



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!

A very special thank you goes out to all that joined us on Thursday evening for our Primary Spring Concert. Students performed so well and shared the love of music that has been instilled in them. Thank you for coming out and engaging with our programming.

This week, testing continues for grades 3rd-5th. Our students will be taking their PM3 math test. Students scoring Level 3-5 (proficient), will be invited to our proficiency trip to Sky Zone. Those permission slips have already went out. If your student is invited, please be sure to sign both the permission form and the waiver.

Our 4th/5th grade end of the year trip to Kennedy Space Center (KSC) will take place on Friday 5/23. Students must arrive at the front bus circle between 7:00 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. The bus will not wait for late arrivers. School breakfast, lunch, and a snack will be provided. KSC is a cashless facility, so please send a form of electronic payment (Apple pay, Zelle, Venmo, or visa gift card) with your child if you would like them to purchase additional food or souvenirs. KSC do have machines that will trade cash into a Visa gift card that can be used. Our PTA has graciously provided school shirts for all students to wear on this trip.

Summer Bridge registration is still open for those invited. New invitations were sent out last week for those that qualify based on PM3 data. If you need support in registering your child, please call Linda in the front office, or stop by the front office for assistance.

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
20th PTA/SAC Meeting 6:00 PM
Board voting for the 25/26 School Year
Car Magnets distributed
22nd Field Day (Students to bring change of clothes)
23rd 4th/5th End of the Year Field Trip
Kennedy Space Center 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
(Students must arrive between 7a.m.-7:15a.m.)
Buses will load at the front of the school
23rd Final Day for backpacks
23rd Summer Learning Funs backpacks go home
26th Memorial Day (No School)
27th 5th Grade Moving Up Parade/Celebration 9:15 a.m.
On covered court
29th Last day of school (full day)
31st MVE Unicorn PTA End of the School Year Party
(Dell Holmes Park/Splash Pad) (:00 a.m.
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...

- Parents, if you are planning on moving out of the County or State, please contact Linda in the front office so she can code your student(s) correctly. This will keep them from appearing on our roster for next year and you will not receive the phone calls as to why they are not in school.
- Summer Learning Fun Backpacks will be distributed to all students. This backpack includes a Summer Bridge Book and other fun activities to keep our students engaged. Students are expected to complete at least 6 pages per day (Mon.-Fri.) and track it on the included calendar. Completed calendars must be returned by August 15th for multiple incentives. More information is included in the backpack. Backpacks will go home on Friday.
- **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.
- 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.
- PreK Signing Day photos can be accessed at www.strawbridge.net. Our school code is FM479178



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