



# Vernon IB World School

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**Come grow with us.**



## The Owl Post

**Vernon's Weekly Newsletter**

*Thursday, October 13, 2016*



### **Congratulations to our very own, Anna Mafchir!**

Please join us in congratulating our very own Anna Mafchir! She has been named the **2015 Oregon Elementary Art Educator of the Year!** We are proud to see Anna be recognized for the passion, energy, and creativity she brings to art at Vernon. Our students benefit from her willingness to go the extra mile to do new, different, and engaging projects with our students. We are all excited to see what amazing things Anna is able to do with a year under her belt in our community! Please check out the video linked below.

<https://youtu.be/aWfVQ4n5pi4>

For an [update on the Arts program, please click here](#) for news and a special invite from Ms. Anna.



### **The Vernon Sensory Room opens next week!**

This special space is the result of the collaborative efforts of Vernon teachers, occupational therapy, and generous support from the Vernon community.

We hope this space will serve as an educational tool and as a safe place where students and staff better understand and meet some of their sensory needs. We hope this space will facilitate occupational, social, communication, and educational development. Check back next week for some photos of the room in action and feel free to reach out to Ben and Brad if you'd like a tour!



### **Run For The Owls was a big hit!!**

The kids ran hard last week and helped make Run For The Owls a huge success! Please note that donations are still being accepted. Donors can pay by check or donate online. Please make checks payable to "Vernon School PTA" or donate online at: <http://www.vernonpta.org/runfortheowls/>

**Thanks and Go Owls!**

**Become a SMART Volunteer!**



Become a SMART Program reader! SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) engages the community in creating brighter futures for Oregon children by nurturing the love of reading. To do this, we need your help. Reading is fun! SMART volunteers spend time reading with children and acting as a positive adult mentors. All volunteers receive training and ongoing coaching. The volunteer commitment is just one hour a week during the school year, Tuesdays from 1:10pm to 2:10pm. To meet our goal of serving 40 children at Vernon each year, we need more volunteer readers. Help us reach our goal! Learn more about SMART and sign up: Online at [www.getsmartoregon.org](http://www.getsmartoregon.org) Call SMART at 971-634-1609 Contact Vernon SMART Site Coordinator Devani Scheidler at [vernon@getsmartoregon.org](mailto:vernon@getsmartoregon.org) Join us and make this SMART's best year yet!

**No School tomorrow for Students!**



Remember that tomorrow, Friday, October 14, is a statewide Inservice day. Stay dry!

**Community Movie Night: Next Thursday!**



Please join us for a special evening of film, community, and dinner. See page 3 of the newsletter for details.

**Vernon 2nd Annual Maker Fair - December 3, 2016**

***Makers, Crafters & Artists Wanted!***

Featuring handcrafted items made by your community members!



Vernon students, teachers, staff and family members are invited to sell their wares at the show. Start working on your inventory now! If you would like to be a vendor, please submit the registration form to the Main Office by November 18 or email it to [janetlstrong@gmail.com](mailto:janetlstrong@gmail.com). Paper [registration forms](#) & [information flyers](#) will be sent home in backpacks next week. Questions? Please contact Janet Strong at [janetlstrong@gmail.com](mailto:janetlstrong@gmail.com).

**What do YOU make?**



<i>No School (Statewide Inservice Day)</i>	<i>Friday, Oct. 14</i>	<i>All Day</i>
<i>SMART Program starts</i>	<i>Tuesday, Oct. 18</i>	<i>1:00-2:30pm (MPR)</i>
<i>Late-Start</i>	<i>Wednesday, Oct. 19</i>	<i>MYP Bell: 10:30, PYP Bell: 10:35</i>
<i>Starbase Field Trip #1 (5<sup>th</sup> grade)</i>	<i>Thursday, Oct. 20</i>	<i>9:00-2:30pm</i>
<i>Community Movie Night &amp; Dinner</i>	<i>Thursday, Oct. 20</i>	<i>6:00-8:00pm (MPR)</i>



