



Vernon IB World School

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The Owl Post

Vernon's Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, June 15, 2017

A note from the Principal

Dear Vernon Community,

As we finish the year, I can't help but look back at the past year and feel proud to be a part of this amazing community. Vernon is a place filled with parents, staff, and community partners who do all they can to make joyful learning a possibility for our students. Brad and I have been inspired to do all we can by the amazing energy in the Vernon community, and we are extremely excited about what the future holds for Vernon.

The Office will be open until 4:30 pm through the 28th of June, and will re-open on Wednesday, August 16 at 8:00am. This summer, we will be sending out email updates and mailing 2017-2018 class placements. On page two, you'll find the 2017-2018 PPS calendar. You can always reach out to us, as well, with any questions (Ben: bkeefe@pps.net, Brad: bparker3@pps.net).

I thank each of you for all you do to support our wonderful school. Brad and I will take the summer to reflect and build on the work of our first two years, and are excited to hit the ground running as we begin year three. Enjoy the summer creating memories with loved ones, relaxing, and hopefully having some fun!

We'll see you in the Fall. Go Owls!!!

Ben Keefer
Principal





2017-18 School Quarter Calendar (Subject to possible revision)

Calendars are on the district website: www.pps.net; click on "Calendar" tab.

Snow Make-Up Days will be added at the end of the school year.

Calendar grid for June 2017 with days of the week (S-M-F-S) and dates (1-30). Includes markers for END GRD and PLAN.

Calendar grid for January 2018 with days of the week (S-M-T-W-Th-F-S) and dates (1-31). Includes markers for H, HC, and GRD.

Calendar grid for July 2017 with days of the week (S-M-T-W-Th-F-S) and dates (1-31). Includes marker for H.

Calendar grid for February 2018 with days of the week (S-M-T-W-Th-F-S) and dates (1-29). Includes markers for H and GRD.

Calendar grid for August 2017 with days of the week (S-M-T-W-Th-F-S) and dates (1-31). Includes markers for NS/OP, PROF PLAN, and START.

Calendar grid for March 2018 with days of the week (S-M-T-W-Th-F-S) and dates (1-31). Includes markers for H and GRD.

Calendar grid for September 2017 with days of the week (S-M-T-W-Th-F-S) and dates (1-30). Includes marker for K START.

Calendar grid for April 2018 with days of the week (S-M-T-W-Th-F-S) and dates (1-30). Includes markers for GRD and PLAN.

Calendar grid for October 2017 with days of the week (S-M-T-W-Th-F-S) and dates (1-31). Includes marker for INS.

Calendar grid for May 2018 with days of the week (S-M-T-W-Th-F-S) and dates (1-31). Includes marker for H.

Calendar grid for November 2017 with days of the week (S-M-T-W-Th-F-S) and dates (1-30). Includes markers for GRD, PLAN, AM/PM/EVE, and X.

Calendar grid for June 2018 with days of the week (S-M-T-W-Th-F-S) and dates (1-30). Includes markers for END GRD and PLAN.

Calendar grid for December 2017 with days of the week (S-M-T-W-Th-F-S) and dates (1-31). Includes marker for X.

Calendar grid for July 2018 with days of the week (S-M-T-W-Th-F-S) and dates (1-31). Includes marker for H.

- Legend for calendar symbols: Students Out of School, AM/PM/EVE, CC, END, GRD, H, HC, INS, LO (K-8), ED, etc.

- Legend for calendar symbols: MT, PLAN, PROF, START, TRF-H, TRF-E/MS, X, *, __, NS/OP, etc.



JUNE 15TH 3PM -5PM **VERNON SCHOOL** **GARDEN 10 -YEAR** **ANNIVERSARY PARTY**

Join us in the garden on the last day of school to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the Vernon School Garden! Take a tour using the brand new Vernon School Field Guide, created by 6th and 7th grade students. Enjoy food made my students including – Vernon mint lemonade, Vernon garden rice salad, and Vernon salad with homemade ranch. Be part of our garden legacy project - get your picture taken in your favorite spot in the garden and sign our garden memory wall!



**The Vernon
School Garden
is turning 10!**

**Vernon Garden
Food and Drinks**

**MYP Field
Guide Garden
Tours**


**Garden Legacy
Memory Wall**

**Last day of
school!**




Vernon's #DailyHootOut

Follow us @Vernon_IB or on our Facebook page "Vernon IB World School Community." Be sure to check them out over the summer too!

 **Vernon IBWorldSchool** @Vernon_IB · 10s
Vernon Hoops: 7th graders vs. Mr. Smith and Mr. Parker! Vernon Compliments Raffle. #DailyHootOut



 **Vernon IBWorldSchool** @Vernon_IB · 3m
Field Day was amazing! Go Owls! #DailyHootOut



 **Vernon IBWorldSchool** @Vernon_IB · 5m
Thanks to our amazing Principals for a Day today, Ms. Logan and Mr. Brennan! #DailyHootOut



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 **Vernon IBWorldSchool** @Vernon_IB · 14s
The Vernon Garden is growing! #DailyHootOut



A note from SUN



Hello Vernon Families!!!

