



# Vernon IB World School

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Come grow with us.



## The Owl Post

Vernon's Weekly Newsletter

Friday, March 24, 2017



### Vernon's Got Talent!

In one of our best shows yet, over 40 Vernon students took the concept of being a risk-taker to a new level with some outstanding talents! Ranging from Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, our student acts included acapella singing; piano; Kung-Fu hip hop; magic; dancing; poetry; gymnastics; impressions, and a performance from Vernon's own kid rock band, Molten Glass! Our kids are amazing!

### Join us at the Vernon Auction!

Join us at the Vernon Auction, our annual gathering of our school families, friends and community members to raise money for supplies and the programs our children need! The Auction is one of our school's most cherished events with silent auction, games of chance, live music, dinner, and live auction. Bid on items donated by Portland businesses, local artists, and our own students. Past proceeds have paid for our music program, new technology, supplies and student field trips. The PTA also has a new feature this year where you can sponsor a ticket for a staff or community member if you'd like. Grab your tickets here:

[https://vernonschool.schoolauction.net/auction2017/tickets/ticket\\_sales](https://vernonschool.schoolauction.net/auction2017/tickets/ticket_sales)



## VERNON AUCTION 2017



### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: Bagels with Ben and Brad and Sidney

Thanks to all the parents who joined us this morning for Bagels. We welcomed Sidney Morgan, our Restorative Justice Coach, who helped provide an introduction and context to restorative work, which centers around building, maintaining, and repairing relationships. Sidney stayed at Vernon, chatting with parents until 11:15am, which is generally a sign that she is not only welcome back to continue our work, but that our community wants to learn more.

### STEAM Fair Resource Page

Parents, please visit the STEAM Resource page for any and all information and resources for our upcoming STEAM Fair (see flier on page 5). Info here: <http://www.pps.net/domain/2630>



# THANKS!



East Portland Rotary



For the second year in a row, the generous East Portland Rotary has donated money towards K-5 class Library books! We are using this generous action as a way to promote our Equity and CARE work. K-5 teachers will be choosing texts that offer a diversity in gender, race, perspectives, and volume matter. This grant is founded under the belief that what kids see and read shapes what they imagine to be possible for people who look like them, live where they live, or come from where they came from. There is strong evidence for building classroom libraries to include books where ALL students will find mirrors (which reflect themselves), windows (which show them a larger world), or sliding glass doors (which encourage social action).

Pictured above are our esteemed keynote speakers, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher extraordinaire, Ms. Alexa Arnold, 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Ble'Auja, and 6<sup>th</sup> grader Evelyn.

### SUN Spring Term

SUN Spring Term begins right after Spring Break on Monday, April 3. Confirmations will go home on Friday March, 24. Below is a list of open classes. Please pick up a registration form in the Main Office. Once it's filled out, please return to the SUN mailbox located in the Main Office.

#### **EKO kids (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) Monday-Thursday 3:20-5:20**

Students will have a chance to participate in nature education with Metro's Youth Engaging in Nature project. Eko Kids will provide outdoor exposure and students will be able to participate in activities that include field trips, gardening, identifying native plants and berries, and on-site nature projects.

#### **Into to ASL (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Tuesdays 3:20-4:20**

Journey into the world of American Sign Language! In this class, you will be introduced to American Sign Language - learn greetings, and other vocabulary. You will also learn about Deaf culture and history and discover how to use this graceful, expressive language to communicate with Deaf people.

#### **Digital Photography (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Wednesdays 3:20-5:20**

Beginning students learn basic controls on digital cameras and tips to enhance pictures using different functions. They'll discuss composition, lighting, and perspective and learn how to best capture an image regardless of the lighting or weather conditions. At the end of the term, students are presented with some of the finished prints of their favorite images.

Have a wonderful Spring Break, and we'll see you soon!!!

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### Trout Release Party!

Third and eighth graders, Science teacher, Brad Johnson, along with parent, Gage Reeves, and parent Jennifer Hulford Odell as a representative of the PTA STEAM Committee, have been participating in Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program by raising trout in the classroom. The fish reside in a tank in Brad Johnson's classroom. As part of the third grade life cycle study, each third grade class has been coming down to Mr. Johnson's room, one time per week, to observe, investigate, and record in journals how the trout are changing as they go from egg to fry (a small fish.) Eighth graders have been monitoring the water quality of the tank and recording the physical changes of the fish, as well, as part of their water chemistry study. The students are collecting real data that will be sent to and used by ODFW. Feel free to stop by Brad's classroom and check out the fish. Your kids can tell you all about them!

**We will be releasing the fish this Saturday, March 25 at 9 AM at Blue Lake Park in Fairview, Oregon, approximately 20 minutes east of Vernon. There is a \$5 per car charge to enter. We will be at the park from 9 - 10, but you can certainly plan to stay longer and play!**

**If you can come, please be sure to wear clothes and shoes that can potentially get wet, and please bring a water bottle and snack. This is not an official field trip with chaperones or teachers in charge, nor is it a drop off situation. You will need to be with your child and responsible for them at all times.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Jennifer at [jhodell2@yahoo.com](mailto:jhodell2@yahoo.com). We hope you will join us!



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*you're invited!*

# Safe Routes to School Open House



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**Schools in the Portland have \$8 million**  
to spend on transportation  
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**Tell us how to spend it!**

Crosswalks? Traffic Signals? Speed bumps?  
Learn the cost of street improvements,  
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provided**

**Date:** Thursday, April 20th  
**Time:** Drop in between 6-8 PM  
**Where:** Ockley Green MS,  
6031 N Montana Ave

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MAX: Yellow Line  
Bus: #44



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# STEAM

*Fair*

APRIL 18 6 to 8 PM

*Tuesday  
Night!*

*Presented by:*

Vernon's  
STEAM & Art  
Committees

**PYP AND MYP STEAM  
FAIR PROJECTS  
JUDGED, AWARDED  
& ON DISPLAY**

**HANDS-ON  
INQUIRY-BASED  
ACTIVITIES**

**ROBOT  
CONSTRUCTION**

**TOURS &  
SEED PLANTING  
IN THE  
GARDENS**

**STUDENT  
ARTWORK  
ON DISPLAY**

**ART  
ACTIVITIES**

*And More!*



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