



## — WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events and Calendar Dates

#### Wednesday, September 28th

- 8th Grade Field Trip to the Art Museum
  - 9:00 AM-1:15PM

#### Friday, September 30th

- Principals Virtual Coffee Hour 9:30-10:30
  - [Link to join the meeting](#)

#### Friday, September 30th

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

#### Monday, October 3rd

- Families of Black Students Affinity Group Meeting
  - 5:45 PM in the MPR

#### Friday, October 7th

- Fun for the Owls Fundraiser

### Fun For The Owls is Back!

You should have received a packet. If not ask your kids and teacher.

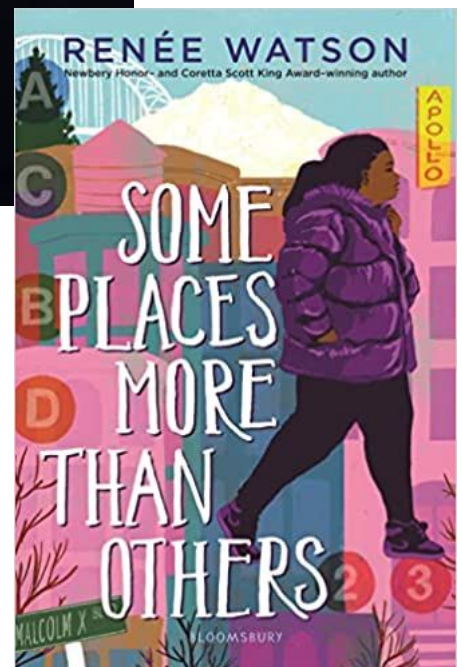
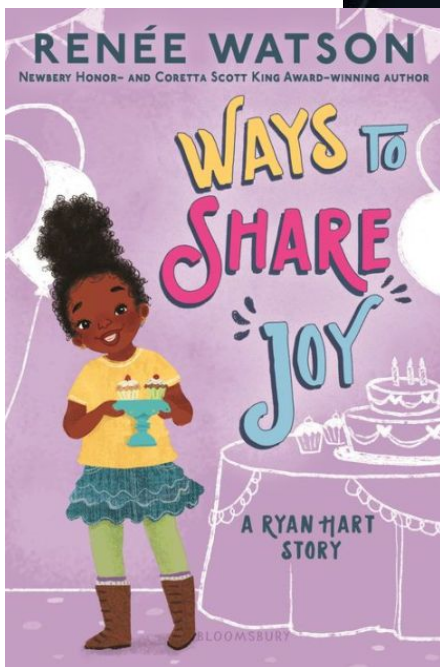
**What Is It?:** A fundraiser to raise money for enrichment programs, equipment, supplies, STEAM ed, field trips and so much more for our kids. It's one of our most important fundraisers so we are looking for everyone to get involved.

**How Do You Raise Money?** You raise money by collecting pledges. Each pledge is the total for a one time donation rather than a pledge for each lap like in previous years. Every single pledge from \$1 to \$1 gazillion helps. As an added bonus, each pledge your child receives doubles as an entry for a prize drawing later this fall. Your pledge sheet with a QR code for online donations is in the packet your student brought home.

**What Are The Kids Doing This Year?** The kids will be moving through a fun obstacle course on the Vernon playground.

**When Is It?** Friday Oct. 7

**More Info:** [VernonPTA.org](http://VernonPTA.org)



# Renée Watson

## Details:

Grades 2-5: In Person Presentation: MPR:Friday, September 30th: 9:45am - 10:30am

Middle School: In Person Presentation: MPR:Friday, September 30th:10:45am-11:30am

For the elementary presentation she will read some from her new book *Ways to Share Joy* and for Middle School she will read some from *Some Places More Than Others*. After the presentation there will be a question and answer time.

**Optional Ordering Link:** Parents: If you would like to order a book for your child to own Green Bean Books has provided an ordering link. Note: You do not need to pay for shipping. Under the tab for “calculate shipping cost” please select “Pick up at Vernon” and we will deliver the book to your child.

[Middle School Ordering Link](#)

[Elementary School Ordering Link](#)



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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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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** - [vernionpta@gmail.com](mailto:vernionpta@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](http://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](http://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 : \_\_\_\_\_

# 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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