



Upcoming Events and Calendar Dates

Wednesday, November 4th

- K-8 Book Bag Distribution in MPR. Vernon family last names A-G only **12:00-4pm.**

Thursday, November 5th

- Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour 10:00AM
meet.google.com/vnq-aouk-vpp
phone number: 612-404-0718. PIN: 375 579 737#

Friday, November 6th

- Teacher Planning Day - NO SCHOOL

Monday, November 9th

- First day of Quarter 2
- Families of Black Students Meeting 6:00pm
meet.google.com/cnb-symh-rsg
phone: 419-702-0467 PIN: 141 115 015#

Wednesday, November 11th

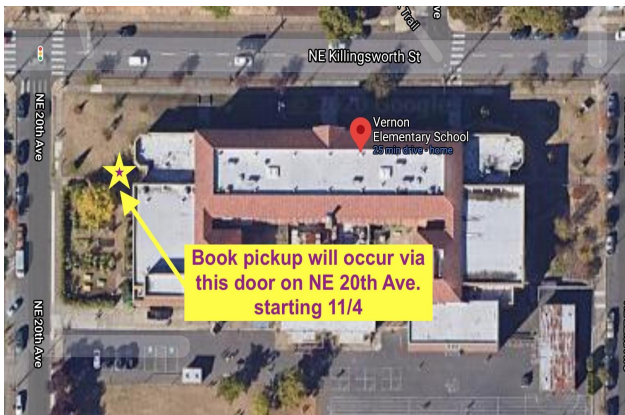
- Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL



Reading Bag Distribution: Distribution of book bags will continue on Wednesday, November 5th from 12:00pm-4:00pm for last names A-G! If you got book bags three weeks ago, please return them to be quarantined and exchange for a new bag of books. Please see my new calendar and updated pick-up location on the next few pages.

Please note that due to the book quarantining requirements from the Health Authority and ODE, we do need our families to pick up books **only on their assigned day.** Doing so will allow sufficient supply of ready-to-use books for all students.

Keep reading Vernon Owls! Ms. Wilkins



Updates from the Vernon Library

Friday, October 30, 2020



Let's Get Reading! Update

It has been wonderful to see so many students picking up book bags on Wednesdays! Please see the attached calendar for pick up times for the months of November and December. Please watch for additional information about pick up times for January and beyond in a future update.

Starting on Wednesday, November 4, we will be adjusting reading bag pick up times and the location. **Book bag pickup will be available between noon and 4 PM** via the door at the northwest corner of the school on NE 20th Ave. Please see the map below.



Fall Conferences

Mrs. Wilkins will be available to meet with interested families for 15-minute slots during our November conferences this year. If you'd like to meet, please sign up for a time via [Google Calendar](#). I will send video conference links to those signed up for conferences approximately one week before our conference times. Please contact me with any questions. [Ms Wilkin's Google Calendar](#)

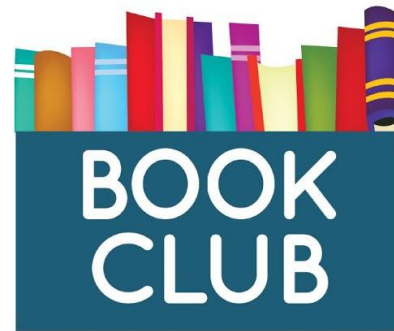
Library Book & Textbook Return

You are welcome to bring library materials for return to the reading bag distributions on Wednesdays.

Vernon Book Club

As we begin the second quarter of the school year, we will begin offering a weekly book club as an enrichment opportunity for students. We will read a variety of books together and discuss questions related to the text. Please see the library calendar for scheduled dates and times.

Students will receive additional information via their SeeSaw and Canvas announcements. Please stay tuned for additional information coming your way soon!



Upcoming Events

Virtual Scholastic Book Fair – January 11-24



We'll have the opportunity in January to shop a "virtual book fair." Purchased items may be shipped to your home, and our school gets credit we can use to purchase additional books for student use.

