

Reading Bag Distribution: Distribution of book bags will continue on Wednesday, November 18th from 12:00pm-4:00pm for last names H-N. Please return the bookbags received three weeks ago to be quarantined and exchange for a new bag of books. 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.**

Upcoming Events and Calendar Dates

Monday, November 16th

- Jump For the Owls Fundraiser via students PE classrooms starts this week!

Tuesday, November 17th

- Neurodiverse Affinity Group meeting 6:00pm
<https://meet.google.com/vcw-cgzo-ffi>
or open Meet and enter this code: vcw-cgzo-ffi

Wednesday, November 18th

- Vernon Spirit Day! Wear your WACKIEST Covid Mask to your classroom meeting for PYP or advisory for MYP.
- K-8 Book Bag Distribution in MPR. Vernon family last names H-N only 12:00-4pm.
- Vernon Virtual PTA Meeting 5:45-7:30pm
Via this Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82214143120?pwd=NTA5QW9QU0hLNlplWODJEBFNDZWNYUT09>
Meeting ID: 822 1414 3120
Passcode: uZqq0x
One tap mobile 6699006833, Passcode: 799473

Thursday, November 19th

- Family/Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:00-8:00pm

Friday, November 20th

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

Monday, November 23rd

Family/Parent/Teacher Conferences - 8:00am-8:00pm

Tuesday, November 24th

Family/Parent/Teacher Conferences - 8:00am-4:00pm

Wednesday - Friday, November 25th - 27th

NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Holiday



VERNON SCHOOL
**JUMP FOR
THE OWLS**

NOVEMBER 16TH-20TH

Remember to:

- Participate in live PE class**
- Collect pledges**
- Wear your shirt**

Contact jennijayne@rocketmail.com for more info





JUMP FOR THE OWLS!

[Jump for the Owls](#) is the Fall Vernon fundraiser to raise money for teacher and student supplies and supports! Although typically we would be running around the Vernon playground, this year we will be jumping with our Vernon PE teachers. If you can collect pledges that will be a great way to raise money. Anyway, you want to be sure you go to your live PE classes to JUMP FOR THE OWLS next week, November 16th - 19th!

Watch Mr. Rittman and Ms. Politte's promotional video is here: [Jump for the Owls!](#)

If you've got Mr. Rittman for PE watch his video. He'll show you what you need to JUMP FOR THE OWLS and it isn't a jump rope! Watch here: [Jump for the Owls What You Need!](#)

If you've got Ms. Paula for PE, you don't need any extra equipment! Just lots of jumping energy!

GO VERNON K-8 JUMPING OWLS!



VERNON PTA WEBSITE

The Vernon PTA website is at this link: VernonPTA.org Everything you need to know about the Vernon PTA is here. Our mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and our communities to advocate for all children. Vernon's PTA (Parent Teacher Association) welcomes all people of every color, language, ethnicity, origin, ability, sexual orientation, gender expression, marital status, and life situation. We are a beautiful diverse school community. Join us! We are stronger when everyone's voice is heard.

Vernon Spirit Day!

Wednesday November 18th

Wear your **WACKIEST**
COVID Mask to your online
class!

Prizes for the class with the HIGHEST participation!

- PYP: Show your mask to your class during morning meeting.
- MYP: Show your mask to your class during advisory or send a photo to your advisor.



VERNON COMMUNITY

ANGELS



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Instagram: [angelsdonuts.icecreamportland](https://www.instagram.com/angelsdonuts.icecreamportland)

Thank-you to Victor Martin del Campo of Angel's Donuts for his generosity and sharing of community spirit. Please enjoy a complimentary donut by presenting this coupon before ordering!

Meet Your Principal

Mr. Keefer

Hi! My name is Ben Keefer. I am the lucky guy who gets to to be principal at Vernon this. This is the start of my 6th year as the principal & 24th year as an educator. My goal for this year is to help each and every student learn as much as they can. I believe each student has the ability to succeed and it is my job to help Vernon be the best school it can be. I look forward to learning and growing with each of you!

ABOUT ME:

I was born and raised in Portland. I graduated from Benson in 1990.

My wife, Debbie, is from Portland as well. We both graduated from OSU. Debbie is a 5th grade teacher.

I love the Pacific Northwest! Especially fishing, camping, rafting, hiking, snowboarding, and skateboarding.

I have two children. Harrison is 21 and in college. Sophie is 17 and is a senior in high school.

Some of my favorite things are sushi, hanging out at the beach, learning about new people and cultures, and exploring wherever I have a chance to drive, fly, or hike to.



MY EDUCATION:

Bachelors degree and Masters in Arts and Teaching from Oregon State University.
Admin certificates from Lewis and Clark and University of Portland.



CONTACT:

While we are doing Distance Learning, email is the easiest way to contact me:
bkeefferr@pps.net.

We can also set up a GoogleMeet through email or a phone call.



Meet Your Assistant Principal

Ms. Harold



Hello! My name is Jane Harold and I'm the assistant principal at Vernon IB World School . This is my third year at Vernon and my 25th year in education. I am honored to be your assistant principal and to be a part of such an incredible community of families and students. I love watching students explore, discover and learn. These are unprecedented times, so remember, we are stronger together.

