



# Weekly Rainbow Parent Edition

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## PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Families! A very special that you to all that joined us for Family Lunch Day! We are so excited to see the engagement on our campus. Family Lunch will happen every 1st Friday of each month. We hope to have you join us each month!

This week, our 3rd-5th grade students will be taking their PM1 testing. Please be sure that they are in attendance, on time, with lots of rest. Please encourage them to show what they know. This data will identify gaps that our students have and allow our teachers to plan interventions and supports to fill those gaps. Please page 3 for more testing information.

Activities on campus this week includes our PTA Fall Festival Planning Meeting on Tuesday @ 6 and our Title 1 Annual Meeting/Open House on Thursday at 5:30. We hope to see you in these family engagement activities this week. Skating permission slips went home last week. If you are available to volunteer for this event, please contact Mrs. Sanders.

Tutoring (Principal's Success Squad) and Enrichment Clubs start this week. Enrichment Club assignments will come home on Tuesday afternoon. Students must have an enrichment club assignment to attend. Remember, seats were first come, first served.

This week, our House Leaders will be announced. 4th and 5th Grade parents, please be on the lookout for the announcement of House Leaders and their Leadership Retreat.

Let's have another amazing week!!  
Principal Dixon



## IMPORTANT DATES

## SCHOOL SAFETY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- September
- 10th ELP begins (Principals Success Squad)
- 10th Progress Reports come home
- 10th PTA Fall Festival Planning Follow-Up Mtg. 6:00pm
- 11th Enrichment Begins (must have club assignment)
- 12th Title 1 Annual Mtg./Open House (Rescheduled)
- 13th Winter Musical Auditions
- 13th Final Day to purchase Rays Spirit Tickets
- 14th PCCTA Fall Workshop (Pinellas Park High)
- 17th Astro Skating Party 3 p.m. (volunteers needed)
- 20th Musical Rehearsals begin 3:15-4:30
- 23rd Professional Day; No School for students
- 26th Fall Festival (Science) 5:30-7:30
- 27th Candy Bar Sales Kickoff
- 30th Best News Club begins

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

- Attention Parents: 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.
- Our car circle will ONLY be used by car riders during dismissal. Those that wish to walk up will be using the walker's gate on the south side of the school (13th Ave. No.)
- Visitors must enter through the front office when visiting our campus. Please have identification on you at all times.
- Please use the identified crosswalks when coming on campus.
- Parents please be sure that your student is wearing the proper footwear to school. Crocs and slides are not permitted.



## NEWS YOU CAN USE...

- September is Attendance Awareness Month. Our Attendance Land Attendance Challenge continues throughout September. Congratulations to Mrs. Reiche's and Ms. Ramicone's classes for having 100% attendance last week. Let's keep up the good work. If your student is going to be absent, please notify us by calling in at 727-893-1815 or going to our website to report the absence.
- Our fall music programs begin this week. We will start with auditions on Friday at 3:15. This includes the Winter Musical and Unicorns Rock! Please look at the music class website for detailed information, digital sign-up forms, rehearsal dates, concert information, and any information about music programs at or through Mount Vernon Elementary School. [www.mvemusic.com](http://www.mvemusic.com). You can also contact the music teacher for more details: [brigugliod@pcsb.org](mailto:brigugliod@pcsb.org)
- Congratulations are in order to Gwen T., Abigail L. and Kamils R.S. for their hard work and dedication in preparing for All State Chorus auditions. These ladies were so brave and worked so hard. We are so proud that they represented Mt. Vernon for the All State Preparation Workshop. Keep up the good work ladies.

## REMINDERS...

- 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!!!



- If you haven't already, please login to your parent portal account and complete your online forms.
- Please be sure to also complete the free/reduced lunch application. Even if you provided lunch for your student, please complete this form. Many of the supports that we receive as a school rely on the number of families that we service that qualify for free/reduced lunch. Please be sure to complete this form at <http://www.myschoolapps.com/>.
- Please be sure to sign-in when you are on campus. This is how you get points for engagement on your parent support card.
- Our school Facebook page is back in use. Please follow us on Facebook to keep up with the daily happenings around our campus.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are pleased to announce that we will again host volunteers on our campus. Mrs. Sanders, our Family Community Liaison, will be hosting a workshop for all volunteers. If you were a previous volunteer, please recertify using the link that was emailed to you. If you are looking to become a new volunteer, please contact Mrs. Sanders for more information. We currently have the following volunteer opportunities:

- September Skating Party
- Fall Festival
- PTA Member/Board Member
- SAC Member
- First Friday Lunch

## PTA NEEDS YOU...

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is in need of volunteers to support our efforts in making Mt. Vernon a great place to learn. The cost is only \$6.00 for the entire year and the commitment is only 1 hour a month. Please consider joining our PTA, which meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in our media center.





SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING,



[www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern)

Parents,

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. 3rd-5th graders are explicitly taught how to use their student devices to anonymously report. This can also be done at home by using the above site. Thank you for your support of keeping out campus safe.

## TAMPA BAY RAYS OPPORTUNITY

The Tampa Bay Rays are again offering discounted tickets to students, staff, and their families as part of 2024 Fall Pinellas County School's Spirit night with the Rays. This year the Pinellas County School's night is Sunday, September 22nd, at 1:40 pm, vs. the Toronto Blue Jays. Tickets will be offered for \$25 (up to \$70 value) in the following seating categories:

- Lower Level while supplies last:
- Lower Box and
- Lower Reserved.

This year we are using a link for the parents and staff to go in and purchase their own tickets! We are hoping this makes it a lot easier for people to purchase tickets.

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/pinellasspring2024>

The deadline for purchasing tickets is September 13th through the QR or link.

**PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS  
SPIRIT NIGHT**  
CELEBRATING EDUCATION!

**SUNDAY, SEPT 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
1:40 P.M. // TROPICANA FIELD

**\$25 LOWER LEVEL SEATING  
(UP TO \$70 VALUE)**

**ORRDER FORM**  
Orders due by September 15, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. through link/QR/Code below

Tickets will be offered through the QR Code or <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/pinellasspring2024>

1. Go to the website or use the QR code.
2. Select "Buy Tickets"
3. Click on the available sections to the left on the map.
4. Select "View Seats" on the map
5. Pick your seats for the game"  
\*Note: If you want to sit with people you will have to purchase together under one order.
6. Look for the row you would like on the right side and select that row.
7. Click select for the seats and continue
8. Check out.



Tickets required for ages 2+. Visit [raybaseball.com](http://raybaseball.com) for the policies and procedures at Tropicana Field. Tickets are distributed through the MLB Ballpark App at the time of purchase. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are subject to availability. Offer not available through the Rays Box Office. Tampa Bay Rays tickets are non-refundable. If games are cancelled for any reason, the Tampa Bay Rays will provide alternative options.