PPS Library Services Resources

Our Library Services Department has curated some excellent resources for eBooks you can access at any time, as well as a variety of research tools. You'll find links on our [library services web page](#).

Vernon Library Calendar

November/December 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov. 2 Week 8 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	3 K-2 Library Office Hours and Book Club 2:15-2:45 PM	4 Reading Bag Pickup Last Names A-G 12:00-4:00 PM*	5 6-8 Book Club from 8:45-9:30 AM 6-8 Library Office Hours 1:00-1:30 PM	6 Teacher Planning Day - No School for Students
9 Week 9 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	10 K-2 Library Office Hours and Book Club 2:15-2:45 PM	11 Veteran's Day - No School	12 6-8 Book Club from 8:45-9:30 AM 6-8 Library Office Hours 1:00-1:30 PM 3-5 Book Club 3:30-4:15 PM	13 3-5 Library Office Hours 11-11:30 AM
16 Week 10 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	17 K-2 Library Office Hours and Book Club 2:15-2:45 PM	18 Reading Bag Pickup Last Names H-N 12:00-4:00 PM*	19 6-8 Book Club from 8:45 - 9:30 6-8 Library Office Hours 1:00-1:30 PM 3-5 Book Club 3:30-4:15 PM PM Conferences 4:00-8:00PM^	20 3-5 Library Office Hours 11-11:30 AM
23 Conferences 8 AM – 8 PM^ (No School)	24 Conferences 8 AM – 4 PM^ (No School)	 Thanksgiving Break – No School		
30 Week 11 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	Dec. 1 K-2 Library Office Hours and Book Club 2:15-2:45 PM	2 Reading Bag Pickup Last Names O-Z 12-4 PM*	3 6-8 Book Club from 8:45 - 9:30 6-8 Library Office Hours 1:00-1:30 PM 3-5 Book Club 3:30-4:15 PM	4 3-5 Library Office Hours 11-11:30 AM
7 Week 12 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	8 K-2 Library Office Hours and Book Club 2:15-2:45 PM	9 Reading Bag Pickup Last Names A-G 12-4 PM*	10 6-8 Book Club from 8:45 - 9:30 6-8 Library Office Hours 1:00-1:30 PM 3-5 Book Club 3:30-4:15 PM	11 3-5 Library Office Hours 11-11:30 AM

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21	22	23	24	25
Winter Break – December 21-January 1 (No School for Students)				
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		Jan. 6 Reading Bag Pickup Last Names: O-Z 12-4 PM*		

*The Time and Location for Book Pickup has changed due to winter weather and darker days. The time on Wednesday's will now be from 12:00 - 4:00 at the side door of Vernon on 20th Avenue where students leave for busses. Additional times beyond January 6 will be communicated at a later date.

^Conferences with Mrs. Wilkins will be available during the scheduled dates and times. If you would like to sign up for a 15-minute conference time, please use the [Conference Sign Up Link](#). Mrs. Wilkins will communicate with you via about a video conference link prior to the scheduled conference time.

K-2 Office Hours and Book Club Link: g.co/meet/wilkinsk-2

3-5 Office Hours and Book Club Link: g.co/meet/wilkins3-5

6-8 Office Hours and Book Club Link: g.co/meet/wilkins6-8

Please note: We ask that you visit the school to pick up books only on your assigned day. This will ensure availability of books and that we are able to comply with guidelines from the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education about quarantining books.

Ms. Wilkin's Links to Office Hours and Book Clubs:

K-2: g.co/meet/wilkinsk-2

3-5: g.co/meet/wilkins3-5

6-8: g.co/meet/wilkins6-8

Meet Your Teacher

Mr. Wilson



Hi! I am Mr. Wilson (or Mr. Dan) the 5-8th grade Learning Center Teacher at Vernon. Over the past 12 years I have taught students from grades K-12. I feel fortunate to be working at Vernon and especially love working with middle school students.

ABOUT ME:

I was born and raised near Chicago, IL and made my way out west as a young pup.

I live in NE Portland with my wife and 3 year old daughter.

