



Vernon IB World School

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The Owl Post

Vernon's Weekly Newsletter

Friday, May 12, 2017



Portland Free Play: Loose Parts Recess Pilot @ Vernon

Vernon IB World School is partnering with [Portland Free Play](#) on a pilot project to enrich the outdoor play environment by introducing loose parts! The goals of this project are to enrich the play possibilities for kids during recess and see what impact this has on their experience of school. The project started this week and will run through the end of the year. This project is being modeled on the Scrapstore PlayPods which are in over 300 schools around the UK. **We are one of only 3 schools in North America to pilot this!** See a great video about their work here! P.S. Our kids, small and big, love it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqi1KyJJeKg>



END OF YEAR
CONCERT

Year-End Concerts: Next Week!

The Vernon year-end concerts will be on May 18 and May 19 from 5:30-6:30 pm in the MPR. May 18 will highlight grades K-4, and May 19 will highlight grades 5-8. The Vernon Choir will perform at both concerts. We hope to see you there! More details next week.



2016-2017 Yearbooks!

Vernon yearbooks go on sale Monday May 15 outside the Main Office. Yearbooks are only \$15 each for 64 colorful pages of Vernon fun! Cash only. The Yearbook staff will be there from 8:35 to 9:00 AM before school and from 3:00 to 3:30 after school for pre-sales. A draft copy of the yearbook will be available for view.

* Close-out sale: Ten (10) 2016 yearbooks are available for purchase. Only \$7.50 each. See Connie in the Office.

IB Night/Exhibition
Photos coming next week!

Student Meal Accounts: Important Info

-  **Free Meals**
-  **Menus**
-  **Allergy Info**
-  **Meal Payments**

Student meal accounts with positive or negative balances will carry over into next school year. Families can pay off negative account balances by cash or check in the Cafeteria, or online at www.myschoolbucks.com by June 15, 2017.

Families with positive account balances have the following options:

- Do nothing -- leave the funds in the account to pay for future school meals
- Request the balance be transferred to a sibling meal account
- Request a refund via the Cafeteria Lead (check will be sent within 4-6 weeks)
- Request the funds be donated to help cover money owed on other student meal accounts

For more information, go to www.pps.net/nutrition, or call [503-916-3399](tel:503-916-3399).

MS. ANNA'S ART STUDIO NEWS: May 2017

ARTNEWS

Hello Vernon Families,

I hope you got to see your child's artwork on the school walls at IB Night. Our hallways are always exhibiting new works, so look upstairs and downstairs and look all around stairs.

If you didn't get a chance to see the "Steam" Mural, it is currently resting in the MPR on the little stage. The 6B artists worked diligently on it for months and it is now complete. I am super proud of their dedication, creativity, innovation and motivation to make the mural a success!

For the full news, including current Student Art Shows and news on the Artist-in-Residence, please go here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ec5SHJqIX0R4zLQ4sLeTA_yn-hl3og6jCBJfz9kxx7l/edit?usp=sharing



<i>Last day for SMART</i>	<i>Tuesday, May 16</i>	<i>Thanks, Devani & volunteers!</i>
<i>End-of-year Music Concert</i>	<i>Thursday, May 18</i>	<i>6:30-7:30pm - MPR</i>
<i>Volunteer Appreciation Social</i>	<i>Friday, May 19</i>	<i>Details TBA</i>

Vernon's #DailyHootOut

Did you know that every day Vernon posts a "hoot out," a celebration of learning and achievement, on Twitter and Facebook? Follow us @Vernon_IB or on our Facebook page "Vernon IB World School Community." Below are some recent highlights!