We made it to the end of the year!! What a successful year it's been. This year, SUN offered 172 activities, served 396 students, and 161 adults and families!!!!!! I have to shout out my amazing staff that worked with SUN this year:

Lasha Shephard; Bryana Hanks; PJ Eddinger; Cayman Lewis; Anastasia Jones; Trevon Brazile; Zyon McCarthy; Tatiana Bruce; Felicia Capuia; Bree Vance; Lyndsey Mackenzie; Eileen Hendrickson; Chris Gorman; Tina Bruce; Ashley Black; Carrie Nehring; Cathy Rossman; Jeanetta Mashia; Rebecca Wilson; Jayme Wilkins, and Martha Bryan.

To all of our partners:

Ethos; NW Children's Theater; Concordia University; Saturday Academy and AKA Science; Danish Sisterhood, and the Portland Rotary.

Thank you **EVERYONE** who volunteered, taught, served and supported SUN this year. Your efforts are very much appreciated. To all of the parents, thank you for allowing your student to participate in SUN this year. I look forward to seeing you all next year. Enjoy your summer break!

To all of the students who are registered for SUN Summer Camp: There is a **MANDATORY** parent orientation. You have two times to choose from on Thursday, July 6: either 8:00am or 6:00pm. The meeting will take place in the MPR.

Please contact the SUN office with questions. Thank you!

Michelle Tellis, SUN Site Coordinator

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Join Site Council and Have Your Say

What is Site Council?

Site Council is a group of administrators, teachers, and parents that identify ways to support the school community.

By providing leadership, direction and support, we define school priorities and implement ways to improve them.

At its core, Site Council is about tailoring the Vernon experience to the specific needs of our students and our community.

So you do what now?

We review data, trends, and the things we hear from our community to ensure we design and implement programs that best serve the needs of our students and community.

We're actually mandated by the state to:

- a. Develop plans to improve the professional growth of the school's staff;
- b. Improve the school's instructional program;
- c. Develop and coordinate plans for the implementation of programs under this chapter at the school; and
- d. Administer grants-in-aid for the professional development of teachers and classified District employees.

That means we have a say in choosing the methods and programs we use to teach the students. We're able to determine the types of programs we offer the school community. And, we're able to direct the ways and manner of our staff's professional development.

This year, our Site Council worked on equity in our school with our series of Community Movie Nights centered around race, community, communication, understanding, and action.

If you have ideas about issues you'd like the school to address, the Site Council is the place to voice your opinion. If you'd like input on programs and curriculum at Vernon, come to Site Council meetings and have your voice heard. If you'd like a say in the kinds of professional development opportunities you'd like our teachers to have, express it at Site Council.

How Can I Help?

We're looking for new members for Vernon's 2017/18 Site Council. If you are interested in having a say about the direction and priorities of Vernon, consider joining Site Council or coming to our monthly hour-long meetings on the second Monday of each month.

If you'd like to join, please email Brad Parker (Assistant Principal) at bparker3@pps.net We're getting a head start on our '17/'18 goals, so join Site Council now to have your voice heard!

A note from our Librarian



Dear Vernon Community,

I wanted to thank everyone for your support of the Library Media program this year. It's been a terrific year filled with lots of students reading and researching in the Library.

Here are some things to know about for summer reading:

1) Multnomah County Library - Every year the public library does a fun reading program where students track the amount of reading they complete over the summer and return it to any Multnomah Public Library for a prize. The reading game boards were passed out to students this week. For every 30 minutes of reading, students fill in a square. When they reach a prize level, they take it to the public library to receive a prize.

2) [Summer Reading](#) lists - Please check out our library website which can be found through the Vernon website, selecting the library tab. Under the program tab, please select "summer reading 2017." This is where I will be posting summer reading lists. Currently there are book recommendations by classroom teachers and a variety of reading lists from the Multnomah County Library. I will be updating this shortly with the new OBOB reading lists, as well as some other lists.

Thanks,

Jayne Wilkins, MEd

Teacher-Librarian

Vernon Elementary School

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A note from Ms. Wu (Mandarin)



Dear Vernon Community,

We all done with the amazing 2016-1017 school year. Our kids learned a different language and they did great job. Here are the content links including what they have learned in Mandarin class from Kindergarten to Grade 4. Have a wonderful summer vacation. See all of you in the next school year. (Please copy and paste the following links to view)

K:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzwUvoCI7H9TTmg5WkISOFM0WWc/view?usp=sharing>

1:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzwUvoCI7H9Ta0xFQvdXZFdDRnM/view?usp=sharing>

2:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzwUvoCI7H9TcUZ5Y1ISV2hoanM/view?usp=sharing>

3:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzwUvoCI7H9TRWZNQy1zQVk5Nlk/view?usp=sharing>

4:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzwUvoCI7H9TWkFHT3ZHZA1Z1k/view?usp=sharing>

Best Regards,

Ochen (Cuixia) Wu Vernon Mandarin teacher

Congrats Vernon



*Desmond
Damia
Mariya
Parker
Darian
Izabelle
JanCarlos
Carmelo
Jake
DeOntae
Leo
Diewo
Steph
Eli
Axel
John Alan
Sean
Ali
Karely
Tamir
Cynthia
Erik
Alawna
Jack
Justin
Sala
Donovan*

