



Parent Weekly Rainbow

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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 First Friday Family Lunch Day! It's a highlight of each month and we are so appreciative that you find the time to join us for lunch. I would also like to thank our volunteers that support Family Lunch Day. This couldn't happen without your support. You'll carried the torch so well in the absence of Mrs. Sanders. Ms. Franco, our new Volunteer Coordinator will be starting on Monday!

I would also like to take a moment to thank those parents that have been supporting with the setup for our Winter Musical. You have been nothing short of amazing as you assist Mr. B in preparing for this event. I am excited to see our children's performance this week. Additional thanks include:

- Our PTA President and family for supporting our partners, Sweet Friends this weekend
- Our PTA for decorating the school, making it look festive for the holiday

Our PM2 testing window is in full swing. Please be sure that you student is in attendance. It's a great time to remind your student of their performance goals and encourage them to do their personal best. We want every student to show growth from their August performance. Students showing growth or reaching proficiency will be celebrated at the end of our PM2 testing window.

Parents, please support our partners. They do so much to support our school and students. Let's show them how much we appreciate them by showing them support. I have listed some of them below.

Let's have another amazing week! Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

December

- 8th Scholastic Book Fair opens
- 11th Winter Musical 5:30 p.m.
- 16th PTA/SAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 19th ELP Cycle 2 ends
- 19th PCS Stakeholder Survey closes
- 22nd Winter Break begins

January

- 2nd Winter Break ends
- 5th Classes resume
- 9th First Friday Family Lunch/Kona Ice
- 12th ELP Cycle 3 ends
- 15th Report Card Distributed
- 19th No School for students (MLK Birthday Observed)
- 23rd 3rd-5th Awards Assembly
- 27th Spring/Class Pictures
- 29th Literacy Night

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...

- We would like to invite our students to participate in our countdown to winter break dress up days. Please see the calendar below to have students join in on the fun!
- At 8:40, we start serving grab and go breakfast. Please be sure that your child arrives early to receive a hot breakfast.
- 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...

- 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 PTA is selling T-shirts. This shirt was designed by one of our own students. Please be sure to purchase your shirt. Information can be found on the flyer below.



- 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!!!
- 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

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Franco, our new Family Community Liaison. We are excited to have her join our team. Please bare with her as she learn her new role and acclimate to her position.

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_perma

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Our PCS Annual Stakeholder Survey remains open!!!



Our Annual PCS Stakeholder survey remains open. In monitoring the participation of our families, Mt. Vernon has had ZERO responses from our families! Our families are a vital piece of this puzzle, and we have consistently asked for you to make your voice heard. Completing this survey is how you do this.

To encourage more participation, our partners at Winn Dixie Stores (22nd Ave. N and U.S. 19) have donated a \$100.00 gift card to be raffled off. For those that complete the survey AND show evidence of completing the survey (screen shot or email sent to Dixonni@pcsb.org), you will be entered into the raffle. Your evidence is the only way that I will know that you participated because the survey is completely anonymous. The winner be announced on December 19th, just in time for the holiday.

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!

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



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair has arrived. Find bestselling series and characters that students love from more than 100 publishers. Plus every purchase benefits our school. We hope you can join us for the Best. Week. Ever!

Students shop in person during the school day from December 8 to 12. Several ways to shop: send your child with cash or card, add funds to their eWallet, shop online, or visit the Media Center to shop in person before or after the Winter Musical on Thursday, December 11. Shopping runs from 4:30–5:15 and 6:00–7:00 (Media Center Gate: Left gate on 13th Ave). Gates for the musical open at 5:15 at the walker/bus gate(Right gate on 13th Ave)



Create your child's Book Fair eWallet so they can shop cash-free, worry-free, and independently! It's easy to set up and easy for others to contribute funds!

Shop online from 12/8 – 12/21!
25% of every online purchase benefits our school. Expanded selection of exclusive books, new releases, value packs, and more. Free shipping on orders over \$35.

Share the Fair is the giving program that supports students in our school who need help buying books. Learn how to contribute using the QR code below. No one should leave the Book Fair empty-handed!



Every family that donates \$3 to Share the Fair will receive a FREE "Books Are My JAM!" reusable tote bag.



Every purchase over \$25 receives a FREE "Books Are My JAM!" reusable tote bag.

While supplies last. One bag per person.

Limited Edition T-Shirt Sale



*Thank you to everyone who submitted a shirt in our contest and congratulations to Liv Alcantara and Brydon Webb for your winning designs!!

Support Mt. Vernon and look great doing it! The PTA is excited to launch our t-shirt sale, designed by and voted on by our students!

Shirts will be available in light blue or navy, in cotton (\$12) or Dri Fit (\$15). Add \$2 for adult X

Order forms will be sent home the week after Thanksgiving or you can order online at: mtvernonelementary.givebacks.com

Save the Date!

Winter Concert & Family Night

Bundle up and join us for a cozy and fun-filled Winter Concert & Family Night, hosted by Mr. B and the PTA!

Date: Thursday, December 11

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 pm

This event is open to all families and staff. The concert and activities will be free and food, drinks, and extras can be purchased with a meal deal or punch card, available here:

mtvernonelementary.givebacks.com

THE COUNTDOWN TO WINTER BREAK HAS BEGUN!

         				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4 REINDEER GAMES DAY WEAR ANTLERS & BELLS	5 FILL THE HOUSE WITH SPIRIT. WEAR YOUR HOUSE SHIRT OR COLORS.
8 GRINCH MON-DAY WEAR GREEN OR YOUR FACORITE GRINCH GEAR	9 CANDY CANE TUESDAY WEAR RED AND WHITE AND/OR STRIPES	10 CHRISTMAS CHAOS WEAR ALL THINGS WACKY TACKY HOLIDAY	11 HOLIDAY GLOW-UP DRESS IN GLITZ, SPARKLES, AND SHINE	12 FLANNEL & FROST FRIDAY WEAR YOUR FAVORITE FLANNEL OR SCARF
15 MERRY MONDAY: WEAR YOUR HOLIDAY SHIRTS (RED, GREEN, ETC.)	16 TACKY TUESDAY: WEAR YOUR UGLY SWEATER AND FUZZY SOCKS	17 WHOVILLE WEDNESDAY: DRESS LIKE THE GRINCH OR A WHO	18 TWINKLING THURSDAY: WEAR LIGHTS, BELLS AND ALL THE BLING	19 FLANNEL & FLEECE FRIDAY: WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS