



Vernon IB World School

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The Owl Post

Vernon's Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, October 27, 2016



Run For The Owls Awards!

Students received ribbons today for most laps run and our top fundraisers for Run for the Owls. Tomorrow we have celebration assemblies to share some photos from the event and to have quick acknowledgements for our top performers! The celebrations will be short and sweet and will be in the MPR for the following grades: K-2: 9:30-9:50am, 3-5: 9:00-9:20am, 6-8: 10:00-10:30am. We will share final funds raised and student winners in next week's newsletter.

Thanks for your support and Go Owls!



Spirit Day – Costume Day: Tomorrow October 28!

Psst, Owls! We're having Costume Day on Friday, October 28! Basic ground rules: Leave weapons, masks and bulky props at home. Keep it light and fun (scary stuff scares people, little and big!). Be creative!

Vernon 2nd Annual Maker Fair - December 3, 2016

Makers, Crafters & Artists Wanted!



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. Paper [registration forms](#) & [information flyers](#) will be sent home in backpacks next week. Please contact Janet Strong at janetlstrong@gmail.com with questions.

What do YOU make?



<i>Spirit Day – Wear Your Costume!</i>	<i>Friday, October 28</i>	<i>All Day</i>
<i>8th Grade Field Trip – Aquila Glass School</i>	<i>Friday, October 28</i>	<i>9:00-12:30pm</i>
<i>Outdoor School Camps Howard & Angelos</i>	<i>October 30 – Nov. 4</i>	<i>Lv Sun.-3p; Return Fri. 1:35p</i>
<i>4th Grade Field Trip – Newmark Theatre</i>	<i>Wednesday, Nov. 2</i>	<i>10:30-2:15pm (via TriMet)</i>
<i>8th Grade Field Trip – Portland Playhouse</i>	<i>Thursday, Nov. 3</i>	<i>12:00-3:00pm – (via TriMet)</i>
<i>Starbase – Trip #3</i>	<i>Thursday, Nov. 3</i>	<i>9:05-2:20pm</i>
<i>Teacher Planning Day</i>	<i>Friday, Nov. 4</i>	<i>No School</i>



Dear Vernon Community,

Parent teacher conferences are only a few weeks away. You should either have received a notice with your scheduled time for your conference, or set up a time with your classroom teacher. Please call the office if you have not scheduled your conference time as of yet.

Conferences will be held on November 9, and November 10. There is no school on November 11.

Conferences provide parents and teachers a wonderful chance to sit down and have a discussion about the current performance and needs of each child. At this meeting, you will hear from the teacher how your child is doing in the academic areas of math, reading, writing, as well as other curricular areas. You will likely hear your student's areas of strength as well as areas that need continued work or improved effort.

This is a great time for you to ask questions and to work with the teacher to determine how you can support your child's schooling at home. It is also a great time to ask questions about how your child's needs are being met in terms of being provided sufficiently challenging materials, or necessary scaffolds to ensure success. It is imperative that both parent and teacher take the time to ask questions.

Once you have had the conference, don't forget to discuss the conference with your child. Pass on the positive information first. Be specific about the areas where your child is doing well. If there is a problem area, put it in the context of all the positive aspects of your child's functioning in school. A great strategy is to let your child know that you and the teacher have worked out a plan to help them improve. It is important to seek your child's input in order to best understand their perception of how things are going and what they think they need to do to improve.

After a plan has been developed, it is important for the parent and teacher to confer again after a reasonable amount of time to measure progress. Keep in mind that changes do not occur overnight. It is wise not to put too much pressure on your child, potentially making the situation worse. This is a great time for parents to make it clear to the child that doing well in school is a family value and that the teacher and parents are working together to help the child succeed. Conferences can be a powerful tool and a bridge between school and home. I hope that your experience with conferences is a productive one.



Regards,
Ben Keefer



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Student Health & Wellness Update

Vernon's new Health Aide is Allison Hatch, and she will be attending to student first aid and administering medications everyday from 8:30-2:30pm.

Vernon's School Nurse is Lindsey Caudle RN, and 2016-17 will be her first year at Vernon. She's in the Office one morning per week (Thursday).

Vernon School takes its commitment to good health very seriously. Please contact the School Office for any additional information.

Free Children's Dental Clinic

Creston Children's Dental Clinic offers free complete dental care for kids in Kindergarten through 12th grade.

To qualify, you must:

- Be currently enrolled in a Portland Public School
- Qualify for free/reduced lunch
- Be uninsured or insured through a participating Oregon health plan dental care provider.

503-916-5808 or www.crestondental.org

Head Lice 101: What you need to know.

Head lice are a common community problem. An estimated 6 to 12 million infestations occur each year in the United States, most commonly among children ages 3 to 11 years old. Children attending preschool or elementary school, and those who live with them, are the most commonly affected. Head lice are not dangerous, and they do not transmit disease; but they do spread easily, making it a community issue. Additionally, despite what you might have heard, head lice often infest people with good hygiene and grooming habits. Your family, friends or community may experience head lice. It's important to know some basics, including how to recognize symptoms and what to do if faced with an infestation.

Please see below for more information and contact the Office with any questions.

[Head Lice Info \(English\)](#)

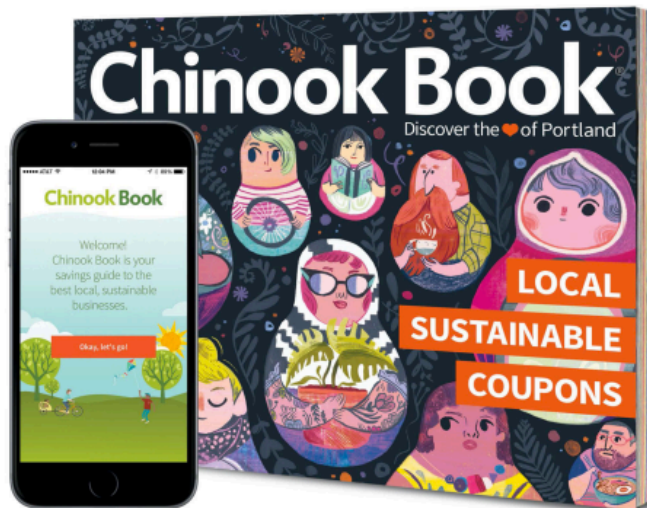
[Información básica sobre piojos \(Espanol\)](#)

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App	\$15	\$7.50
Combo	\$30	\$15

- ⦿ Sales run through 11/18
- ⦿ Orders can be made through VernonPTA.org or at the Vernon front office (checks payable to Vernon PTA).
- ⦿ For more info, contact Dan Langlie, dmlanglie@gmail.com, 503-975-8224

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