



Upcoming Events and Calendar Dates

Monday, February 15th

- President's Day - NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, February 17th

- BookBag pick-up 12:00-4:00 ~ last names O-Z
Side door near the Vernon Garden
- VERNON SPIRIT DAY! ~ Black History Month Heroes and S'heroes (see message on the next page)

Thursday, February 18th

- Vernon Virtual PTA Meeting 5:45-7:30pm
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82214143120?pwd=NTA5QW9QU0hLNlRlPWQJEBFNDZWNYUT09>
Meeting ID: 822 1414 3120 Passcode: uZqq0x
One tap mobile 6699006833, Passcode: 799473

Friday, February 19th

- Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour 10:00AM
meet.google.com/vnq-aouk-vpp
phone number: 612-404-0718. PIN: 375 579 737#



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Dear PPS Families,

We want to invite you to join us for an informational event for families with students who will be in grades K-5 in the 2021-22 school year.

Who should attend?

We welcome all families to this event. PPS will host a virtual Explore Your Options event on Thursday, February 18 from 6-8 p.m., for families with K-5 students interested in thematic focus options, alternative and charter schools, and dual language immersion programs.

About this event

There will be a general session to learn about connecting to your neighborhood school and applying for transfer, followed by three chances for deeper explorations in school breakout rooms. Access to all parts of the event is through a single meeting link: <https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/89619150632>.

Interpreters will be available

The general session and dual language program break out rooms will be available in multiple languages, and interpretation will be available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Somali, Russian, Cantonese, Mandarin and American Sign Language.

Learn more about K-5 options, including additional instructions for the February 18 event, at pps.net/k-5options.

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VERNON SPIRIT DAY

The Vernon Middle School Student Government have been the organizers of our Spirit Days this year. Thanks to Ms. Johnson for her facilitation of this group. This week, our Spirit Day will focus on Black History Month. Please read below the purpose and criteria for this week's Spirit Day as well as ideas and examples. Thank-you MYP student leaders.

All year long we honor Black History. In February, we spend even more time focused on it. One of the ways we honor it is with a heroes and sheroes Spirit Day. On Wednesday, February 17th Vernon will honor important people from Black History by dedicating a Spirit Day to heroes/sheroes of Black History.

Students are invited to share about a hero of theirs from Black History.

Here are some ways students might decide to share:

- Find a picture of your hero and prepare a few sentences about why that person is a hero of yours.
- Create a piece of art, poem or song about that person to share with your class.
- Find a picture book about your hero to share with your class.
- Practice reading a poem or speech your person created and deliver it to your class.
- Make a Flipgrid video telling all about your hero.
- Put together a slideshow about your hero.
- Just be ready to share about your heroes and sheroes from Black History.
- Play your favorite song by a Black musician. (Please be sure to follow guidelines for appropriateness. Search for 'clean' versions.)
- Share the invention of a Black scientist.

Want some inspiration? Here are some examples of ways to celebrate people from Black history.

[Youth Activists you should know](#)

[The Undefeated](#)

[Great Black Heroes](#)

[Quotes](#)

[A Few Black Inventors](#)





Counselor Corner

Counselor Website



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Chinese Lunar New Year events/information: [Lan Su Garden](#) & [China Highlights](#)

Since the early 1900's, celebrations of African American history have occurred on or around the month of February. It was not until the 1970's that Kent State worked to make the entire month a celebration and recognition of Black History, specific in education. Today we spend February recognizing the history of Black Americans through celebrations, lessons, and conversations.

But the history and recognition of Black Americans goes far beyond a single month. It is our responsibility to teach each other about the accomplishments of Black Americans, all year long. As well as, to recognize the continued struggles Black Americans face in our society and work to do our part in ending racism and creating equitable, safe spaces.

Why We Need Black History Month & Black History Month: Teaching the Complete History

By Coshandra Dillard

Honor and Learn This Black History Month by Adrienne Gaffney

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Ms. Hanna's Office Hours

KG- 3rd Grades: **Tuesdays 8-8:30am**
Thursdays 1:30-2:30pm
[counselorhannaofficehours](#)

Ms. Shannon's Support Times

4th & 5th: **Mondays 1:30-2pm**
[msshannonoffice4-5](#)

Weekly Mindfulness with Ms. Hanna

Tuesdays 8:30am & Thursdays 2:30pm [Weekly Mindfulness](#)

"Struggle is Real" MYP Study Support: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 2-3pm [vernonsupport](#)

Social Emotional Learning Journal

Pick up your K-5 Journal with you library books on Wednesdays at Vernon. Extra guidance can be found on our [Counselors Website](#)

Wings of Freedom (QSA)

Wings is a student-run group that unites LGBTQIA+ and allied youth to build community and organize around issues impacting them in their schools and communities.

