



Upcoming Events and Calendar Dates

Wednesday, September 2-11

School begins with the first two weeks focused on foundational social emotional and academic components to ensure students, educators and families are ready for the learning ahead.

Monday & Tuesday, September 14 & 15

In person learning begins for cohort A- Online learning for cohort B also begins on this day

Wednesday, September 16

—classroom sanitizing between and continuing professional development and training for teachers and staff.

Thursday & Friday, September 17 & 18

In person learning begins for cohort B- Online learning for cohort A



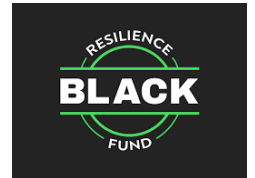
2020-2021 School Opening Update

[Click here](#) for an update from PPS on plans for opening schools in the fall. While there are more logistics to work out in terms of details and logistics, the overall picture of what the fall will look like is becoming more clear.

On the next page we will give some FAQ's on current thinking of what this will mean for Vernon families. This information is fluid in that Federal and state guidance could alter our local plans.

We recognize that many Vernon families are struggling in these challenging times. Multiple groups and community partners have resources that are available. The links below will hopefully be of help. Please share with anyone you think could use any of these resources.

[Black Resiliency Fund](#)- Fund set up to support Black families in need in Portland. This link will take you to the form needed to be filled out to request support.



[Latino Network](#)- This link takes you to a page with more links for food services, Rent and Utility assistance, Employment, health, resources for parents and students, as well as immigration resources.



LatinoNetwork

[IRCO](#)- This link takes you to a page with links targeted for our members of the immigrant community, with links for small businesses, food services, Rent and Utility assistance, Employment, health, legal resources for parents and students, as well translation and interpretation services.



[Congressman Blumenauer Office Resources](#)- This is a comprehensive list of resources including links to resources for the following:
food access, shelter, utilities, businesses and workers, tenants and landlords, seniors, students, government programs, crisis hotlines, ways to volunteer/donate, health and wellness, as well as fitness and entertainment

2021 Vernon Reopening

From Vernon's Principal – Ben Keefer

Hello Vernon Families,
PPS staff is hard at work detailing plans to safely open schools in whatever capacity we are able to in the fall. Our plans are being guided by the [Blueprint provided by the Oregon Department of Education](#). As a parent myself, I am fully aware of how challenging all of this is to our students and families. The guidance changing these plans is somewhat of a moving target, thus making it challenging to lock down some of the details. I am going to give some information about the context of these plans and how they will likely play out at Vernon. It is especially important to keep in mind that this all may change based on levels of COVID-19 infection in our local and broader community.

PPS is planning a hybrid model for opening school. This will provide us with the ability to have students at Vernon for some portion of the time. Currently that looks like two days a week, with the balance of time being distance learning. There will be two cohorts. The purpose of cohorts is to help us meet social distancing requirements, as well as to minimize intersecting groups of students.

We are going to need some input from Vernon Parents to help build our cohort groups, as we understand that families may be working together to share childcare and support one another. [Click here](#) in order to fill out a short form that will help us gather the information we need in order to create these cohorts. Our intent will be to create two balanced cohorts for each classroom.

Some families have been asking whether or not there will be an 'all remote' version available. My understanding is that PPS is working out how to make this happen. While we would love to have all of our students back at school in person, we realize that there are a number of families who may not be able to do so for a number of reasons. The survey has a question on it about this subject. Please indicate if this is a preference for you so we can plan accordingly. As we get more definitive information from PPS on how this will happen we will be sure and share it with you.

New/Incoming Kindergarten Families

We understand that this is particularly hard to navigate for our incoming kindergarten families as well as families new to Vernon. We normally have several events in the summer to welcome kindergarten families. We will be hosting virtual FAQ sessions for families on Wednesday, August 5th and August 12th at 5:30pm. Here is the Google Meets [link for both meetings](#).



FAQs for School Re-Opening

- 1) Classrooms will be divided into two cohorts who will rotate in school and online learning during the week. See the calendar on page one and information about learning options in Mr. Keefer's letter.
- 2) Breakfast and lunch will be served at school. More to come from Nutrition Services at PPS regarding protocols and procedures around how this will look.
- 3) Families will drop students off at school at designated entrances. To promote safety and limit possible transmission volunteer and visitor access will be limited.
- 4) Student supplies will be kept in individual pouches, ziplocs or containers in the classroom.
- 5) Grade level supply lists will be sent out soon.
- 6) All student items must be labelled. This includes all clothing, hats and supplies



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