



Weekly Rainbow Parent Edition

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PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Families! Thank you for your support of a "MAGICAL" opening week! We are so excited to have our students back in the building and they are happy to be here. There are so many wonderful things happening here at Mt. Vernon. The environment of our school feels so different and it feels really good to see our kids thriving in this positive environment. If you haven't already, please return your first day packet. Many of our forms can be completed online through your parent portal account. In addition, your parent portal account now has a messaging app that can be used to send/receive messages to your child's teacher. Currently, this is the only app that we are using for communication K-5. Student planners are set to arrive this week. We will send these home just as soon as they arrive.

On Tuesday, we will have our Monthly PTA meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Please join us as we discuss our upcoming Fall Festival. In addition, please plan to join us for our upcoming Annual Title 1 Meeting/Open House. This is where you will find grade level/classroom specific information. It is important that you are in the know of what's happening in our building, as it pertains to your student. We will start at 5:30 p.m. in our cafeteria on August 28th. We are looking forward to an amazing week.

Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

August

- 19th PTA Shoe Drive Kickoff
- 20th Monthly PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Media Center)
- 28th Open House 5:30 p.m.

September

- 2nd Labor Day: No School
- 6th First Friday Lunch
- 9th ELP begins (tentative)
- 10th Progress Reports go home
- 13th Musical Auditions
- 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

SCHOOL SAFETY

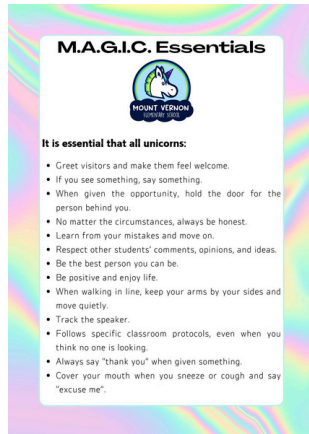
School Safety is our top priority. Please be aware of new school safety protocols and how they may affect your student:

- 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.



M.A.G.I.C. Essentials



It is essential that all unicorns:

- Greet visitors and make them feel welcome.
- If you see something, say something.
- When given the opportunity, hold the door for the person behind you.
- No matter the circumstances, always be honest.
- Learn from your mistakes and move on.
- Respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas.
- Be the best person you can be.
- Be positive and enjoy life.
- When walking in line, keep your arms by your sides and move quietly.
- Track the speaker.
- Follows specific classroom protocols, even when you think no one is looking.
- Always say "thank you" when given something.
- Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough and say "excuse me".

Guidelines for Success

- M** Motivation
- A** Achievement
- G** Growth Mindset
- I** Integrity
- C** Cooperation



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.



BUILDING A POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

Embracing the spirit of friendship and loyalty. Amistad members are known for their strong bonds and supportive nature. They uplift one another and create a warm, welcoming environment for all.



Isibindi, meaning courage, represents bravery and determination. House members are fearless in the face of challenges, inspiring others with their boldness and unwavering spirit.



The House of Altruismo is all about generosity and kindness. Members are dedicated to serving others, spreading positivity, and making a difference in their communities and beyond.

The House of Reveur celebrates creativity and imagination. Dreamers are visionary thinkers who encourage innovation and artistic expression, always dreaming big and aiming high.

We have rebranded our School House System. We are in the process of getting each of our students to spin the wheel to determine which house they will represent. Below, please find a brief description of each of our houses. Once houses have been assigned, we will purchase house shirts to be worn on Fridays to show their house spirit. Please ask your student what house they are representing. Although we have 4 houses, we are 1 Unicorn Family!!!

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SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING,



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 22ND
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 rayshomeball.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.