



Weekly Rainbow Parent Edition

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PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Families! Thank you for your support of another "MAGICAL" week! We apologize for the inconvenience with having to cancel our Open House. The safety of our families will always be a priority at Mt. Vernon. While I wanted to welcome you in our classrooms, weather conditions weren't safe. We have rescheduled the date to September 12th at 5:30. Logistics will remain the same. We are hoping for much better weather at that time. Please mark your calendars for the new date of September 12th @ 5:30 p.m..

As testing continues in the primary grades, I ask that you continue to send positive vibes to our students. It's so important that they do their best work at all times. Our 3rd -5th graders will start their testing on September 9th. Let's encourage them to do their personal best as well. Upon completion, performance letters will be sent home with each student.

On Tuesday Sept. 17th, we will be hosting our first Skating Party of the year. Students must not have any referrals and no more than 1 incident report to be invited. Please remind students to show their unicorn MAGIC at all times to attend this event with us.

Parents, we need volunteers for this event. If you are a registered volunteer and are available, please see Mrs. Sanders to volunteer for this event.

Let's have another amazing week!!

Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

September

- 2nd Labor Day; No School
- 6th First Friday Lunch/Kona Ice
- 9th ELP begins (tentative)
- 10th Progress Reports go home
- 10th PTA Fall Festival Planning Follow-Up Mtg. 6:00pm
- 12th Title 1 Annual Mtg./Open House (Rescheduled)
- 13th Winter Musical Auditions
- 13th Final Day to purchase Rays Spirit Tickets
- 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

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

- 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.
- Please use the identified crosswalks when coming on campus.
- Please teach your student to notify an adult if they see or hear something that could affect the safety of our school
- Parents please be sure that your student is wearing the proper footwear to school. Crocs and slides are not permitted.



NEWS YOU CAN USE...

- September is Attendance Awareness Month. This is a time to spread awareness regarding the importance in attending school for academic success. Apart from the fact that missing classes can place a student behind in their coursework, absenteeism also affects assignments and FAST exams. Please help us highlight the importance of being present. Our Attendance Land Attendance Challenge starts on Tuesday. The attendance week spirit flyer is attached as well.
- Enrichment invitations will come home on Tuesday. Please be sure to read and follow the instructions on the invitation. Students in the YMCA and Success Squad will be placed first. All remaining seats are first come, first served. Students must receive an enrichment placement to participate.
- We are beginning our fall music programs in the second week of September. This includes the Winter Musical and Unicorns Rock!, Our Piano Club will take place during Cycle 2 Enrichment. Please look at the music class website for detailed information, digital sign-up forms, rehearsal dates, concert information, and any information about music programs at or through Mount Vernon Elementary School. www.mvemusic.com. You can also contact the music teacher for more details: brigugliod@pcs.org
- Did your student receive a positive referral last week? If so, they should be coming home with the referral to show you. Please celebrate their efforts.
- *If your student is going to be absent, please notify us by calling in at 727-893-1815 or going to our website to report the absence.

REMINDERS...

- 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!!!



- If you haven't already, please login to your parent portal account and complete your online forms.
- Please be sure to also complete the free/reduced lunch application. Even if you provided lunch for your student, please complete this form. Many of the supports that we receive as a school rely on the number of families that we service that qualify for free/reduced lunch. Please be sure to complete this form at <http://www.myschoolapps.com/>.
- Please be sure to sign-in when you are on campus. This is how you get points for engagement on your parent support card.
- 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
- Fall Festival
- 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.



CELEBRATE ATTENDANCE WEEK AT MT. VERNON

**SEP
03**

**ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW**



College shirt day: wear your favorite college shirt or colors

**SEP
04** **GREAT ATTENDANCE
IS "TIE"D TO GREAT
LEARNING**



Tie-Dye day: wear tie-dyed clothing and/or a tie

**SEP
05** **THERE IS NOTHING
TACKY ABOUT BEING
ON TIME**



Wacky tacky day: wear your tacky, mismatched outfits

**SEP
06** **COME AS YOU ARE**



Pajama day: wear your favorite pajamas



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!

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SUNDAY, SEPT 22ND
1:40 P.M. // TROPICANA FIELD
\$25 LOWER LEVEL SEATING
(UP TO \$70 VALUE)

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PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ORDER 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 raysticketball.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.