



# Vernon IB World School

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Come grow with us.



# The Owl Post

## Vernon's Weekly Newsletter

Friday, January 17, 2020

### Upcoming Events and Important Dates

**Saturday, January 18:** Garden Work Party, 9:00-12:00

**Monday, January 20:** Martin Luther King Jr Day ~ NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday, January 21:** Site Council, 5:45-7:00pm ~ MPR

**Friday, January 24:** End of Quarter 2

**Monday, January 27:** Teacher Planning Day ~ NO SCHOOL

**Wednesday, January 29:** Kindergarten Parent Information Night,  
5:30-7:00pm ~ MPR

**Friday, January 31:** Principal's Coffee Hour, 9:00-10:00 ~ MPR

**Thursday, February 6:** Kindergarten Open House, 9:30-10:30



### The National Geographic GeoBee

The Vernon GeoBee was held last week with over 40 students competing, and they did a great job! The 11 finalists will compete next Thursday, January 23 at 9:15am, location TBD. The finalists are:

Anders - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Walter, Nahceem, Max, Jehiel, Livia - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Aiden, Paul, John, Miles, Anika - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

*Congratulations, finalists!*



### Holiday Light Recycling!

Girl Scout Troop 12298 is taking your holiday lights! The troop is recycling holiday lights in any condition. A box/bag is outside the Main Office. The troop will collect lights until the end of January. Thank you for supporting your local Girl Scout troop.



## Get your tickets today for *Night Out for the Owls*

[Get tickets here](#) . Tickets are offered on a sliding scale. Only 270 tickets are available, so reserve yours early. **Night Out for the Owls**, our Annual Spring Fundraising Dinner, will be held on **Saturday, February 29, 2020**. This is Vernon's largest fundraising event and is critical to maintaining our current programs for music, arts, and enrichment.

If you are interested in **volunteering** or have a **donation to drop off**, we'd love to meet you at the weekly event planning meeting held **every Monday 6:30-7:30pm at the Cerimon House** located at 5131 NE 23rd Ave.

[Donate/Get tickets](#) [Volunteer](#)



### New Vernon IB World School Blog

One of our new staff members this year is Alex McGettigan. Alex has been coordinating and facilitating the PYP (Primary Years) IB program and will be taking over the MYP (Middle School) program coordination from Tarehna Wicker.

[This link takes](#) you to the blog she has created to share what our students are doing as IB learners. Please reach out to Alex if you have any questions about IB at Vernon at [amcgettigan@pps.net](mailto:amcgettigan@pps.net) .

# RIGHT BRAIN AT VERNON

The [Right Brain Initiative](#) is a partnership of schools, local government, private donors and the cultural community. Together, they're working to make arts education accessible to every K-8 student in the Portland, tri-county region.

The future is going to be a whole new ballgame. Whether it's cleaning up our oceans or working on self-driving cars, one thing we know is the world is going to be way different than it is today. That means people are going to need every ounce of their brains to figure it out. Every bit of our imaginations, innovations and abilities will be needed to see things in new ways, or invent things we have yet to understand. The Right Brain Initiative is here to help change the way kids learn in the Portland metro area by bringing discovery, collaboration and creativity into the classroom. Creative thinking is the secret sauce when supporting kids' abilities to problem solve, innovate and think critically. By introducing new ways to learn, kids will become more engaged students.

This year, nearly 29,000 students in 70 Portland metro schools, in eight school districts are expressing, exploring, imagining, creating and using the full measure of their minds. We're a program of the [Regional Arts & Culture Council](#), but we engage the entire community, working arm-in-arm to create long-term, lasting change within our school systems.

At Vernon students are engaging with three separate artists. Currently, the 6th and 7th graders are working with [David Loitz](#) on a stop motion animation project connected to their science unit on cells and the human body. The 1st and 2nd graders are working with [Albert Alter](#), a theater artist on using mime skills to act out stories and using expression to show how animals move in their habitats and surroundings. Kindergarten will be working with Albert in February and 8th grade will be working with David. The 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will be working with theater artist, Rick Huddle, in February. More details and photos to follow.







**Vernon**  
IB WORLD SCHOOL

**Fundraiser**

# **Night Out for the Owls**

**February 29, 2020**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm-10:00 pm**

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**

**3131 NE Glisan**

**Give our kids a giant leap forward!**

**Tickets offered on a sliding scale.**

**Contribute by donating your time, items for bid, or money. All are equally valued.**

**Come celebrate our amazing school & community.**

**Get tickets, Donate & Volunteer**

**[www.vernonpta.org](http://www.vernonpta.org)**





# 春节联欢晚会 2020

## Spring Festival Gala

Please celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year, the most important festival in China, with us.

Come enjoy traditional Chinese music performances, Chinese Kung Fu, a Chinese traditional dress show, Lion Dance, a free meal, and more. You could even win a raffle prize!

Tickets are required. Tickets will be available from the PSU Box Office at <https://portlandstate.universitytickets.com/>

### Time:

January 18th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

### Venue:

Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom 355,  
1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97201

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