



Upcoming Events and Calendar Dates

Monday, October 11th

- Indigenous Peoples Day

Wednesday, October 13th - Friday, October 15th

- FUN FOR THE OWLS fundraiser event!

Wednesday, October 13th

- Site Council 5:45-7:00

Monday, October 18th

- Fall SUN classes begin.
- Vernon Fall Online Scholastic Book Fair begins
- PPS Chromebook Distribution 3rd - 8th Grade

Thursday, October 21st

- Vernon PTA Meeting 5:45-7:00pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84644263736?pwd=ME5vRDc1Ykt1MXJLTnNlVUZHYVVsQT09>
MEETING ID: 846 4426 3736
PASSCODE: 172261
CALL-IN NUMBER: +1 (669) 900 6833
- Great Oregon Shakeout Earthquake Drill ~ 10:21AM

Friday, October 29th

- Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour 9:30-10:30AM
meet.google.com/vnq-aouk-vpp
phone: 612-404-0718. PIN: 375 579 737#



LOST & FOUND

Has your student lost or misplaced a sweatshirt, jacket, hoody, lunchbox or water bottle? The Vernon Lost and Found is located in the main hallway opposite the office. If your student is missing an item, please check the Lost and Found! It could be there!



ALL PPS Students
Eat Free

Looking for school breakfast and lunch menus? October menus can be found under "Food Menus" on the Vernon website.

www.pps.net/vernon/Page/1573

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Filipino Americans are the second largest Asian American group in the nation and the second largest ethnic group in California. The celebration of Filipino American History Month in October commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States, when *Luzones* Indios, native Filipino sailors conscripted into the Spanish navy as labor during the Manila-Acapulco galleon trade, came ashore from the Spanish galleon *Nuestra Senora de Esperanza* and landed at what is now Morro Bay, California, on Oct. 18, 1587.

After years of advocacy by individuals and organizations, in 2009 the United States Congress recognized October as Filipino American History Month. Various states, counties, and cities in the U.S. have established proclamations and resolutions declaring observance of Filipino American History Month.



In 1994, Rodney Wilson, a Missouri high school teacher, believed a month should be dedicated to the celebration and teaching of gay and lesbian history, and gathered other teachers and community leaders. They selected October because public schools are in session and existing traditions, such as Coming Out Day (October 11), occur this month.

Gay and Lesbian History Month is endorsed by GLAAD, the Human Rights Campaign, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Education Association and other national organizations. In 2006 Equality Forum assumed responsibility for providing content, promotion and resources for LGBT History Month.



October is National Bullying Prevention Month, a time to focus and raise awareness on bullying. Beginning in October 2006, PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center, along with the National Education Association, National PTA, American Federation for Teachers, and the National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education, hosted the first awareness week sponsoring events and activities to raise awareness of the issue of bullying throughout the month.

