



# Vernon IB World School

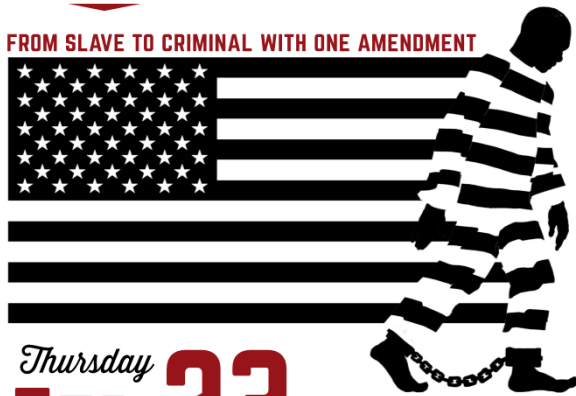
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## The Owl Post

Vernon's Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, February 23, 2017



### Join Us Tonight for Community Movie Night: "13th"

Due to the mature content in the film (according to IMDB, the suggested MPAA Rating is PG-13 for disturbing images, language, brief nudity, and drug references), this special event is open to our adult community members and Vernon MYP students (grades 6-8) who will be screening the film in class this week.

Our aim for the night is to use the power of film to enlighten and empower individuals, Vernon families, and our community through communication, compassion, understanding and action.

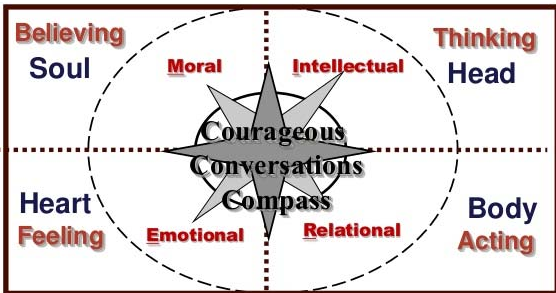
In addition to the movie, dinner, and childcare for students under 6th grade, we have built in time for community connection and conversation following the film. We aim to model some of the protocols our staff use with our Equity work, as well as some of the agreements of committing to the work, which include experiencing discomfort and expecting and accepting non-closure.

We do not expect Thursday night to be any type of solution or fix, but more intend it to be a meaningful learning opportunity and shared community experience. Please let us know if you have any questions. We hope you can join us. More info is on page 2.

Thursday  
**FEB. 23**

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### Courageous Conversation COMPASS



*Courageous Conversations About Race*, Singleton & Linton, 2005



### Bagels rescheduled to Friday, March 3

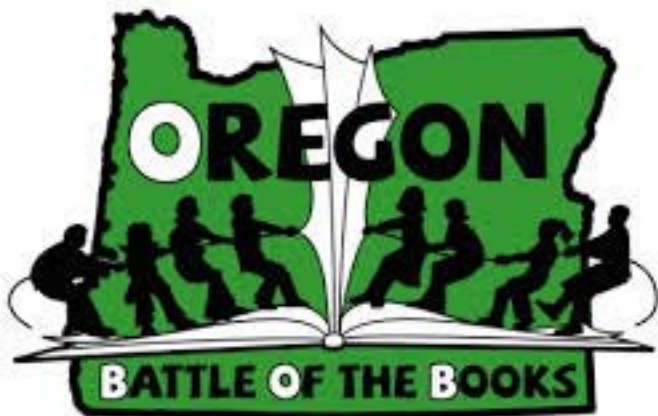
Bagels with Ben and Brad will be rescheduled to next week, Friday March 3. More details coming next week. Also, we really do value the feedback that parents have provided at Bagels. One of the top ideas last session was to better equip parents to ask their kids about school. Please see the last page for some ideas!



### Spirit Day is tomorrow!

Tomorrow is Spirit Day! We are being fancy this time around, so wear your fancy dress-up clothes! ☺

### Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) School Championships



Our school has been fortunate to have had excellent participation in the Oregon Battle of the Books over the past two years. As part of the program, students read a series of 16 books, form teams, and battle each other on their knowledge of the books. This year, we had five teams participate at the elementary level, and three teams participate at the middle school level.

The two teams who have cumulatively scored the highest in each division (elementary and middle school) will compete in an evening event on Thursday, March 2 for a chance to advance to the regional competition in March. Families and students are invited to join us in our Vernon library for an evening to celebrate the hard work of our amazing readers. Elementary battles will begin at 5:30 PM, followed by middle school battles at 6:30 PM.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wilkins at [jwilkins@pps.net](mailto:jwilkins@pps.net). We hope to see you there!

### 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 Information meeting: February 16
- Art Auction Preview: Tentatively March 24
- 2017 Auction: April 22

Please contact Emily Nemesi [emilynem@gmail.com](mailto:emilynem@gmail.com)

### Confucius Classroom New Year Celebration Gala



Hosted and sponsored by the Confucius Institute at PSU, this event will feature music and cultural performances by Confucius Classroom students and teachers. Additional performances by professionals will include Chinese dulcimer music, ballet performance from the Haiyan International Dance Academy, and Taiji performance from the Portland Wushu School.

