



Weekly Rainbow Parent Edition

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PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families! Welcome back to another great week of teaching and learning! Happy Mother's Day to our Unicorn moms!

Thank you to those that took a moment to celebrate our teachers with us this past week. We really appreciate the recognition. Our teachers and staff sacrifice so much of themselves to ensure that our students enjoy their school experience. A special thank you goes to our PTA for their generous breakfast that was provided to our staff. You know the way to our hearts!

I would also like to take a moment to recognize those that assisted in making magic for our PreK students on Friday! After their day was interrupted by the closing of the splash pad, we quickly pivoted to ensure that their day was still amazing! We had a group of mothers that pitched in to help. We had our local Fire Department to stop by with some water. It was such an amazing day for our kids, considering the circumstances. It was a true example of "when life deals you lemons, make lemonade!!! Thank you to all that helped to make this happen.

The 1st week of 3rd-5th testing was a success. We had very minimal make-ups, which is ideal. Kids test better when they test in their regular testing/classroom environment. Thank you for ensuring that your student was in attendance and ready to perform on testing day. This week, our 5th graders will be taking their science assessment while our 3rd and 4th graders will continue to review/practice for their math assessment next week.

Our 4th/5th grade end of the year trip to Kennedy Space Center is coming up. Students will be provided with school breakfast, lunch, and a snack. If you would like to give your child spending money to purchase additional food or souvenirs, we encourage you to provide them with a Visa gift card, as KSC is a cashless facility. They do have machines that will trade cash into a Visa gift card that can be used.

Summer Bridge registration is still open for those invited. New invitations will be sent out to any student that qualified based on their PM3 test score. If you need support in doing this, please stop by the front office and we can assist you.

It's not too late to support our PTA by purchasing a car magnet. Please visit our PTA website to order your car magnet. You just can't hide that Unicorn Pride!

Let's have another amazing week!

Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

May

11th Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day Unicorn moms!!!

15th Spring Concert (PreK-1st)

20th PTA/SAC Meeting 6:00 PM

Board voting for the 25/26 School Year

22nd Field Day (Volunteers needed; see Mrs. Sanders)

23rd 4th/5th End of the Year Field Trip

Kennedy Space Center 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

26th Memorial Day (No School)

27th 5th Grade Moving Up Parade/Celebration 9:15 a.m.

29th Last day of school (full day)

31st MVE Unicorn PTA End of the School Year Party

(Dell Holmes Park/Splash Pad)

All are welcome!!!

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

- Please do not drop students off in the street. This is very unsafe.
- The car circle is the safest and the only space that we will facilitate loading and unloading of our students. Please use the car line for safe arrival and departure.
- School starts promptly at 8:45. Students should be in their seats at this time. Our gates will be closed at 8:45.
- Late students must be signed into the front office by an adult. Please don't drop late students off in front of the school after school has started.
- 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.
- For the safety of all, please use the identified crosswalks when coming on campus.
- Visitors must enter through the front office when visiting our campus. Please have identification on you at all times.
- Parents please be sure that your student is wearing the proper footwear to school. Crocs and slides are not permitted, on any day.



NEWS YOU CAN USE...

- **SAVE THE DATE:** 5th Grade parents, please save the date of May 27th for our 5th Grade Moving Up Parade/Ceremony. The festivities will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. Parents, you will need to check-in at the front office before reporting to the back covered court, so please allow yourself enough time for this process to occur.
- CROCS are not appropriate footwear for school. We have had 2 major accidents with this footwear. Please **DO NOT** allow your student to wear CROCS to school.
- PM3 testing continues this week. Our 5th graders will be testing in science. We will also be conducting some make-ups.
- Parents, please be sure that your contact information is up to date in Focus. This can be done by logging into your parent portal account. We need to be able to get in contact with you in the event of an emergency.
- Our Primary (PreK-1) Spring Concert will take place on May 15th! We are so excited to see our youngest musicians in action. Please plan to join us for this joyous occasion.
- Attention parents, Fridays are designated as House Day. Students that have on their house shirt will receive an extra PBIS point. Please remind your student to show their house spirit on each Friday.



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 our campus safe.

REMINDERS...

- The bus gate on 13th Avenue is only to be used by students that ride the bus or walk home. If you will be picking your student up in a vehicle, please use the car circle. It is the safest. Thank you for keeping our students safe.
- Student Planners are used for communication between home and school. Please be sure to check for updates or messages from the school in the planner.
- Focus is the current communication app that we are using. Please be sure that we have your updated email and phone number to ensure that you are receiving all messages that are sent. Focus can be accessed by using your parent portal email and password.
- 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!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Sanders, our Family Community Liaison, is the point of contact for all volunteering. We currently have the following volunteer opportunities:

- Garden Update
- PTA/SAC Member (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- Field Trips

PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PTA FB PAGE...

Search for: Mt. Vernon Elementary Parent Page

Link:

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MT. VERNON PTA

Newsletter

Car Magnet Sale

Pre-sale discount is over, but you can still show off your Mt. Vernon Elementary school pride and help support the PTA by purchasing a car magnet for \$6 or 2 for \$10! Magnets will be our school logo, 5"x5".

You can purchase at website below or bring cash (must be exact) or check made to Mt. Vernon PTA to the front office. Magnets will be available for pick up at our May 20 meeting or delivered to your scholar later that week.

mtvernonelementary.givebacks.com/store



Save the Date: May 31 End of the Year Party

Celebrate graduation and kick off summer at Dell Holmes park and splash pad! All students, families, and staff are invited.

Date: Saturday, May 31

Time: 9am - 11:30am

(hoping to beat the heat!)

Location: Dell Holmes Park, Shelter 3

**Next PTA Meeting (Board Elections
and Car Magnet Pick up):
Tuesday, May 20 at 6pm
in the Media Center
*Children welcome to join***