



— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

Upcoming Events and Calendar Dates

Wednesday, September 14th

- Site Council @ 5:45 PM

Thursday, September 15th

- Latino Heritage Month Begins

Wednesday, September 21st

- Vernon School Picture Day!
[Order Photos Here](#)

Wednesday, September 21st

- Vernon Back to School Night 6:00pm
More information soon!

Friday, September 23rd

- Teacher professional development day-
 - No School for students

Friday, September 30th

- Renée Watson, popular author (and Vernon alumna!) will be visiting Vernon

Student Tech Devices

Every PPS student grades three to twelve has access to a free tech device to access digital curriculum and online resources. If your student needs a device, please contact your school. You will be expected to sign an User Agreement acknowledging that you received a device.

Please note that PPS is removing the \$20 device self-insurance fee that was previously announced by school communities. Families will not be asked nor are required to pay this fee and those families that have paid this fee will receive a refund. Depending on how a payment was made will determine how the refund is issued; so our school and district teams will be working diligently over the next few weeks to process. Please ignore the section of the current form covering payment and repairs while we work to update the form. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding.

Vernon K-8 is a Community Eligibility Provision School

All CEP schools provide school breakfasts and lunches to ALL students at NO CHARGE while they are enrolled in a CEP school during the current school year. [Click here](#) for a list of the PPS CEP schools and programs.



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- **The Owl Post** - Weekly Vernon Newsletter sent out by our Principals, with the most complete compilation of information & resources
- **School Website** - www.pps.net/school/vernon - Vernon PPS website for school calendar, contacts, policies & other resources
- **Remind** - A downloadable App used for school-wide announcements and communication with teachers and class families
- **PTA Meetings** - Held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Join us, as a PTA member or a member of the community
- **PTA Website** - www.vernonpta.org - For news, swag, membership, donations, volunteer opportunities, contact info and affinity group information
- **Facebook Groups** -
 - **Vernon IB World School Community** - community discussion
 - **Vernon IB World School PTA** - PTA Announcements & Info
 - **Vernon School Garden** - Information regarding opportunities to interact with our physical & natural spaces on campus
- **PTA Email Contact** - vernonpta@gmail.com - reach out to our PTA President for general questions, volunteer opportunities, ideas & comments

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- **The Owl Post** - Boletín semanal de Vernon con la recopilación más completa de información y recursos
- **Sitio Web de Vernon** - www.pps.net/school/vernon - sitio web de Vernon PPS para calendario escolar, contactos, políticas y otros recursos
- **Remind** - descargue esta aplicación para ver anuncios y comunicarse fácilmente con su maestro y padres en la misma clase families
- **Reuniones de la PTA** - 3er jueves por la noche de cada mes, convertirse en miembro, ser voluntario
- **Sitio Web de la PTA** - www.vernonpta.org - Sitio web de la PTA para noticias, productos promocionales, membresías, donaciones, conocer nuestra junta directiva, y información de nuestros grupos de afinidad
- **Grupos de Facebook** -
 - Vernon IB World School **Community** - discusión comunitaria
 - Vernon IB World School **PTA** - Anuncios e info de la PTA
 - Vernon School **Garden** - Información sobre cómo interactuar con nuestros espacios físicos y naturales en la escuela
- **Email de la PTA** - vernonpta@gmail.com - Comuníquese con la PTA con preguntas, ideas o comentarios generales

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Dear Vernon Community,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! As we head into a new year, in very unique times, we believe even more in the power of our community to encourage growth and bring about change. While "back to normal" is still something distant, one of the most important takeaways from the past 2+ years is that "normal" wasn't enough for many. We're clear that there's a strong need to work together to assure every child's potential becomes a reality, hopefully defining and building a new "normal". The PTA Board is committed to working collaboratively to support just this, but the most important voices in this change will be yours.

What does this growth look like for the PTA Board?