My passions include exploring the coast, crabbing and fishing, mushroom hunting, cooking, gardening, and watching the cubbies.



MY EDUCATION:

University of Illinois-Education/History

Lewis and Clark College-Masters Special Education

FUN FACTS

My favorite season is Autumn. Also, my daughter's name.

When I was 6 I fell off the high dive onto the cement below. (remarkably I was okay)

A perfect day for me includes a family hike, watching sports, a nap, and cooking a big family dinner.

My favorite place in the world is the Oregon coast.

I have run hood to coast 5 times.

CONTACT:

The best way to contact me is via email:

dwilson1@pps.net

or

Office Hours 1:00-1:30

M-F code: VernonLC

Meet Your Teacher

Ms. Margaret

ABOUT ME:

This is my second year as the Learning Center teacher at Vernon.

I have called Portland home for 6+ years but am originally from the East Coast.

When I am not teaching, you can find me reading, working out, cooking, or enjoying the outdoors.

WELCOME:

Hello!

My name is Ms. Margaret.

I am the Learning Center teacher for grades K - 4.

MY EDUCATION:

Master of Education in Special Education from Wilmington University with a liberal arts undergraduate degree.

CONTACT:

Remind: Call or text message

Email: mbooth@pps.net



Meet Your Teacher

Mr. Evans



Hello! My name is Morgan Evans. I teach 8th grade and 7th grade history. I hope to show how the past affects the present, both for good and bad. I love my job and teaching and HATE 2020

ABOUT ME:

I'm a sports fan. Kings, Monarchs, 49ers and Dodgers. I love nature and bird watching. I love travel, and hope to be able to do so again, some day- I've been to 25 or so countries- and hope to go to another 25 at least. I am married to a wonderful human named Sarah, and am constantly inspired by my teacher mother, my sister, and the memory of my teacher father.

CONTACT:

mevans1@pps.net

-phone number available for advisory upon request-

MY EDUCATION:

I graduated HS from Red Bluff High School in Red Bluff CA (GO SPARTANS!). I received a BS in Secondary Ed. from the University of Portland (GO PILOTS!), and my Masters from Portland State (Eh.. don't care about the Viking),

SERVICES:

My job is to help your students learn. Any way I can help do so is what I plan to do. Please email me or contact me via Google Classroom if there is anything I can do. I accept late work, and will work individually with students during office hours if they are struggling. We are all in this together.

Meet Your Teacher

Benjamin White

WELCOME: All 6th graders and 6th grade families to Ancient World Studies and Language Arts. I look forward to being your teacher this year and learning lots of cool things!

ABOUT ME:

- I like all things plant (houseplants, exotic epiphytes, landscaping my yard, bonsai, etc.)
- I LOVE the science fiction/fantasy genre for books and TV binging
- My son, Levi, is 2½
- We love the Oregon Coast!

MY EDUCATION:

B.S. In Political Science
and an MA in Education
from U of O

CONTACT:

email: bwhite3@pps.net

or bop into my open
office hours Mon-Fri
1-1:30pm (links & codes
can be found in all my
Google classrooms)



Meet Your Teacher

“Mr. Johnson”

WELCOME:

Welcome to MYP Science! I am really looking forward to talking about the how and why of the way the world works! We are going to be discussing concepts in Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Geology, and Atmospheric Sciences!

ABOUT ME:

I was born in Phoenix, AZ, but have lived in the NW for 27 years. I am an only child, but have a big extended family I grew up with. I have 7 aunts and uncles and 10 cousins! We are all still very close.

MY EDUCATION:

I spent 3rd-12th grade at Catholic School in Phoenix. I then went to college in Tacoma, WA at the University of Puget Sound. I received my Masters Degree in Teaching from the University of Portland.

CONTACT:

The best way to contact me is by email:
bjohnso4@pps.net

Fun Johnson Facts!

