.

STAR Kids Foundation Christmas Gift Donations

One of our donors have provided funds for each of our scholars to go home with a gift for the holidays. While I graciously appreciate this generosity, I want to be respectful of differences. If you don’t wish for your scholar to receive a Christmas gift, please let their teacher know. I will be sure to respect your wishes. Thank you in advance for your communication.

Pre Order Kona Ice

Attention Families:

Kona Ice will be on campus every 1st Friday for Family Lunch Day. You can preorder your Kona Ice Treat by using the QR code that is on the shared flyer. You can even purchase Kona Ice for another scholar (pay it forward) or your scholar if you won’t be able to attend the Family Lunch. Please take advantage of prepaying for your Kona Ice Treat. The January flyer with QR code can be found below.
Mt. Vernon ES & MT Vernon *PTA* Present

WINTER Family Night

**PAID ACTIVITIES**
- Heavy's Food truck (Must RSVP Below)
- Penguin Patch

**FREE ACTIVITIES**
- *Candle*
- *Decorating*
- Santa Photos
- *Hot Cocoa*
- Letters to Santa
- Reindeer Food
- Gingerbread Building
- Reindeer Games

Meet Santa

**FEATURING**

“COLD SNAP”
Musical
@5:30pm

**Meal RSVP DUE DEC 11th (pay at event)**

Included in $10 meal
- Fried/Baked Chicken
- Green Beans, Mac-N-Cheese, Cornbread

Chicken Selection
- Fried:# ____________ Baked:# ____________

Total # of Meals ____________ x $10

Water or Soda $1.00

Party RSVP Name: __________________________

Tickets passed out day before event

1 RSVP Per Family
Must RSVP to buy and bring ticket to event
Mount Vernon Elementary

Friday Jan 12th 2024
USE QR CODE BELOW TO PRE ORDER
We will accept payment at the truck day of event
Pre Order Ends Jan 11th 7:00 pm

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