- Past PTA leaders made changes so that our board is largely made up of affinity group liaisons and DEI members. This ensures a diversity of input and ideas.
- We have scrutinized our budget to account for the reduction of income from this past year, while also moving funds that specifically aimed to support our students during distance learning.
- We are improving access to information, and defining procedures to provide opportunity for reflection and discourse on proposals, providing clarity on how to engage in the decision-making process.
- We will continue to provide learning opportunities, classroom and facility support, work with our community partner, SEI, for after school enrichment, and fund art, music, garden, and STEAM education.
- We will remain open to reflecting as an organization on our shortcomings, and reform our practices as needed.

The Vernon PTA serves as a resource to help you connect to this rich community in a way that feels right for you and your family. We invite you to bring your particular talents, perspectives, and ideas to the PTA. Find an affinity group that resonates with you. Participate however much and in whatever way you can. And when in doubt, reach out!

Our meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of most months, and PTA membership is offered on a sliding scale, and is not required to attend and participate. We have enclosed a document called **Stay Connected** with information to help you stay informed and in touch. The Vernon PTA website is updated regularly with upcoming events, links to resources, contact information, announcements and forms. You can also find our Vernon Swag store, make donations and join the PTA from the site. Take a look around! www.vernonpta.org

Most importantly, we welcome all members of this community. It is important that each family, each student has a voice. We are a beautifully diverse school community and we are stronger when everyone's voice is heard.

Looking forward to this new year, welcoming everyone back and meeting the families of our newest Vernon Owls!

Your PTA President & Vice President,

Maya von Geldern & Katie Kenton



Membership: Everyone is welcome at the Vernon PTA!

Our meetings are “most” third Thursdays of the month at 5:45pm (via Zoom or in the MPR - we’ll hope to have at least 3 in-person events this year.) Meetings are open to the entire community - you don’t have to be a member to attend, however you do have to be a member to officially vote. Annual membership dues are suggested at \$9.50/individual, and also offered on a sliding scale. Your membership payment covers the fees Vernon PTA must pay per member to the Oregon State/National PTA each year. This money is used to support PTA efforts on a state and national level, including political advocacy.

***Please pay any amount that is comfortable and makes sense for your family and budget! Our real membership goal is community and your participation.**

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION (Name & Grade):

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

PAYMENT OPTION

- Cash
- Check (payable to Vernon PTA)
- Online at www.vernonpta.org

Should you decide to sign up online, there is no need to fill out/ turn in this form!



Calling all students, we need *you* to draw an owl for the
2022 FUN for the Owls T-Shirt Design Contest!

The chosen design will be printed on T-shirts and given to all students & staff on "FUN for the Owls" day.

How to enter:

- Draw a picture of an owl in the square below using a pencil or black pen/ marker (please **no crayons or colors**). You may also use a blank piece of white paper.
- Make sure to write STUDENT'S FULL NAME, TEACHER'S NAME and GRADE on your artwork before you hand it in to your teacher. Teacher's will turn in all the drawings together.
- All entries are due on Thursday, September 15th.

Name: _____ Teacher/Grade : _____

A large, empty square box with a black border, intended for students to draw an owl. The box is currently blank.

Multnomah Early Childhood Program



Preschool Classes

For ages 3-5 * Mon-Thur * AM or PM * 2 hours 45 minutes
Cost \$32 per month * Free and reduced tuition for families that qualify

Learning in a nurturing environment is important for a child's development. In our imaginative and lively classes, young children make friends while playing, painting, learning and laughing alongside children with special needs. Peers will learn diversity, tolerance, and to appreciate the differences in every child.

Our professional teaching teams include state licensed, early childhood special education teachers.

Beach Elementary (PPS)

Sabin Elementary (PPS)

Whitman Elementary (PPS)

North Powellhurst (DDSD & Parkrose)

Sweetbriar Elementary (Reynolds)

Bridlemile Elementary (PPS)

Kelly Creek Elementary (Gresham)

Butler Creek Elementary (Centennial)

MECP is a program of the David Douglas School District. Interpretation services are available upon request.

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