



Vernon IB World School

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The Owl Post

Vernon's Weekly Newsletter

Friday, September 4, 2020



Upcoming Events and Calendar Dates

Monday, September 7th – NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8th – 11th - PPS Soft Start Schooling continues

Monday, September 14th – First Day of Full Time K-8 Virtual Learning

Monday, September 14th – Families of Black Students Meeting – 6:00pm via Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/tmd-daij-fpr>

Thursday, September 17th – Virtual Vernon PTA Meeting 5:45-7:30

Thursday, September 24th – Vernon Virtual Back to School Night

The start of the school year can be a bit overwhelming in normal circumstances, and we know that the pandemic means a number of additional variables to navigate this year, including technology.

We invite all families to visit pps.net/fall2020 to access a full set of orientation videos and other resources, translated into our district-supported languages, to help you better understand the learning platforms students and teachers will use this fall. You will also find information on how to log on to the platforms, how to connect to the internet and other helpful tips.

If you or your student is still struggling with any of the aspects of learning technology, we hope you will call the PPS Technology Help Desk, which is open from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on school days.

The Technology Help Desk is available in all PPS-supported languages.

Email support@pps.net or call us:

English: 503-916-3375

Español: 503-916-3582

中文：503-916-3585

Tiếng Việt: 503-916-3584

Soomaali: 503-916-3586

Русский: 503-916-3583



Introducing our Vernon Counseling Team

Hello Vernon families and students! We would like to introduce ourselves as your School Counselors. My name is Hanna Allen, and I will be supporting students in grades Kindergarten to 3rd grade this year. I'm Shannon Nicolas, and I will be supporting students in grades 4th through 8th grade this year. We are here to support and help with social-emotional support, academic support, family supports, and anything else that comes up.

Please feel free to email us at hallen@pps.net or snicolas@pps.net.

Updates from the Vernon Library

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Let's Get Reading!

As we begin the year learning from home, I know many families are excited to access library books. Portland Public Schools has developed a program called *Let's Get Reading!* to provide families with access to library books while our school buildings remain closed. For a closer look at how the program will work, please see the [video I've created](#). Alternatively, click the play button to open.



Students will have the opportunity to pick up a bag of library books containing a variety of genres, along with some of the new and diverse books we were able to purchase this summer. Three weeks later, they can return to exchange the bag for a new one.

Reading bag pickup will occur on Wednesdays this year, and families will be assigned a week based on their last name. We will begin the first distribution in a few weeks, and I will send a detailed schedule to families on or before Friday, September 11.

Save the Date for these Virtual Events!

[Author Visit with Renee Watson – October 7](#)



Author and **Vernon School alumna** Renee Watson as she shares about her new book *Ways to Make Sunshine*.

[Virtual Scholastic Book Fair – January 11-15](#)



We'll have the opportunity in January to shop a "virtual book fair." Purchased items may be shipped to your home, and our school gets credit we can use to purchase additional books for student use.

Library Book & Textbook Return

If you still have library books and/or textbooks at home from the spring, we will place a collection box near the MYP doors facing the garden area. Materials may be returned between the hours of 8 AM – 4 PM, Monday-Friday until September 11. Thereafter, you are welcome to bring library materials for return to the reading bag distributions on Wednesdays.

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

The state OBOB Board has made the decision to cancel all regional and state level competitions this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, students are welcome to read books included on the grade level lists. You'll find the reading lists on the [OBOB website](#).

We await further guidance on school level battles from the OBOB Board. Please watch for an update on or before January 2021.

PPS Library Services Resources

Our Library Services Department has curated some excellent resources for eBooks you can access at any time, as well as a variety of research tools. You'll find links on our [library services web page](#).

Library Instruction in Distance Learning

During our Comprehensive Distance Learning experience, students will access library course content *asynchronously*. This means students will access pre-recorded lessons and complete activities at a time of their choosing in a self-paced manner. All content for the week will be posted to their learning platforms on Monday mornings. I will also host *synchronous* (live) office hours at designated times throughout the week where students can drop by to ask questions, get help, and say hello. Times will be posted in student learning platforms and included with the reading bag distribution schedule I'll send next week.



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iMucho gusto Vernon students and *familias!*

I'm Jeremy Da Rosa, and I'll be teaching 5th grade-8th grade Spanish this year. If you had (or were) a 5th to 7th grader last year, you already know me. If you're new to the MYP or Vernon, then I'm pleased to meet you! Learning a second (or third) language is no less important than last year, but it can be difficult for this to be the focus with a global pandemic and the continued unanswered calls for police reform and justice for Black men and women on our hearts and minds.

This year will be bumpy, but we'll get through the technology curve and distance learning and have a productive year. In addition to Spanish vocabulary, we'll be studying culture, geography, music, and history related to both Latin American countries *and* Spanish speaking peoples in the United States.

Finally, although this is a World Language course, we will be taking time throughout the year to reflect on and have discussions around topics like the Black Lives Matter movement, white privilege, and the pandemic. I know this is unusual for a Spanish class, but it is a necessary part of education, and part of the education reform activists around the nation have been calling for.

Feel free to reach out to me with questions, comments, or concerns.
Thank you, and have a great year!.

Jeremy Da Rosa
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Vernon School Supply



Lists for Virtual Learning Fall 2020

<p><u>First Grade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ headphones☐ dry erase markers☐ pencils☐ plain white paper (can be anything)☐ 2 composition books☐ glue sticks☐ age-appr. scissors☐ crayons <p>First grade teachers will supply whiteboards for our students.</p>	<p><u>Second Grade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ 2 composition books☐ pencils☐ crayons☐ markers☐ scissors
<p><u>Third Grade</u></p> <p>If possible, we would love for students to have access to these supplies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ 12 pencils☐ 1 pair of scissors☐ 3 composition books☐ 1 ruler☐ 1 box of crayons, colored pencils, and or markers☐ Plain white paper (8 ½ x 11)☐ 1 pair of headphones <p>If we return to the classroom later in the year, this list will most likely change.</p>	<p><u>Fourth Grade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ 2 notebooks : wide ruled, spira☐ 1 Ruler☐ 1 Pack: Pencils☐ Pencil sharpener☐ Erasers☐ Highlighter☐ Headphones

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<p><u>Fifth Grade</u></p> <p>All these supplies are optional if students have a printer at home or will be using google docs for all assignments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -5 folders for each subject area (2 pocket folders) -4 notebooks (journaling, math, reading & writing) -pack of #2 pencils -pencil sharpener -markers -highlighters (2 of any color) -pack of Index cards -earphones or earbuds (optional) 	<p><u>Middle School</u></p> <p>Middle school teachers will reach out to families during the soft start (September 2 - 11) with school supply lists and student needs</p>