



# Weekly Rainbow Parent Edition

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## PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are very excited to welcome our students and families back! Mt. Vernon is still a "B" school and we couldn't have done that great work without your support. So what do you do when you have done great? You keep getting better! This year at Mt. Vernon, our plan is to get better each and every day. We have a new team, but the dream is the SAME...100% student success! This year we are wild about student success! Game on!!!

Students will be coming home with their first day packets on Monday. Please review the contents and return the items that need to be returned to the school. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. Our main source of communication will be our school website. Please visit the website each Sunday at 6:00p.m. for weekly updates. We will use other communication tools, but the school website is the one stop shop! We look forward to another MAGICAL school year!



## IMPORTANT DATES

August

- 12th First Day of School (parents permitted to walk students to class)
- 28th Open House 5:30 p.m.

September

- 2nd Labor Day; No School
- 9th ELP begins (tentative)
- 10th Progress Reports go home
- 17th Astro Skating Party 3 p.m. (volunteers needed)
- 23rd Professional Day; No School for students
- 30th Best News Club begins

## SCHOOL SAFETY

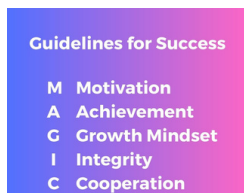
School Safety is our top priority. Please be aware of new school safety protocols and how they may affect your student:

- Students will be escorted by adults while moving around the campus.
- All doors, except bathrooms, will remain locked throughout the day.
- ALL entrances will be manned by adults at all times. We will limit entry points to only 2 during arrival and dismissal.
- 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.
- If you have a safety concern, please be sure to report it to Officer B or Ms. Jones.
- Please do your part in keeping our school safe.



# SCHOOLWIDE EXPECTATIONS

This week, we will spend quite a bit of time teaching and reminding our students of our Guidelines for Success. We will also be reviewing our MAGIC Essentials. The goal is to teach our students those things that make Mt. Vernon such a great place to learn. Everyone has a part in maintaining our positive culture. Please help us by reiterating the importance of following our guidelines for success and committing to the MAGIC essentials.



## NEW THIS YEAR...

Power up learning, power down distractions!!!

Cell Phones are prohibited items in elementary schools. Student will not be permitted to use cell phones while on campus. Parents, please help your student be successful by reminding them that cell phones must be powered off while at school.

## REMINDERS...

- Please be sure to sign your parent support card when you are on campus. We would like to recognize those that regularly engage in the education of their children.
- We are moving back to using agendas this year. Students in grades 1-5 will be assigned an agenda once they come in (late August). This will be another communication tool that is used to keep families informed.
- 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
- 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.

