



Upcoming Events and Calendar Dates

Thursday, April 29th

- BookBag pick-up 3:00-4:00 ~ last names O~Z
Side door near the Vernon Garden!

Friday, April 30th

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



Earth Day Is Everyday!

Earth Day has come and gone, but it's never too late and always a good time to be Earth conscious. Plastic products pose a big challenge for the earth, and their disposal/reuse is confusing. Here in Oregon, most plastics labeled #1 and #2 are recyclable. The #6 plastics (styrofoams) can be taken to [Agilyx](#) in Tigard. Instead of going to the landfill, they melt down the plastic and make other products (re-purposing).

Many common products, like #5 plastics, pose a problem for recycling. This category includes dairy containers (sour cream; cottage cheese; yogurt; cream cheese, etc.); dip and take-out containers; plastic caps, plates, and toothbrushes.

To learn more about how to recycle #5 plastics, including the re-purposing of other products, please visit the **Preserve** website at <https://www.Preserve.eco>



PTA APRIL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

PTA extends a simple ask for financial support for the kids we all love as they re-enter the actual classroom next year. PTA helps 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

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



Counselor Corner

[Counselor Website](#)



National Arab American Heritage Month

-TAKE TIME IN APRIL TO LEARN ABOUT FAMOUS ARAB AMERICANS-

Donna Shalala (1941 -)

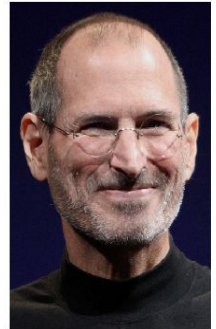
Donna Shalala is most for being the for being the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services under President Bill Clinton from 1993-2001. She is the longest holder of the position in history and was the first Lebanese-American to hold a Presidential Cabinet position. Donna was an early member of the Peace Corps, serving in Iran from 1962-1964. She was a professor of political science and education for several years before becoming President of Hunter College in 1980. She later became the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, becoming the first woman to lead a Big Ten School. As Secretary of Health and Human Services Shalala ensured over 3 million children received health care and raised the childhood immunization rates to the highest in history. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor from President George W. Bush, in 2008. She has served as the President of Miami University and is currently the president of the Clinton Foundation.



April is National Arab American Heritage Month. This month celebrates the history, culture and people that have been adding to the landscape of the United States for years. It is especially important considering the current climate in our country and hopefully a month of recognizing contributions of Arab Americans will help recognize the importance of them to America. This unit includes famous Arab Americans in entertainment and technology.

Steve Jobs (1955-2011)

Steve Jobs is one of the most well-known men in history. He was the co-founder of the Apple Computers. If you have used an iPhone, iPad, an Apple computer or any other Apple product, you have Steve Jobs to thank. He was the son of a young Syrian man and soon after his birth was adopted by Clara and Paul Jobs. He learned about electronics working with his father on projects in his garage as a boy. He met his Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak when he was in high school and after an extremely short college career, he and Wozniak founded Apple in 1976. Steve Jobs was 21. In 1980 After several years as a privately owned company, the pair allowed the public to buy shares in the company and on day 1 it was worth \$1.2 Billion! Steve was also the owner of Pixar Animation Studio famous for the movies Toy Story, Finding Nemo and The Incredibles. The company merged with Disney and he became the largest shareholder in Disney.



Learn more about Arab American stories by using this link.



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Ms. Hanna's Office Hours

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

Ms. Shannon's Support Times

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

Weekly Mindfulness with Ms. Hanna

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

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 (GSA)

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.

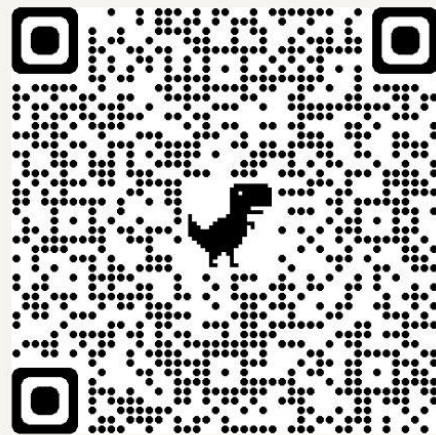
6-8 Wings of Freedom: Weds. @ 11:30-12:15

3-5 Wings of Freedom: Weds. @ 3:00-3:30

code: [vernonwings](#)

BIPOC STUDENTS LITERALLY JUST VIBING & THRIVING

A SPACE FOR BLACK, BROWN,
INDIGENOUS, AND POC PPS
STUDENTS FOR HEALING, FOR
HANGING, AND HOLDING EACH
OTHER IN FIERCE LOVE.



Scan the code or go to
<https://tinyurl.com/BIPOCvibe> to register!

THURSDAYS AGES 8-12

FRIDAYS AGES 13-18

ONLINE AT 4-5PM

HOSTED BY BROWN GIRL RISE, ADULTING IRL
& COALITION OF BLACK MEN.



BIPOC YOUTH LITERALLY JUST VIBING FAQ

FACILITATORS:

DANI MANDLEY, DES BANSILLE, GRACE MCMICKENS,
MIMS ROUSE, J.D. DIAZ, ENERST "LORENZO" LOWE,
RICK "RICKY" SOTO

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE GROUP?