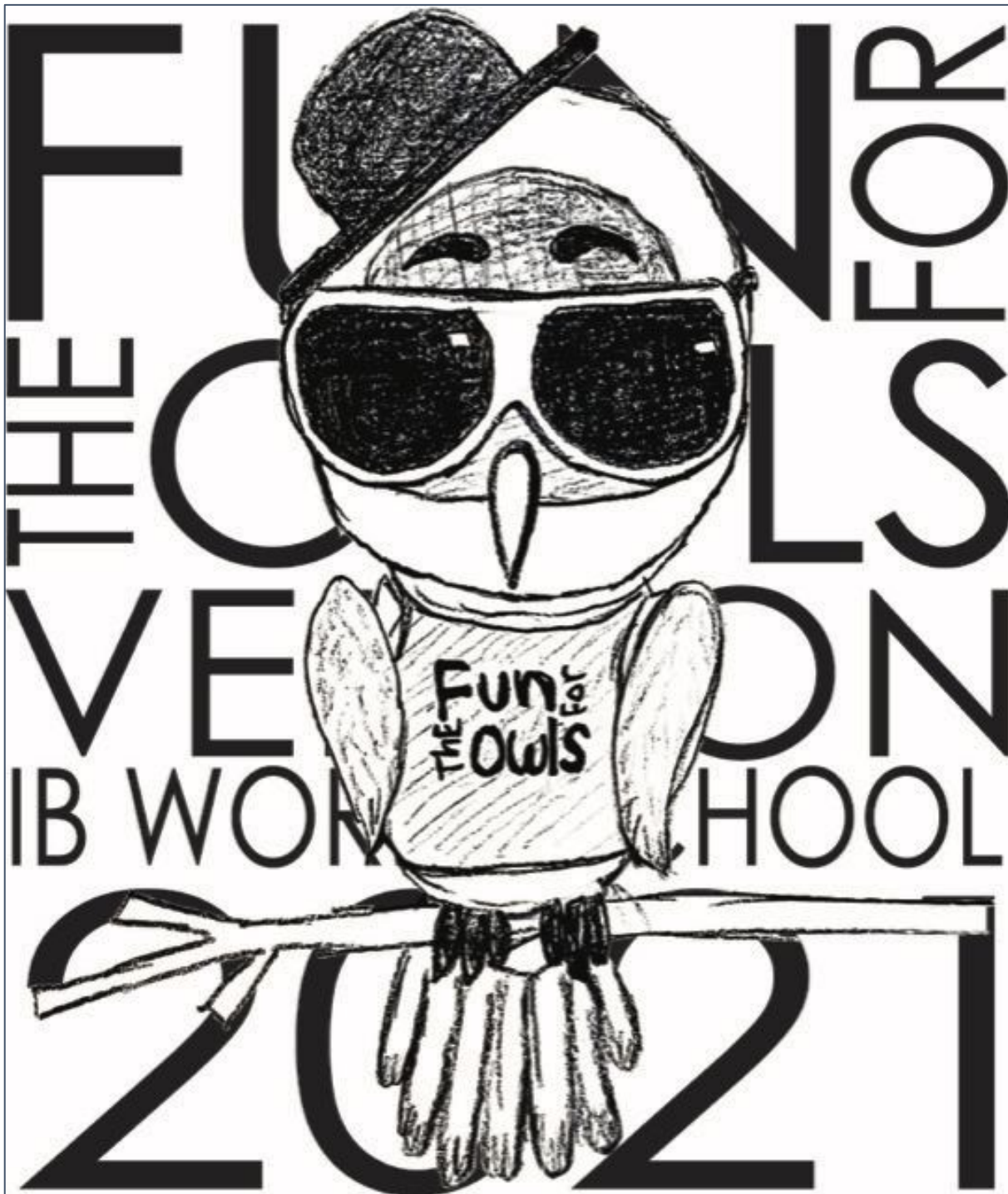
The point of National Bullying Prevention Month is to transform a society into one that recognizes that bullying must – and can – be addressed through education and support.



FUN FOR THE OWLS T-SHIRT COMPETITION!

AND THE WINNER IS....

Thank you, to all the incredible artists who submitted their work for the T-shirt contest. We were amazed at the care, creativity and attention to detail that each student gave to this challenge. Congratulations, Tory Langlie! Your design was chosen to a feature for this year's FUN for the Owls T-shirt! Shirts will be passed out the by 10/12, to wear during the students' events. Go Owls!"





What is FUN for the Owls?

This year our “Run for the Owls” isn’t so much of a “run”, but rather an event focussed on the “fun”. The event provides a good chunk of the PTA budget, as one of the main fundraisers of the year. Working in collaboration with our PE teachers, we will be leading the kids in various activities, to be carried out during their PE classes the week of 10/11 - 10/15. Think “obstacle course meets activity stations” to keep the kids moving. Monies raised help pay for enrichment programs, equipment, supplies, STEAM education, field trips (when allowed), library diversification and more!

How does FUN for the Owls work?