Keep learning! Keep exploring! Ask questions!

ABOUT ME:

I was born and raised in Portland and graduated from Wilson High School. I lived in Australia for almost 20 years. All of my children were born there.

I love music, singing and dancing. I also love to cook, read, take long walks and travel around Oregon or just about anywhere! I have circumnavigated the globe during a world wide trip.

Mr. Harold and I have a big combined family of six children and four grandchildren. Family is very important to us!

CONTACT:

Please don't hesitate to reach out. My email is jharold@pps.net or by phone/text 503-320-6919.

MY EDUCATION:



Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of Sydney and my Masters in School Administration from Portland State University.



My Passion

I believe that every child has the potential to achieve and realize their dreams. It is my job to see that they have every opportunity to learn, grow and thrive and to become conscientious and compassionate global citizens.

Meet Your Teacher

Ms. Ellen

ABOUT ME:

I have been a teacher in PPS for over 15 years in both special education and general education roles. I have taught at Vernon (on and off) for 5 years.

I live in the Vernon neighborhood with my husband, 18 month old son and chihuahua-pug (chug). We are also expecting a baby girl some time in the next month!

When I'm not teaching, I love to travel, read, knit, design and renovate houses, take pictures, make ceramics and play music.

WELCOME:

Hello!

My name is
Ms. Ellen.

I am a PYP academic support teacher this year at Vernon!

MY EDUCATION:

- ★ Master of Science in Special Education: from Portland State University
- ★ Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Southwestern College in AZ (also studied at NAU)

CONTACT:

Email: ewerner@pps.net





Counselor Corner

[Counselor Website](#)



Ms. Hanna's Office Hours

KG- 3rd Grades: **Tuesdays 8-8:30am**

Thursdays 1:30-2:30pm

Code: [counselorhannaofficehours](#)

Drop In for Election Support M-F 10-11am

Code: [Counselor Support](#)

Weekly Mindfulness with Ms. Hanna

Tuesdays 8:30am

or Thursdays 2:30pm

Ongoing teaching and practice

[Weekly Mindfulness](#)

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](#)

Ms. Shannon's Office Hours

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

[msshannonoffice4-5](#)

MYP Drop In times for Counseling Support

Monday & Wednesday 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



[Youth Resource App](#) from PPS

Created by PPS and PPS students, to support student mental health

Myth: Things are so different today than when I was growing up - there isn't really much of a relationship between my experiences in adolescents and those of my child.



Fact: Attachment research reveals that our experiences with own parents growing up create a vital starting place for learning important lessons. Digging deep into the landscape of your own childhood and making sense of how those experiences shaped your own development can yield important benefits in terms of showing you how to maintain close bonds with your children throughout their adolescence and on into adulthood.



High School Enrollment for 8th Graders

High School Lottery Window Opens:

November 12 to December 11

Virtual 8th Grade Night November 18th @ 6pm

8th grade students will receive a letter from PPS Enrollment and Transfers with information on how to choose their High School for next year. The letter has a link, specific for each student to pick their High School.

Dual Enrollment

Most Vernon students have the choice between two High Schools.

Jefferson High School and Madison, Roosevelt, or Grant

Students need to make their choice by **December 11**. If they do not pick, a High School will be picked for them at random

Lottery Option High School

PPS has 3 Option High Schools:

Jefferson High School

Benson High School

Metropolitan Learning Center (MLC)

Students must apply by **December 11**, decisions will be made in January

Explore all the High Schools, to find the one that fits your needs.

If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about your options. You can email or text/call Ms. Shannon at

snicolas@pps.net

(503)308-9546

Updates from the Vernon Library

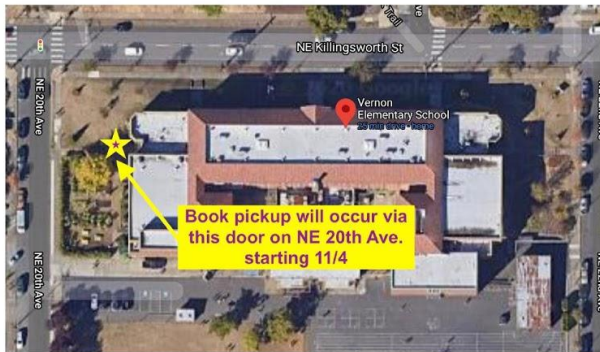
Friday, October 30, 2020



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](#)

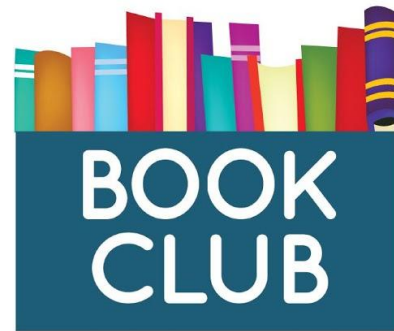
Library Book & Textbook Return

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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14 Week 13 Library Activities Posted in SeeSaw (K-5) and Canvas (6-8)	15 K-2 Library Office Hours and Book Club 2:15-2:45 PM	16 Reading Bag Pickup Last Names H-N 12-4 PM*	17 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	18 3-5 Library Office Hours 11-11:30 AM 3-5 Assignment Feedback Posted
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