3-5 Wings of Freedom: Wednesdays @ 3:15-3:45pm code: [wings3-5](#)

6-8 Wings of Freedom: Fridays @ 11:45-12:15 code: [vernonwings](#)

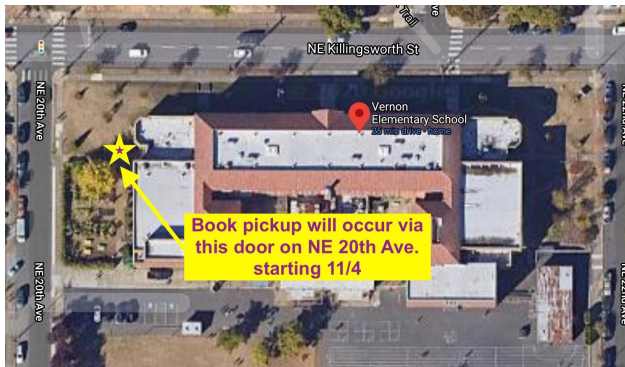
Vernon Library Updates

Friday, February 5, 2021



Let's Get Reading! Update


Let's Get Reading! book bag distribution is still happening on Wednesdays! Please see the attached calendar for current pick up dates. As a reminder, distribution continues from the door at the northwest corner of our school building. When you arrive at the school, please remember to wear a face covering and maintain physical distancing.



Elementary Library Course Grading

When you receive your child's report card in the coming week, you may notice a new addition of a section devoted to some new library skill indicators. Starting in the third quarter, elementary students will begin receiving a more formal grade related to the "uses a variety of resources and tools to research, solve problems, and make connections." Additional information about grading criteria will be shared in coming weeks via Seesaw - please stay tuned.

PLEASE NOTE



Participation in our asynchronous library activities continues to be a required expectation this school year. Please note that students must complete and submit a minimum of four of the nine weekly library activities in order to receive a grade.

MYP Library Assignments

Regular participation in library activities through the Canvas learning platform continues to be an expectation of all MYP students this year. Please use your time from 9:00-9:30 AM on either Thursday or Friday to engage in class activities and submit the weekly activity log. Students need to complete at least four (4) weekly activity logs to earn a grade of Pass for their library course grade.

Vernon Book Club

We continue to offer weekly book club meetings for each grade level, and all students are welcome to join us at any time. The schedule for our meetings is as follows:

- Grades K-2 - Tuesdays from 2:15-2:45
- Grades 3-5 - Thursdays from 3:30-4:15
- Grades 6-8 - Thursdays from 8:45-9:30

Black History Month

As we celebrate Black History Month, now is a great opportunity to find new resources for outstanding literature by celebrated black authors. In the coming weeks, our library course activities will feature sources and book recommendations of some excellent titles. I encourage parents to check out these resources with their child via their online learning platforms (SeeSaw/Canvas). Many of these books will be fun for the whole family!

We have also included many books featuring black authors and characters within our *Let's Get Reading* book bags. If you've not been by the school to pick up a bag recently, I encourage you to check out the many great options included in the bags. I would love to see you on a Wednesday sometime soon! Please see the library calendar for your assigned pick up day.

Vernon Library Calendar

February 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb. 1 Week 18 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	2 K-2 Library Office Hours and Book Club 2:15-2:45 PM	3 Reading Bag Pickup Last Names A-G 12-4 PM	4 6-8 Book Club from 8:45 - 9:30 6-8 Library Office Hours 1:00-1:30 PM 3-5 Vernon Book Club from 3:30 - 4:15	5 6-8 Library Office Hours 8:45 - 9:00 AM 3-5 Library Office Hours 11-11:30 AM
8 Week 19 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	9 K-2 Library Office Hours and Book Club 2:15-2:45 PM	10 Reading Bag Pickup Last Names H-N 12-4 PM	11 6-8 Book Club from 8:45 - 9:30 6-8 Library Office Hours 1:00-1:30 PM 3-5 Vernon Book Club from 3:30 - 4:15	12 6-8 Library Office Hours 8:45 - 9:00 AM 3-5 Library Office Hours 11-11:30 AM
15 President's Day No School for students	16 Week 20 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8) K-2 Library Office Hours and Book Club 2:15-2:45 PM	17 Reading Bag Pickup Last Names O-Z 12-4PM	18 6-8 Book Club from 8:45 - 9:30 6-8 Library Office Hours 1:00-1:30 PM 3-5 Book Club from 3:30 - 4:15	19 6-8 Library Office Hours 8:45 - 9:00 AM 3-5 Library Office Hours 11-11:30 AM
22 Week 21 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	23 K-2 Library Office Hours and Book Club 2:15-2:45 PM	24 Reading Bag Pickup Last Names A-G 12-4PM	25 6-8 Book Club from 8:45 - 9:30 6-8 Library Office Hours 1:00-1:30 PM 3-5 Book Club from 3:30 - 4:15	26 6-8 Library Office Hours 8:45 - 9:00 AM 3-5 Library Office Hours 11-11:30 AM

Office Hour & Book Club Links

K-2 Office Hours and Book Club Link: meet.google.com/lookup/wilkinsK-2

3-5 Office Hours and Book Club Link: meet.google.com/lookup/wilkins3-5

6-8 Office Hours and Book Club Link: meet.google.com/lookup/wilkins6-8