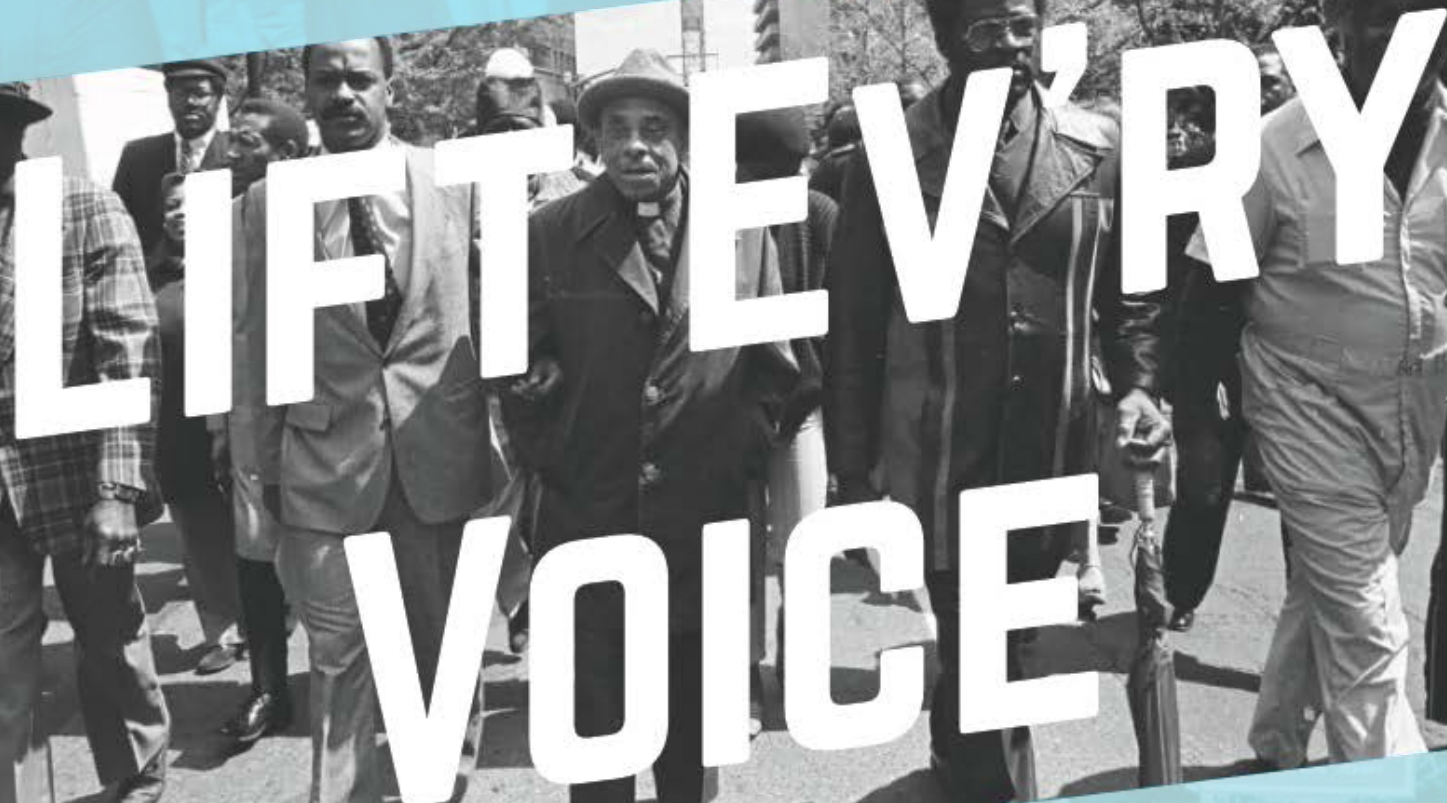
VERNON IB WORLD SCHOOL

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# COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

Portland was once considered the most segregated city on the West Coast. Ever wonder why?

Explore Portland's Civil Rights history and join your neighbors for a night of food, film, discussion, and community building.



# LIFT EV'RY VOICE

**LIFT EV'RY VOICE** explores Portland's African American history from the Vanport flood through the early 1980s. The film focuses on issues surrounding urban renewal, school desegregation and brittle police relations.

#### OUR BELIEFS AND MISSION FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT

Through the power of film, we aim to enlighten and empower individuals, Vernon families and our community through communication, compassion, understanding, and action.

A deep knowledge of Oregon's history and a true understanding of the past will help us shape our community and create a foundation for the future of Portland and Vernon.

*Thursday*  
**OCT. 20**

**5<sup>45</sup> to 8 PM in the MPR**

*Dinner from 5:45 to 6:15, film starts at 6:20.*

**ADULT EVENT (MYP'ERS OK). CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR KIDS FOUR YEARS & UP. DINNER SERVED.**

## ***A Note from the Visual Arts***

Dear Vernon Families,

I am very excited to be back at Vernon! I have so many great creative experiences to share with your students this year. A few things you should know: I have moved classrooms and am now located in the portables (P303) near the center of the playground. The new Art classroom/studio is airy and light! Ms. Bryan (Music) is right next door, which gives us a chance to collaborate on some great projects. Come visit any time. My schedule will be posted on the door.

I would love to invite volunteers into my classroom this year. Last year, I really could have used the extra hands in the classroom and so many parents were willing to help. Thank you for being so available. If you have a spare moment in the morning and you feel like sharpening some pencils, come on in. If you are interested in helping in other ways, send me a quick email so I can begin compiling a volunteer list. Thank you in advance!

The Vernon community is full of so many talented people, and my students and I would love for you to share your experience and knowledge! If you have a special artistic talent, (i.e., photography, fashion design, architecture, painting etc. ), we would love for you to be a special Vernon Visiting Artist!

One more thing: The K-5 first Unit of Inquiry: How We Express Ourselves will be displayed in the halls by the end of next week. There are colorful and silly portraits of Vernon students livening up the walls, including a poster describing our process. Please take a look through the school and find your crazy artist! As for the MYP, each class is doing something different. Class 6a is working on gridded self-portraits, 6b is designing a STEAM mural to be painted in the Green Room upstairs, 7th grade is learning proportions of the face in more detail plus shading and 8th grade...drum roll, please!...is working on a musical! Ms. Bryan and I are collaborating with the visual and performing artists on a contemporary version of *Annie*. We will keep you posted with details as the weeks progress.

Please feel free to contact me at [amafchir@pps.net](mailto:amafchir@pps.net), or just knock on my door.

Enthusiastically,  
Ms. Anna (Art teacher)