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We're partnering with @PortlandFreePlay on a pilot project to enrich our outdoor play environment by introducing Loose Parts! #DailyHootOut



Vernon IBWorldSchool @Vernon_IB · 9s
Our inquiring Scientists, Techies, Engineers, Artists, and Mathematicians! Congrats to our 3rd-5th STEAM Fair winners! #DailyHootOut

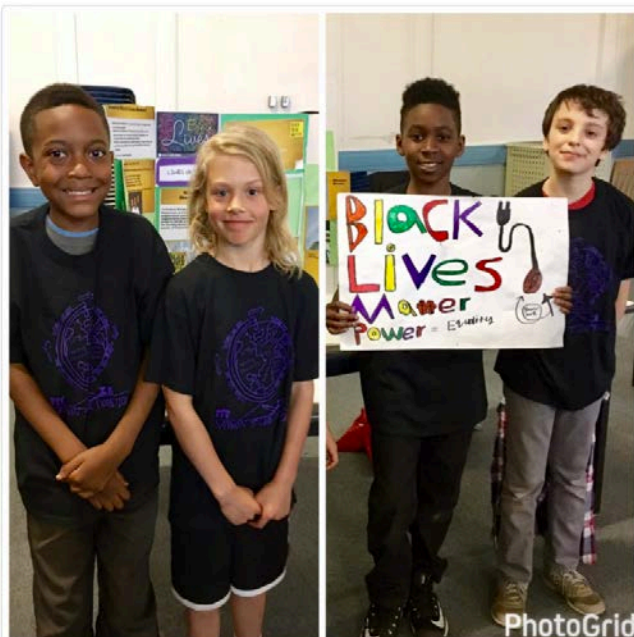


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Vernon IBWorldSchool @Vernon_IB · now
IB PYP Exhibition is here! Immigration, BlackLivesMatter, Education, Women's Rights, Climate Change, Homelessness, Energy: IB #DailyHootOut



Vernon IBWorldSchool @Vernon_IB · now
These lucky students won this week's Learner Profile Compliments Raffle! They each got 4 tickets to Sunday's @TimbersFC game! #DailyHootOut



Thank You Vernon PTA!

teacher appreciation Week

A special shout out!!

Thanks for a wonderful week of surprises and food. This community knows how to give the love. Thanks to all the people who made it possible. I was truly in awe.

Thanks,
Teresa

Yummy

Thank you so much, that was so wonderful and I like all of them!!!

-Ochen Wu

What a wonderful week at Vernon!

Thank you for the delicious meals and thoughtful gestures all week. It was great spending time relaxing with Vernon's wonderful teachers.

Ala Fagan (Literacy Coach)

"Thank You" seems to fall so short when expressing our appreciation for last week's Appreciation events. How lucky we all are to be a part of this great community!

*Special thanks to Casey, our personal caterer!

Humbly yours,
Connie

Coming from another building that I thought did Staff Appreciation snacks right, I have been wowed.

Thank you so much.

Ian Dorresteyn

Some highlights of my week included having a past student serve me donuts and coffee, walking in and finding my favorite mexican food items laid out on a table and fresh fruit for breakfast every morning.

Thank you for making us feel the love Casey!

-Alexa Arnold

Thank you!

I felt truly appreciated, pampered, and well-fed all week long! It made the week fly by and everything was so well thought out and delicious!

- Kasey

Thank you so much!!! You went above and beyond. Breakfast, lunch, coffee, and a massage! What more could we ask for. Amazing. :)

-Martha Bryan

What a treat!

What an amazing thing to arrive to school everyday to incredible food for breakfast and lunch as well as endless coffee all day! It was beyond wonderful. You lifted everyone's spirits :) thank you thank you thank you!!! - Lyndsey

Amazing

I personally want to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness and care for us during Teacher Appreciation Week. It was truly over the top and much appreciated exclamation! Ms. Bruce

Appreciations galore!

It was such a lovely week to take time with colleagues and share delicious food. Thank you for making it happen!

Many many thanks!

Food was delicious, made for a stress free week. Lovely breakfasts and lunches, thank you so much!!!

Thank you Casey!❤️❤️❤️

I cannot thank you enough for the delicious meals all week! I am going to have to remember to pack my own lunch on Monday. Not only did you organize an entire week of meals you added your own "personal" touch...thanks again for the best week ever.

Cathy Rossman

Amazing

What a thoughtful kind gesture! It was a wonderful week of being pampered and appreciated! Thank you!

So tasty!

Thank you for all of the wonderful treats last week! It was very much appreciated! - Brad Johnson

Pampered

Well that was wonderful. 10 years in public schools and had not experienced that before. Truly makes you feel appreciated. Dan

Thank you so much for taking such good care of us all week!! The food was delicious and every day was special. :) Emy

From an appreciative and happy Vernon Staff!

