



### Upcoming Events and Calendar Dates

#### Wednesday, April 6th

- BookBag pick-up 12:00-4:00 ~ last names O-Z  
Side door near the Vernon Garden!

#### Thursday, April 7th

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

#### Thursday, April 8th

- End of 3rd Quarter

#### Friday, April 9th

- Teacher Planning Day~Report Cards ~ **NO SCHOOL!**



### Portland Public Schools Free Meal Program For All

Meal access continues for ALL Vernon students, whether or not they return to school for hybrid in-person instruction or if they remain in distance learning. All school meals are free and no student ID or names are needed to receive meals. Meals will be available for pick up at Vernon from 2:30-3:00 in the little garden on the 22nd Ave side of the school near the cafeteria entrance.

If your student is staying in distance learning and you wish to pick up at Vernon, please call the school at 503-916-6415 so we can add you to the list and be sure to have meals ready for you. This also helps us to reduce food waste.

The other option is to visit any of the meal sites below between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. on school days to pick up meals.

#### **New Meal Distribution Sites**

Beaumont Middle School, 4043 NE Fremont St.

George Middle School, 10000 N Burr Ave.

Hosford Middle School, 2303 SE 28th Pl.

Jackson Middle School, 10625 SW 35th Ave.

Lane Middle School, 7200 SE 60th Ave.

Leodis V. McDaniel @ Marshall High School, 3905 SE 91st Ave.

Robert Gray Middle School, 5505 SW 23rd Ave.



Franklin High School, 5405 SE Woodward St.

Harriet Tubman Middle School, 2231 N Flint Ave.

Ida B. Wells High School, 1151 SW Vermont St.

Jefferson High School, 5210 N Kerby Ave.

Mt. Tabor Middle School, 5800 SE Ash St.

Ockley Green Middle School, 6031 N Montana Ave.

Roosevelt High School, 6941 N Central St.

Roseway Heights Middle School, 7334 NE Siskiyou St.

For more information or if you have questions, please visit the [PPS Nutrition Service website](https://www.pps.edu/nutrition). You can also email [nutritionservices@pps.net](mailto:nutritionservices@pps.net) or call 503-916-3399.



# Counselor Corner

[Counselor Website](#)



## Tools to Practice for Return to In-Person Learning

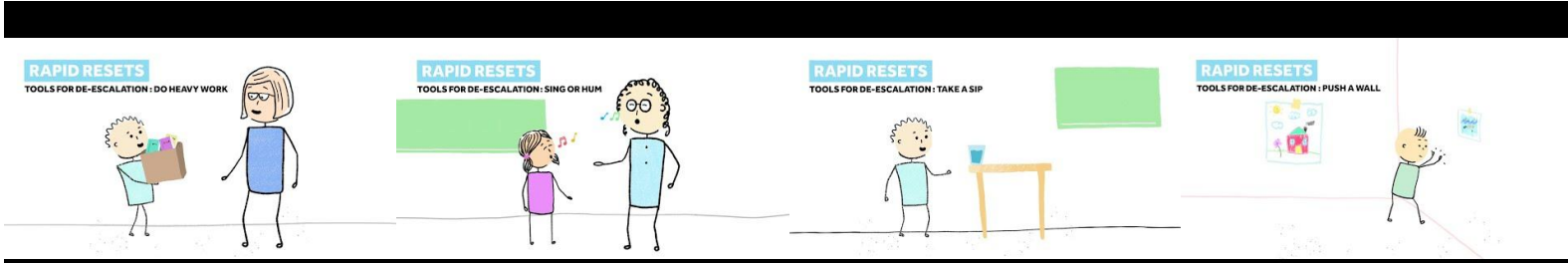
You maybe starting in-person learning in the next couple of weeks or next fall. Whenever you return to in-person school, preparation and practice will help it go better. Here are some tools.

1. **Imagine** what it will be like so that you are prepared:  
[Visualizing our Return to In-person Learning](#) guided by Ms. Hanna

2. **Self-Focus** & go inward: Recognize what is in your Control and what is not while at school. Practice going inward and focusing on your breath when you notice discomfort. Inward is a place where you always have some choice.  
[Be a Ninja](#)



3. **Reset** for Regulation: Remember, we are out of practice being together at school and this can make us feel tired or more easily upset. So practice these tricks to find regulation when you notice discomfort.



### Contact Information:

**Ms. Hanna (K-3):** [hallen@pps.net](mailto:hallen@pps.net)  
**Appointment Request** (971) 378-0424

**Ms. Shannon (4-8):** [snicolas@pps.net](mailto:snicolas@pps.net)  
**Appointment Request** (503) 308-9546

#### Ms. Hanna's Office Hours

KG- 3rd Grades: **Tuesdays 8-8:30am**

[counselorhannaofficehours](#)

#### Weekly Mindfulness with Ms. Hanna

Tuesdays 8:30am [Weekly Mindfulness](#)

#### Ms. Shannon's Support Times

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

#### 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: TBA

6-8 Wings of Freedom: Fridays @ 11:45-12:15

code: [vernonwings](#)

#### 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](#)

# WELCOME TO THE *Vernon* PTA

IB WORLD SCHOOL



## PTA APRIL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

NO WINE. NO DAD BAND. NO EXPENSIVE KID ART. NO AWKWARD CONVERSATIONS... NO FUN.

