



# Vernon IB World School

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# The Owl Post

## Vernon's Weekly Newsletter

Friday, June 9, 2017



### Next week @ Vernon!

**Monday, 6/12: Field Day:** A day of outdoor fun and games. Please email Mr. Baker, P.E. teacher, if you'd like to volunteer! [cbaker3@pps.net](mailto:cbaker3@pps.net)

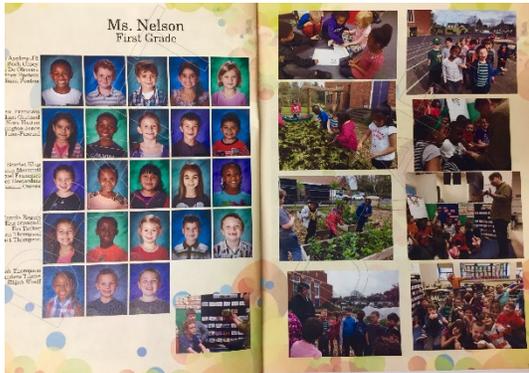
**Wednesday, 6/14: 8th Promotion** (6:30-7:30pm, MPR)

**Thursday: 6/15:** Last day of student attendance.

### 2016-2017 Yearbooks

Only 26 yearbooks left! Yearbooks are only \$15 each for 64 colorful pages of Vernon fun! Cash only. Connie will be selling outside the Main Office next week from 8:35 to 9:00 AM before school.

- We're also selling 2016 yearbooks - 3 left, selling at \$7.50 each. Yearbooks prior to 2016 have also been selling at \$3.00 each. **\*NOTE: The Office has only one copy of the 2013 yearbook. If anyone has one to donate, the Vernon archives would appreciate it!**



### Notice of Bell Schedule Changes

PPS will be changing bell start and stop times at a number of schools, including Vernon. As of the start of school in Fall 2017, **we will start at 8:45 and release at 3:15 p.m.** This minor adjustment is part of a district-wide alignment of bell schedules. Please take note of this change.

The schedule alignment allows for more efficient bus transportation, makes it easier to schedule substitute and itinerant teachers, provides more consistency in instructional time, and allows for better use of teachers' professional development time.

If you have questions about the change, please contact Antonio Lopez, [alopez@pps.net](mailto:alopez@pps.net), 503-916-3440.



Field Day	Monday, June 12	All Day - Playground
Familias of Hispanic Students	Tuesday, June 13	5:30-7:00pm – Rm. 117
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Clap-Off	Wed., June 14	12:45pm - Main Halls
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion	Wed., June 14	6:30-7:30pm - MPR
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance	Wed., June 14	7:30-9:00pm - MPR
Last Day of School	Thurs., June 15	Have a Wonderful Summer!

# 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!



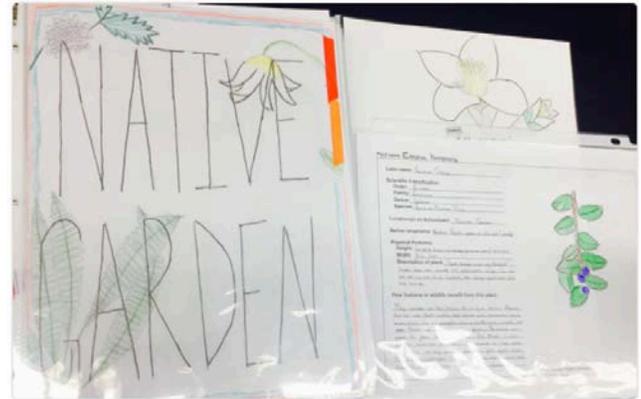
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One of the many reasons the Vernon community is so special: CARNIVAL! #DailyHootOut



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6th & 7th graders completed their ecology unit with a field guide of our very own Vernon Garden! #DailyHootOut



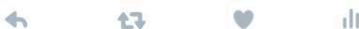
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Learning about #BlackLivesMatter and exploring NE PDX today to learn from Mr. Kent Ford, who is honored at Williams & Russell #DailyHootOut



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Congrats to Steph & JanCarlos, the East Portland Rotary 8th Grade Students of the Year! #DailyHootOut #OwlPride



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# **JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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!**

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**Vernon Garden  
Food and Drinks**

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**MYP Field  
Guide Garden  
Tours**

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**Garden Legacy  
Memory Wall**

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**Last day of  
school!**



# **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 schools staff;
- b. Improve the schools 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, 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](mailto: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 has 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) Book Give Away - During the students' last Library class next week, everyone will be able to select two free books to keep forever. These are brand new books from Scholastic were purchased from a grant.
- 2) 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 will be passed out next week. For every 30 minutes of reading, students fill in a square, and when they reach a prize level, they take it to the public library to receive a prize.
- 3) 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 our Art Teacher

Dear Vernon Families,

I had the privilege this year of being the Artist-In-Residence. The project is in its final stages, just in time for the end of the school year! This was a two part project that included an IB mural project and a legacy project, both of which are permanent installations at the school.

Part 1 is the IB mural project displayed downstairs in the hallway before you enter the Cafeteria. The Vernon mission statement is “I Believe, I Belong, I Become” and students took one IB statement and finished a sentence in their own words. Some examples include, “I Believe everyone matters,” “I Belong in an environment with happy people filled with joy,” “I Become the person I want to be.” Students then incorporated their sentence into a photograph taken by one of their peers. Every student was a photographer, and every student was photographed. Take some time to look at and read through this mural, our students have some powerful and inspiring statements to share.



# A note from our Art Teacher



Part 2 is the legacy portion titled, “We Were, Are, and Will Always be Vernon”. As you may have noticed, there are large black and white photographs displayed across the campus. These portraits represent current Vernon students who have one or more relatives that attended Vernon in years past. Alumni include grandparents, mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, and cousins that have been and still are part of the Vernon community. This rich history will be documented and shared soon.