TO PROVIDE A SAFE SPACE FOR BLACK, INDIGENOUS STUDENTS OF COLOR TO COLLECTIVELY PROCESS FEELINGS OF TRAUMA AS A RESULT OF COVID-19 ISOLATION, THE RISE IN ATTACKS AGAINST COMMUNITIES OF COLOR BY WHITE SUPREMACISTS, AND ANY OTHER HARDSHIPS EXPERIENCED AS BLACK AND BROWN BODIES LIVING IN A COLONIZED SPACE. THE INTENTION OF THIS GROUP IS TO BUILD A COMMUNITY BASED IN SOLIDARITY WHERE STUDENTS LEARN TO SUPPORT AND CARE FOR THEMSELVES AND ONE ANOTHER.

WHO CAN JOIN?

ANY PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT BETWEEN THE AGES OF 8 AND 18 YEARS OLD WHO IDENTIFIES A BLACK, INDIGENOUS PERSON OF COLOR.

HOW DO STUDENTS SIGN UP FOR THIS GROUP?

IN ORDER TO JOIN THIS GROUP ALL YOUTH MUST COMPLETE THE SIGN UP FORM HERE: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/BIPOCVIBE](https://tinyurl.com/biPOCVIBE)

CAN PARENTS BE PRESENT DURING THESE SESSIONS?

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN SESSIONS 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO THEIR START TIME IN ORDER TO MEET WITH FACILITATORS AND ASK ANY CLARIFYING QUESTIONS. ONCE THE MEETING HAS BEGUN, PARENTS MAY BE PRESENT BUT THE SPACE WILL BE OPEN FOR YOUTH VOICES AND FACILITATORS ONLY. THIS ACTION IS AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE SPACE YOUTH-CENTERED.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
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Five Things to Know About Library for Quarter 4



1 Book bag pickup is moving to Thursdays

Starting on Thursday, April 15, students may pick up book bags during their week in the rotation at the times shown below.

K-5 Hybrid Students: Bags will be delivered to classrooms during their on-campus day.

All Distance Learning Students: Pick up a bag between 3-4 PM outside the school in our usual location.

6-8 Hybrid Students (Starting April 29): Pick up a bag outside the library when you are dismissed from class for the day at 2:30 PM.

2 Library Class Activities Remain Asynchronous

Library activities will continue to be posted weekly on Monday mornings. Students are expected to use their off-campus times in their schedule designated for library to complete at least four weekly activities during Quarter 4.

3 There are 2 more book bag rotations left this year

Students can pick up their book bags on the following days:

April 15: Last Names A-G
April 22: Last Names H-N
April 29: Last Names O-Z
May 06: Last Names A-G
May 13: Last Names H-N
May 20: Last Names O-Z

4 New Book Club & Office Hour Times

All times are shifting to Wednesdays starting on April 14. Please see Seesaw and Canvas for Google Meet links.

10:00-10:30 Book Club (K-2)
10:30-10:45 Office Hours (3-5)
10:45-11:00 Office Hours (6-8)
11:30-11:45 Office Hours (K-2)
2:30-3:00 Book Club (6-8)
3:15-3:45 Book Club (3-5)

5 Please return all book bags, library books, and textbooks by May 28, 2021!



Vernon Library Calendar

April 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 12 Week 27 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	13	14 K-2 Book Club 10:00-10:30 AM 3-5 Office Hours 10:30-10:45 AM 6-8 Office Hours 10:45-11:00 AM K-2 Office Hours 11:30-11:45 AM 6-8 Book Club 2:30-3:00 PM 3-5 Book Club 3:15-3:45 PM	15 LAST NAMES A-G K-5 Hybrid Students Reading Bag Delivery to Classrooms CDL & Grades 6-8 Reading Bag Pickup 3:00-4:00 PM	16
19 Week 28 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	20	21 K-2 Book Club 10:00-10:30 AM 3-5 Office Hours 10:30-10:45 AM 6-8 Office Hours 10:45-11:00 AM K-2 Office Hours 11:30-11:45 AM 6-8 Book Club 2:30-3:00 PM 3-5 Book Club 3:15-3:45 PM	22 LAST NAMES H-N K-5 Hybrid Students Reading Bag Delivery to Classrooms CDL & Grades 6-8 Reading Bag Pickup 3:00-4:00 PM	23
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> <p>Wednesday Live Meeting Links</p> <p>Grades K-2: meet.google.com/lookup/wilkinsK-2</p> <p>Grades 3-5: meet.google.com/lookup/wilkins3-5</p> <p>Grade 6-8: meet.google.com/lookup/wilkins6-8</p> </div>				
26 Week 29 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	27	28 K-2 Book Club 10:00-10:30 AM 3-5 Office Hours 10:30-10:45 AM 6-8 Office Hours 10:45-11:00 AM K-2 Office Hours 11:30-11:45 AM 6-8 Book Club 2:30-3:00 PM 3-5 Book Club 3:15-3:45 PM	29 LAST NAMES O-Z K-5 Hybrid Students Reading Bag Delivery (to Classrooms) 6-8 Hybrid Students Reading Bag Pickup (Outside Library) 2:30 PM CDL Reading Bag Pickup 3:00-4:00 PM	30