There are still Auction Sign-Ups available!

Auction Catalog

All Categories ▾

Signup ▾


Q Search
Reset Search
All
Gala
Online/Mobile

Displaying all 17 items

Vernon Chef's in the Ga...

Lyndsey Mackenzie

Got a Vernon kid who is a budding chef? Sign them up for this event! Each student who is signed up will have




Buy Now!

Big Kid Game Night

Tarehna Wicker

Big kid game night!! Kids ages 11-14 can come to Ms. Wicker's house to learn and play some modern classic




Buy Now!

Enzo's Italian Wine Tas...

Enzo's Caffè Italiano

Come out for three courses of Italian wines and delicious salamis, cheeses, and artisan bread handcrafted by




Buy Now!

Mushrooming at Bagby

Sarah Canterbury

You are invited you on a fall mushroom hunting adventure. The group will meet up at



Buy Now!

Visit here: goo.gl/HTxdxr

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7:00pm

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PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL EVENT:

MAY 17

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY MEETING



Portland Public Schools remains committed to creating safe and inclusive learning environments for all of our students regardless of race, gender, gender identity, religion, ethnicity or immigration status.

Are you an immigrant, or do you know someone who is? Do you have questions or want to know more about immigrant rights and how to defend them?:

Where: Roosevelt High School

6941 N. Central St. Portland, OR 97203

When: 6:30-8:30PM, May 17

Interpretation, childcare, and dinner will be provided
6th-12th grade students are welcome

Catholic Charities, staff attorneys and Guatemala consulate will be present to share information and answer questions.

GREAT FOR WORKING PARENTS!



REGISTER NOW! necommunitycenter.org or 503.284.3377

OFF-SITE CAMPS

June 22-26: Bike Camp
June 29-July 3: Bike Camp
July 6-10: Urban Naturalist
July 20-24: Bike Camp
July 27-31: Exploring PDX
Aug 3-7: Exploring PDX
Aug 17-21: Adventure Camp

THEMED CAMPS

June 15-19: Critter Camp
July 13-17: Jungle Camp
Aug 3-7: Recycle Camp
Aug 24-26: Magical Camp

AGES 6-12

MON-FRI, 9am-4pm

The Northeast Community Center prohibits discrimination on basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex and sexual orientation.

Waaay more than a fitness center! 1630 NE 38th Ave. | 503.284.3377 | necommunitycenter.org



NWDSA all born (in)

Bike First!

NWDSA: Bike First! is a magical experience. We teach people with and without disabilities the skills needed to ride typical bikes. Bike First! is open to ages 8 and older.

Quick Start! is offered for those without disabilities who need a jump start. Quick Start! is open to children 5 years and older.

June 19 - 23 (Reg. by June 1)
 Concordia University, Portland
 503-816-6568 | bikefirst@nwdsa.org
nwdsa.org/bikefirst/

Dear Vernon Community,

This summer NWDSA: Bike First! is the week of June 19-23. The Vernon community has been given three scholarships to attend the clinic through Safe Routes to Schools.

Here is a video showing Bike First!. Check it out! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkAeOsVfhtY&feature=youtu.be>

Bike First! Bike Week teaches individuals, ages 8 and older, the skills necessary to ride a traditional bike. Riders with any type of disability are eligible, as well as those without disabilities. This includes fine and gross motor skills, fear of falling, anxiety, ADD, anyone on an IEP or 504 plan, etc. This year, Bike First! is the week of June 19-23, 2017 and is held at Concordia University in NE Portland.

Bike First! Refresher Course is for those who already know how to ride and need to build more confidence, learn how to start or stop, going up and down hills, avoiding pedestrians, etc. This is held June 21-23, 2017.

Bike First! Quick Start! is for those who don't know how to ride a bicycle and don't need a full week to learn. These are individuals (sometimes we have adults!) with and without disabilities. This is held June 21 – 23, 2017.

NWDSA: Bike First! site- www.nwdsa.org/bikefirst

CONTACT: annbikefirst@gmail.com if you are interested in using one of these scholarships!