PTA extends a simple ask for financial support for the kids we all love as they re-enter the actual classroom next year. We help support classroom & counselor supplies, field trips, books, the Vernon gardens and our community

- Let's work together to fund these budget items in a crucial year. Give as you are able. We will work with what we have. Please visit our website for links and information: [www.vernonpta.org](http://www.vernonpta.org)

## AND...WE NEED YOU!

The Vernon PTA Board is recruiting new board members for next year. Key vacant positions include Secretary, Communications, PYP (K-5) Coordinator, and Vice President. Whether you are interested in serving on the Board or in just getting involved in some other capacity - please reach out for more information via email to:

[vernonpta@gmail.com](mailto:vernonpta@gmail.com)

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT VIRTUAL PTA MEETING!

The next general PTA meeting is on Thursday, April 22nd, starting at 5:45 with call to order at 6:00pm. You can join via this Zoom link or phone:

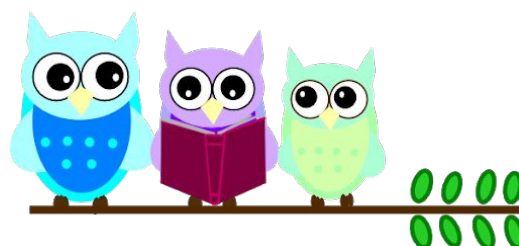
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# VERNON READS!

## Book Bag Pickup Switching to Thursday's for Fourth Quarter

Book Bag Pickup will be switching to Thursday's starting Thursday, April 15th. Our last Wednesday pickup day will be this Wednesday, April 7th.

Students who are participating in Hybrid will receive their reading book bag in their classroom on their assigned Thursday.

Students who are continuing in CDL and Middle School students can pick up their reading book bag from **3-4pm** at the same garden entrance door on their assigned Thursday.

### Future Dates:

Wednesday, April 7th Last Names O-Z

Thursday, April 15th: Last Names A-G

Thursday, April 22nd Last Names H-N

Thursday, April 29th: Last Names O-Z

Thursday, May 6th: Last Names A-G

Thursday, May 13th: Last Names H-N

Thursday, May 20th: Last Names O-Z



Thank-you,  
Ms. Wilkins,  
Vernon Librarian

## Celebrating Beverly Cleary

Beloved Oregon author and former Portland resident, Beverly Cleary died on March 25, 2021 at the age of 104. She was one of America's most successful writers, writing 38 fiction books for children and young adults, with over 85 million copies translated into 29 languages.

Starting in 1950 with her first book, *Henry Huggins*, and its series of books, followed by *Ramona Quimby* and the *Ramona* series, she also wrote *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*, which was made into a movie.

Born in McMinnville in 1926, her family moved from a farm in Yamhill to northeast Portland where Cleary attended grade School and high school. She attended Fernwood Grade School (now Beverly Cleary MS - Fernwood Campus) and wrote about many familiar places in NE Portland (look up Klickitat and Siskiyou Streets!).

Every year, the American Library Association celebrates Cleary's birthday on **April 12 with D.E.A.R., which stands for "Drop Everything And Read."** This is a national celebration of reading, and families are encouraged to devote 30 minutes to enjoying books together.



# Vernon Library Updates

Friday, March 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

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

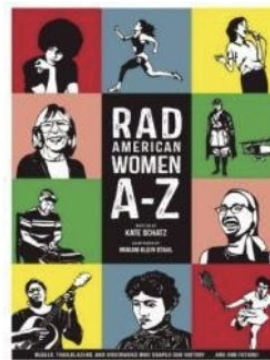
Regular participation in library activities through the Canvas learning platform continues to be an expectation of all MYP students this year. Please use your time from 9:00-9:30 AM on either Thursday or Friday to engage in class activities and submit the weekly activity log. Students need to complete 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

## Women's History Month



As we celebrate Women's History Month, now is a great opportunity to find new and outstanding literature that celebrates important women throughout history. A great resource to check out is the

Social Justice Books website. They have compiled a list featuring a book a day for the month of March that highlights significant events and people in women's history. You can visit their website and browse the titles at

<https://socialjusticebooks.org/womens-history-month-book-every-day/>.

# Vernon Library Calendar

March/April 2021 – REVISED 3/18/21

All changes highlighted in yellow

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 Week 24 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	16 K-2 Library Office Hours and Book Club 2:15-2:45 PM	17 Reading Bag Pickup Last Names A-G 12-4PM	18 6-8 Book Club 8:45 - 9:30 6-8 Library Office Hours 1:00-1:30 PM 3-5 Book Club from 3:30 - 4:15	19 <b>No Library for Grades K-1</b>  <b>Library continues for Grades 2-5</b>  6-8 Library Office Hours 8:45 - 9:00 AM 3-5 Library Office Hours 11-11:30 AM
22	23	24	25	26
<b>SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL</b>				
29 <b>No Library for Grades K-5</b>  Week 25 Library Activities Posted in Canvas (6-8)	30 <b>No Library for Grades K-5</b>	31 <b>No Library for Grades K-5</b>  Reading Bag Pickup Last Names H-N 12-4PM	Apr. 1 <b>Hybrid Begins &amp; library resumes for Grades K-1</b>  <b>No Library for Grades 2-5</b>  K-1 students access "week 24 continued" activities  6-8 Book Club 8:45 - 9:30 6-8 Library Office Hours 1:00-1:30 PM	2 <b>No Library for Grades 2-5</b>  K-1 students access "week 24 continued" activities  6-8 Library Office Hours 8:45 - 9:00 AM
5 <b>Hybrid begins &amp; library resumes for Grades 2-5</b>  Week 26 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	6 K-2 Library Office Hours and Book Club 2:15-2:45 PM	7 Reading Bag Pickup Last Names O-Z 12-4PM	8 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	9 <b>GRADING DAY/END OF THIRD QUARTER</b>  <b>No School for Students</b>