



Weekly Rainbow Parent Edition

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PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Families! I hope that this week's update find you'll safe and out of harms way. These past 5 days have been very eventful for the Mt. Vernon school community. Many of us have suffered loss of our homes, cars, and other sentimental items. The blessing is that if you are reading this, you still have life! Hurricane Helene had a very devastating impact on the Pinellas County Community. It will take weeks, months, and even years to recover from the loss for some of us. Let's have grace for one another and support each other during this very difficult time.

We will move forward with Fall pictures on Tuesday October 1st. Payment/package information can be found on Pg. 3. We are in the process of rescheduling the following events:

- World's Finest Chocolate Candy Bar sales campaign
- Garden Cleanup Day

As soon as the dates are finalized, I will be sure to share that information.

Our PTA Fall Festival has been rescheduled for November 7th. The logistics will remain the same. Please see this and other updates from our PTA in this newsletter.

Let's do all that we can to have a great week!! The other thing that remains is our resilience and support for one another. Let's use these tools to get through this very trying time.

Principal Dixon



IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL SAFETY



September

30th Best News Club begins

October

1st Fall Pictures (see pg. 3 for info)

4th Family Lunch Day/Kona Ice

11th End of 1st Marking period

14th Hurricane Make-Up Day; School in session

17th ELP Cycle 1 Ends

22nd October PTA Meeting

24th Report Cards distributed

28th ELP Cycle 2 begins

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

- Please be sure to follow all traffic and parking regulations around the school. SPPD will be issuing citations for those that are illegally parked during arrival and dismissal.
- 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.
- No walkup permitted in the car circle at dismissal. Our car circle will ONLY be used by car riders.
- 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.



NEWS YOU CAN USE...

- Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Brooke Lloyd and Mrs. Becca Pascarella. Mrs. Lloyd was voted in as our new PTA President. Mrs. Pascarella was voted in as our new secretary. Robin Santos remains the Treasurer. We are very excited that all of these ladies accepted the call! We look forward to the great work that our PTA will lead at Mt. Vernon.
- Our October PTA Meeting will be moved to October 22nd. We are moving to the 4th Tuesday for October only. Please mark your calendars for this new date.
- The Mt. Vernon PTA Givebacks site is up and running to pay dues or make a donation to our school. Please share with your friends and family to support our school. In addition, our PTA will be adding a monthly newsletter real soon!
- Our PTA Shoe Drive is being closed out early. Thank you to those of you that participated. If you still have donations, they can be given to the UniMart or the Green Donation Bin on the 47th St. side of the school.
- The Leadership Retreat for our House Council has been rescheduled for November 15th- 17th. All of the details remain the same. We will be in contact with the parents of those children, as we get closer to this date.
- Punch Cards for the Fall Festival will remain on sale. All snacks and activities will cost one punch. All food items will be 2 punches. You can purchase your punch cards at the PTA website : <https://mtvernonelementary.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true>.
- 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 (11/7)
- PTA/SAC Member (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- First Friday Lunch
- Field Trips
- Great American Teach-In (11/13)

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