



VERNON SCHOOL



Celebrate Black History @ Vernon!

In celebration of Black History Month, many classrooms are putting together door decorations to honor a specific person and/or event. The doors will be ready for display by Feb. 16, in time for our annual Black History Month celebration. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thursday, February 16: Black History Celebration (in the MPR, 6:00-8:00pm, dinner included). See page 2 for more information.

Thursday, February 16 & Friday, February 17: African-American Authors Read In - volunteers needed! See page 3 for more info.

Thursday, February 23: Community Movie Night, "13th" (MPR, 5:45-8:00pm, dinner included, see page 3)

African-American Authors Read-In – from. Ms. Mears

Vernon's 2nd Annual Black History Month Read-In will be taking place on Feb. 16 and 17 from 9:00am – 11:00am and 12:30pm – 2:30pm. Vernon's participation in this event is part of a nationwide call to honor diversity in literacy.

"The African American Read-In (AARI) . . . is built on an ambitious yet confident premise: that a school and community reading event can be an effective way to promote diversity in children's literature, encourage young people to read, and shine a spotlight on African American authors" (NCTE *Council Chronicle*, November 2014).

We are looking for volunteers to read to students, help them look for books, or just lend a hand. If you are interested, please email April Mears at amears@pps.net. If you have specific questions about the schedule, you can also email April.



Vernon Choir News: A note from Ms. Bryan

We have a few events to look forward to in the coming weeks, plus an additional performance in February! The next performance is on Thursday, February 16 (next week) at Vernon's Black History Month Celebration in the MPR from 6-8 pm. The choir sounds fabulous. Can't wait for the performance!

Following that, the Vernon Choir has been asked back to Lincoln High School to sing The National Anthem on Tuesday, February 21 at 5:45 pm. Lastly, I have a correction for the April performance! We will still perform at the Board meeting at the BESC on April 19. However, the April 19 is a Wednesday rather than a Thursday, as sent before. The choir will perform at 5:40 pm. Thank you!





Vernon SUN School Presents BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebration



February 16, 2017

6-8pm

Vernon School Multipurpose Room

Join us for food and entertainment as we celebrate Black History! We will have various performers, vendors, and organizations present to celebrate with us. You don't want to miss

2017 Vernon Auction! Save the Date!



The 2017 Auction Committee is recruiting volunteers to lead your child's classroom art project. Please message me if you are willing to help! Our Vernon Owls need you!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Auction Art Projects Brainstorm and Info Meeting: February 16
- Art Auction Preview: Tentatively March 24
- 2017 Auction: April 22

Please Contact: Emily Nemesi at: emilynem@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

VERNON IB WORLD SCHOOL

presents

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

&
Discussion

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SCREENING OF

13TH

THE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED AND OSCAR®
NOMINATED NETFLIX DOCUMENTARY
FROM AVA DUVERNAY

FROM SLAVE TO CRIMINAL WITH ONE AMENDMENT



Thursday
FEB. 23

5⁴⁵-8³⁰ PM *in the MPR*

— **Adult Event (middle-schoolers welcome)** —

Dinner, refreshments and childcare provided.

Centered on race in the U.S. criminal justice system, the film is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which outlawed slavery (unless as punishment for a crime). The movie offers an in-depth look at the prison system in the United States and how it reveals the nation's history of racial inequality.

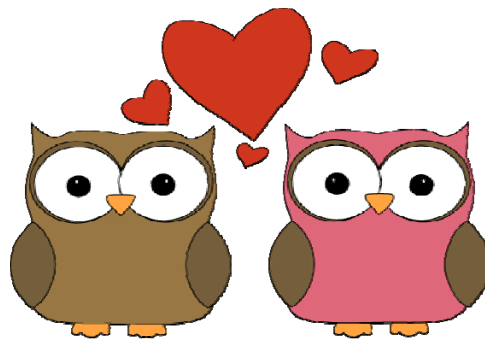
OUR BELIEFS AND MISSION FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT
Through the power of film, we aim to enlighten and empower individuals, Vernon families and our community through communication, compassion, understanding, and action.

Isn't it about time you told people how amazing they are? Well, here's your chance!

Vernon's 4th grade classes will be selling Owl-o-Grams before and after school during the week of February 6-10 and Monday, February 13. Formerly Val-O-Grams, Owl-o-Grams are back! Students will be selling the Grams for \$1 (small shape) and \$2 (large shape) in the hallways before and after school. Grams include a chocolate treat.

For those of you who can't make it to the school, we are excited to offer online sales again this year. Visit www.vernonpta.org for more info. Choose from several different paper shapes for your message – traditional Heart shapes – in both standard and large, Stars, Owls, and more! Grams will be delivered the morning of Tuesday, February 14.

Owl-o-Grams are an important fundraiser that helps to offset some of the cost of sending the 4th Grade classes on the Oregon Trail Overnight Field Trip. This is the highlight of the year as the students spend two days and one night outdoors learning about pioneers and explorers as they headed out west.



2017 Student Health Updates!

- A note from Ms. Lindsey Caudle, Vernon's Nurse

Immunization exclusion day approaches (Wednesday, February 15)

All immunizations must be up to date or students will not be able to attend classes. Parents must provide proof of the immunization or a certificate for non-medical exemption. Please contact us with any questions.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you.

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SELF ENHANCEMENT, INC.

Encourages all African-American males to join us in

FOLLOW MY LEAD DAY OF SERVICE



9am-3pm



"Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much"

FEBRUARY 11, 2017

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP, BEAUTIFICATION, FEEDING THE HOMELESS AND MORE

LIGHT BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AT SEI 9AM-10AM | LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT SEI 2PM-3PM

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