



Weekly Rainbow Parent Edition

V2 Wk. 7 9/23/24



PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Families! Welcome to another great week. We are really excited about our Fall Festival that will be taking place on Thursday. We will be starting at 5:30p.m. Entry into this event will be at the back gate (15th Ave. No). This will be the only entry to the campus for this event. Punch cards are on sale on the PTA website. Please visit the website to purchase your punch card for this event. Limited punch cards will be available for purchase on the day of the event.

We have several other events happening this week. On Tuesday, we will have our monthly PTA/SAC meeting. We will be finalizing our planning for the Fall Festival. On Friday, it's Bucs Raise the Flags Day! Students are encouraged to show their support for our home team! It's also the kickoff for our America's Finest Chocolate Candy Bar Sales. Students will learn about all the cool prizes that they can win by participating in this fundraiser. Our Student House Council will be attending their leadership retreat this weekend at Cedarkirk Camp. Packing lists will come home this week to help families prepare. We are so excited to give these students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. Thank you to all of our parents that have supported this event.

Fall Picture Day is October 1st. Please refer to the communication that was sent for picture packages and payment directions.

On Saturday October 3rd, our PTA will be hosting a Garden Cleanup Day. We have new planters that we need to assemble and install. If you are able to support in this endeavor, please do so.

Let's have another amazing week!!
Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September

- 23rd Professional Day: No School for students
- 23rd Celebrate Freedom Week begins
- 24th PTA/SAC Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Media Center)
- 26th Fall Festival (Fall into Science) 5:30-7:30
- 27th Candy Bar Sales Kickoff
- 27th Bucs Raise the Flags Day/House Spirit Day
- 27th House Counsel Leadership Retreat
- 28th at Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center
- 29th Lithia, FL
- 30th Best News Club begins

October

- 1st Fall Pictures
- 3rd Garden Cleanup Project (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)
- 4th Family Lunch Day/Kona Ice
- 11th End of 1st Marking period
- 11th Candy Bar Sales end
- 14th Professional Day: No School for students

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

- Attention Parents: 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.
- 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.
- Parents please be sure that your student is wearing the proper footwear to school. Crocs and slides are not permitted.



NEWS YOU CAN USE...

- Attention Parents, we are asking that you follow all traffic/parking laws that are posted around the campus. Some of our neighbors are being inconvenienced by our parking during arrival and dismissal. SPPD will be monitoring and issuing tickets to those that are illegally parked. Please be sure that you are not on the receiving end of a traffic ticket by following the traffic/parking guidelines.
- Connect for Success: 1:1 devices can be brought home for student use. If you would like to give your student permission to bring their device home, please login to Focus and sign the agreement. If you need assistance with this, please call Ms. Lavalla, our Library Media Technician at 727-893-1815.
- As shared at our Open House, detentions are now a part of our Schoolwide Discipline Plan. Detentions are assigned after behaviors have been communicated with families and the behaviors still occur. Detentions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. (30-min detentions are 3:15-3:45; 1-hour detentions are 3:15-4:15). If your child is assigned a detention, it is your responsibility to pick them up promptly, at the end of their detention assignment.
- Punch Cards for the Fall Festival will remain on sale through Tuesday. You can purchase your punch cards at the PTA website : <https://mtvernonelementary.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true>.
- All snacks and activities will cost one punch. All food items will be 2 punches.
- Kona Ice will be on sale at our Fall Festival. This **WILL NOT** be on the punch card system.
- 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...

- 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. Students that receive a 7 or less points will have a message in the planner about their behavior for the day.
- 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!!!

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- Focus is the current communication app that we are using. Please be sure to adjust your settings/notifications for this app so that you get a notification when messages are sent. Focus can be accessed by using your parent portal email and password.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are pleased to announce that we will again host volunteers on our campus. Mrs. Sanders, our Family Community Liaison, is the point of contact for all volunteering. If you are looking to become a new volunteer, please contact Mrs. Sanders for more information. We currently have the following volunteer opportunities:

- November Skating Party (11/5)
- Fall Festival
- PTA Member/Board Member
- SAC Member
- First Friday Lunch
- Field Trips
- Great American Teach-In

PTA NEEDS YOU...

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are in need of a PTA president. Mrs. Gilbert has to step down. If you are interested in leading the work of our PTA, please join us at our next General meeting on September 24th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.





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. 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.

KONA ICE IS COMING!

fall festival

Mount Vernon Elementary
THURSDAY SEPT 26
6:15 pm

KLASSIC \$5.00	KING \$6.00	KOWABUNGA \$7.00	COLOR CHANGING \$8.00

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