- I love to travel, and have been to 33 countries
- I enjoy scuba diving and play tennis:
- My original teaching love was History, and I am licensed to teach that at well
- This is my 13th year at Vernon



Counselor Corner

[Counselor Website](#)



Ms. Hanna's Office Hours

KG & 1st Grades: **Tuesdays 8-8:30am**

Code: [counselorhannaofficehours](#)

2nd & 3rd Grades: **Thursday 1:30-2:30pm**

Code: [counselorhannaofficehours](#)

Weekly Mindfulness with Ms. Hanna

Join on Tuesdays 8:30am

or Thursdays 2:30pm

<https://meet.google.com/oor-hgka-cev>

Ms. Shannon's Office Hours

4th & 5th Grades: **Mondays 1:15-2pm**

Code: [msshannonoffice4-5](#)

MYP Drop In times for Election Support

11/3 12:30-1:30pm: [msshannonsupport](#)

11/4 & 5 12:15-1pm: [msshannonsupport](#)

Contact Information:

Ms. Hanna (K-3): hallen@pps.net

[Ms. Hanna Appointment Request](#) (971) 378-0424

Ms. Shannon (4-8): snicolas@pps.net

[Ms. Shannon Appointment Request](#) (503) 308-9546

Wings of Freedom (QSA)

Wings is a student-run group that unites LGBTQIA+ and allied youth to build community and organize around issues impacting them in their schools and communities.

3-5 Wings of Freedom: Wednesdays @ 3:15-3:45pm code: [wings3-5](#)

6-8 Wings of Freedom: Fridays @ 11:45-12:15 code: [vernonwings](#)

Thoughts To Ponder: Empathy in a time of World Crisis

“You can never understand someone unless you understand their point of view, climb in that person’s skin, or stand and walk in that person’s shoes.” - Atticus Finch, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Empathy is a skill, we as humans gain over the course of a lifetime. It is also a skill that tells others that we understand what they are going through, while supporting them through their experience. Empathy allows us to be there for another person, without experiencing the same thing. Right now, we are living through a Global Crisis but still have a different experiences and worries/concerns.

So how do we support our families and neighbors through Empathy?

1. Active Listening - On top of providing space for others to talk through their experience and worries, use your non-verbal communication to show others you are paying attention to what they are saying.
2. Acknowledge Fears - We all experience this Global Crisis in different ways and we have different worries. Give space for others to voice their fears and help them to see hope for the future.
3. Offer Flexibility - We all need to be flexible with what each person is capable of from day-to-day. It is okay to close the computer or take a break when it gets too overwhelming.
4. Have the Facts - The truth or facts can be very powerful. Facts about the situation enable us to have some control over this Crisis and protect ourselves.
5. Practice what you Teach - We are constantly affected by the emotions that are around us. This means students are affected by their parents/teachers and Parents/teachers affected by students. If we tell someone else to find positivity or to take a break, we should also do those things.

When nothing else works, try meditation/mindfulness: [Kobe Bryant: The Power of Sleep & Meditation](#)

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Updates to Meal Service as Weather Changes, Distance Learning Continues

October 22, 2020

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Dear PPS Families,

With the announcement that Portland Public Schools is extending Comprehensive Distance Learning through at least January 28, we want to make you aware of upcoming updates to our meal service as we adjust to the coming colder weather and shorter days.

We will be pausing services at Clarendon, Sacajawea and Harriet Tubman Middle School due to low participation. The last day of service at these three locations will be Friday, October 30. Families who have been visiting these sites are encouraged to visit one of the other PPS meal sites close by or request home meal delivery.

Starting November 2, our grab-and-go curbside serving locations will be open from 3 to 4:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Some schools might shift their serving location on campus to help keep employees dry and visible. To see the full list of meal sites, please visit the [Nutrition Sites During Distance Learning website](#).

Finally, we are re-opening access to home meal deliveries, a service for PPS families that are not near a meal site or need assistance accessing meals. To request meal delivery service, please [complete the request form](#). We continue to assess the capacity of both the Nutrition Services and Transportation departments and will keep you apprised of any updates we make to our services.

If you have any questions about our meal service, please contact us at nutritionservices@pps.net. Thank you!

PPS Nutrition Services