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Proposed Health, Safety & Modernization Bond: \$790 million
\$324 MILLION FOR HEALTH & SAFETY



Approximately 30% of modernization & rebuild budgets targeted to health & safety projects in all applicable categories

- Additional health & safety projects \$150 million
- Full rebuild
 - Lincoln..... \$187 million
 - Kellogg \$45 million
- Modernization & additions
 - Benson \$202 million
 - Madison \$146 million
- Management, Contingency & Miscellaneous \$60 million

PROPOSED \$150M OF ADDITIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROJECTS

PROJECT CATEGORY	DOLLAR AMOUNT	SCHOOLS FUNDED
Water quality	\$28,492,000	Up to 90
Lead-based paint	\$16,623,936	Up to 88
Asbestos	\$12,000,000	Up to 48
Radon	\$1,126,125	Up to 90
Fire alarm and/or sprinkler systems	\$25,849,990	Up to 16
Roofs	\$50,907,949	Up to 14
Accessibility/ADA	\$10,000,000	Up to 9
Security systems	\$5,000,000	Up to 11

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Proposed Health, Safety and Modernization Bond



Portland Public Schools (PPS) is the largest school district in Oregon, with over 90 school sites and 48,500 students. PPS' buildings average 77 years old—many are over 100 years old.

Aging schools need repair and upgrades to provide students with modern learning environments and to address unsafe conditions. Lead testing in 2016 showed most schools had cold water fixtures testing above the EPA action level. Many roofs are beyond their useful life and some leak frequently. Fire alarm and sprinkler systems at most schools are inadequate.

PPS has adopted a Long-Range Facilities Plan to modernize and improve schools districtwide through a series of capital construction bonds. In 2012, voters approved a \$482 million bond, funding:

- Modernization of Franklin, Grant, and Roosevelt High Schools, and Faubion PreK-8;
- Projects at 52 additional schools—upgraded science classrooms, new roofs, improved accessibility and seismic improvements; and
- Planning for upgrade of all high schools.

In 2017, PPS convened a Bond Stakeholder Advisory Group (BSAG) to evaluate needs for the next proposed bond, slated for the May 16, 2017 ballot. The BSAG recommended, and community feedback affirmed, a proposed bond that, if passed, would fund modernization of Benson, Lincoln, and Madison High Schools and Kellogg Middle School, and at least \$150 million in health and safety projects at schools across the district.

— If passed, what would the proposed bond do? —

The \$790,000,000 proposed bond would fund renovations and additions at Benson and Madison High Schools, and full rebuilds of Lincoln High School and Kellogg Middle School. Approximately 30% of the budgets for these projects comprehensively address health and safety issues, including lead and asbestos abatement, roof repairs, seismic upgrades, and accessibility improvements in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If approved, the proposed May bond would also fund planning for upgrade of Cleveland, Jefferson, and Wilson High Schools.

Additionally, if the bond passes, at least \$150 million would fund district-wide health and safety projects, including:

- Replacing old pipes and fixtures to reduce lead, improve water quality, and reduce the need to use bottled water;
- Removing or encapsulating exposed lead paint and asbestos;
- Upgrading fire alarm and/or sprinkler systems;
- Repairing or replacing leaking or deteriorating school roofs;
- Improving accessibility for people with disabilities;
- Improving building foundations and ventilation to decrease radon exposure; and
- Strengthening school safety and security.

If this measure is approved, PPS will also receive \$8 million in state capital matching funds, and the funds would be put toward additional health and safety investments. If the proposed bonds are not approved, funds will be awarded to another district.

— If passed, what would the bond cost? —

The average levy rate for the proposed bond is estimated to be \$0.68 per \$1,000 of assessed value over 30 years. The levy rate is estimated to be \$1.40 per \$1,000 for the first four years, declining thereafter. For a house assessed at \$200,000 the initial annual cost would be about \$280. Overall average cost is \$136 annually. The total principal amount of bonds authorized by this measure cannot exceed \$790 million.

— Accountability —

As with the 2012 capital improvement bond, an independent group of citizens from the community will review quarterly reports and audits of how the bond dollars are being spent to provide accountability to the public until construction is complete.