The event will take place the week of October 11th - 15th, during the students’ PE classes. Students ask friends, family and neighbors to sponsor them in participating, by pledging any dollar amount. Pledges can be made by check/ cash, or via our website (link below). The PTA is a 501c3, so donations are considered tax deductible! Your student will receive a pledge form in order to keep track of donations. Any donations made online should be included on their pledge form in order to be counted for the drawing (explained below). The form should be turned in, along with any cash/ check pledges, to their teacher or the PTA lock box in the main office, by **Monday, November 1st***.

***pledges turned in after this date are welcomed & appreciated, however students will not be given extra entries to the drawing after 11/01/21.**

Link to pledge: www.vernonpta.org/fun-for-the-owls

Now, for the added FUN...

Each student will be entered into a drawing, just for participating. For each pledge collected, students will earn an extra entry, no matter the dollar amount of the pledge. So, for example, if Celia’s neighbor pledges \$1, Celia will get (1) added entry. If Celia’s grandparent pledges \$40, Celia will get another (1) added entry, and so on. This allows all students to have a chance at winning a prize! There will be a variety of prizes available, from Vernon swag to gift certificates from local businesses. Our hope is to encourage our kiddos to get excited about the event, as well as excited about raising money for their school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out: vernonpta@gmail.com

All students will be given a free Fun for the Owls t-shirt!



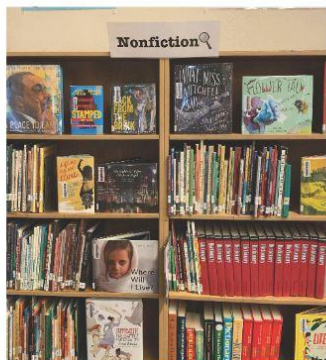
Vernon Library Updates

Friday, September 17, 2021



Welcome Back to Library!

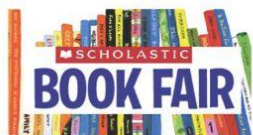
Welcome back to library for the 2021-2022 school year! Our library space is equipped with physical distancing markers, air filtration, and other strategies to keep students safe, and I'm so excited to welcome students back to an in-person library experience this year.



Students in grades K-6 will have once weekly sessions in the library for book, research, and information literacy instruction. We'll also have the opportunity to check out books each week from our substantial and diverse collection of titles to interest everyone. Students in grades 7-8 will also have designated times to visit the library and check out library materials this year.

I will send periodic updates like this throughout the year via our school newsletter so you are aware of library information and events. If you have any questions that come up this year, please feel free to contact me via email at jwilkins@pps.net.

Virtual Scholastic Book Fair



Mark your calendars: our school will hold our fall book fair virtually during the week of October 18, 2021 through November 1, 2021. Please watch for some additional information about purchase links, shipping, and other details in a future library update.

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) program is returning to Vernon this year. OBOB is a statewide program for students that provides opportunities to read a set of 16 books, then compete with a team.

Mrs. Wilkins will provide more detailed information about OBOB and how to sign up in early October. If your child is interested in participating or learning more, please check out the OBOB website for book lists and information about safety protocols on the OBOB website at www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org.

Bring Back the Books!

Did you borrow a *Let's Get Reading!* bag last year you haven't returned? Do you have a textbook still sitting at home? Please take a moment to look for any library materials you may have at home and send them back to school with your child. We have books from book bags still out, and we would love to get them back on the shelf for others to enjoy.

Families will receive an automated reminder message from our library system during the week of September 20 reminding them of any materials still checked out to their child. Please look around for these materials and send back any items you find. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Wilkins.

Book Checkout

We have added several new titles to our school library over the summer, and students are excited to begin checking out books! Students in grades 2-8 will begin checking out books in library class starting the week of September 20. Students in Kindergarten and first grade continue to receive instruction on the sections of the library and book care through the month of September and will begin checking out books in October. A maximum of three books may be checked out at one time.