Date and time: Sunday, February 26, 2017 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Location: Portland State University - Smith Memorial Student Union, Ballroom  
Address: 1825 SW Broadway, Portland

VERNON IB WORLD SCHOOL

*presents*

# COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

&  
*Discussion*

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SCREENING OF

# 13<sup>TH</sup>

THE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED AND OSCAR<sup>®</sup>  
NOMINATED NETFLIX DOCUMENTARY  
FROM **AVA DUVERNAY**

FROM SLAVE TO CRIMINAL WITH ONE AMENDMENT



*Thursday*  
**FEB. 23**

**5<sup>45</sup>-8<sup>30</sup> PM** *in the MPR*

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

**Dinner, refreshments and childcare provided.**

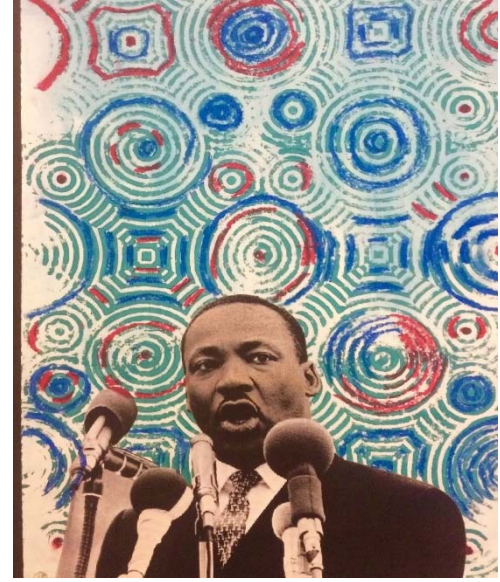
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Dear Vernon Families,

Students have been busy creating some beautiful work this year and some of it is displayed throughout the school. Take a gallery walk through our halls to view Vernon artists' amazing work. The walls of the MPR will be covered with works inspired by two contemporary African-American artists and images inspired by symbols and cultural events from Africa. Your artists are truly amazing and it is an honor to work with and learn from them everyday!

Ms. Anna





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## **Congrats to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards winners!**

	<b>PE Golden Bat Award</b>	<b>Visual Art Golden Paintbrush Award</b>	<b>Music Golden Ukulele Award</b>	<b>World Language Awards</b>	<b>Counseling Golden Heart Award</b>	<b>Library Golden Book Award</b>	<b>Cafeteria Golden Spoon Award</b>
<b>K-2</b>	Ms. Rossman K	Ms. Bruce 2nd	Ms. Havens 1st	Ms. Kucera 1st	Docken	Ms. Mashia 2nd	TBD
<b>3-5</b>	Ms. Gina 4th	Ms. Bostick 5th	Ms. Katy 3rd	Ms. McMahon 4th	Arnold	Ms. Markewitz 3rd	TBD
<b>6-8</b>	6B	7th	7th	6B		8th	TBD

Also, congratulations to our Learner Profile bracelet awardees, Attendance All Stars, MYP Service, and Student Government honorees.

Students were also able to use Compliments to enter raffles to win:

- Throw a Pie at your teacher! Next Awards Assembly: Mr. Wilson (K-2), Ms. Nehring (3-5), Ms. Wicker (6-8)
- Extra PE class for your whole class (Friday afternoon)
- Lunch with Mr. Keefer, Mr. Parker and 3 friends
- Bracelet Delivery Assistant (with Ms. Wicker)

**Winner will be announced tomorrow morning and shared in next week's newsletter!**



<i>Community Movie Night ("13<sup>th</sup>")</i>	<i>Thursday, Feb. 23</i>	<i>6:00-8:00pm - MPR</i>
<i>"Spirit Day"</i>	<i>Friday, February 24</i>	<i>Fancy dress-up day!</i>
<i>Arnold's class – Bridges field trip</i>	<i>Wednesday, March 1</i>	<i>9:00-3:00pm (via TriMet)</i>
<i>Spring Pictures</i>	<i>Thursday, March 2</i>	<i>MPR – AM</i>
<i>Hanlon's class – Bridges field trip</i>	<i>Thursday, March 2</i>	<i>9:00-3:00pm (via TriMet)</i>
<i>Bagels with Ben &amp; Brad</i>	<i>Friday, March 3</i>	<i>MPR – 8:45-9:45</i>
<i>Markewitz's class – Bridges field trip</i>	<i>Friday, March 3</i>	<i>9:00-3:00pm (via TriMet)</i>

# ***“How was school today?” “Fine.” “Good.” “OK.” Want more?! Try these!***

- K: Sharing the Planet, ask: "How do humans impact the ocean?"
- 1st: How we organize ourselves, ask: "How do relationships impact our lives?"
- 2nd: How the world works, ask: "How do objects change form?"
- 3rd: How we organize ourselves, ask: "How do people design structure for solving problems?"
- 4th: Where we are in place and time, ask: "Why do people migrate?"
- 5th: Where we are in place and time, ask: "How do humans impact the environment?"
- Art: In what ways can we unify a piece of artwork? What makes a balanced composition?
- Music: How does a band communicate musically?
- Science 8<sup>th</sup>-Water: Are some people impacted negatively by what others do to the water?
- PE: How can we best learn, improve, and use the volleyball skills of serve, bump, set and spike?
- Language and Literature-7th Grade: What adversities did the people of Medieval Europe face during the Dark Ages? Which parts of Europe were hit the hardest by the plague and how did "worldview/beliefs" play a part in the methods to eradicate the plague?
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Individuals and Societies: What is the best way to govern?
- Math: 6th/7th: Is the probability of anything ever really zero?
- ELL: 2nd-4th grade: What three elements affect how snow crystals are formed?



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