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The Owl Post

Vernon's Weekly Newsletter

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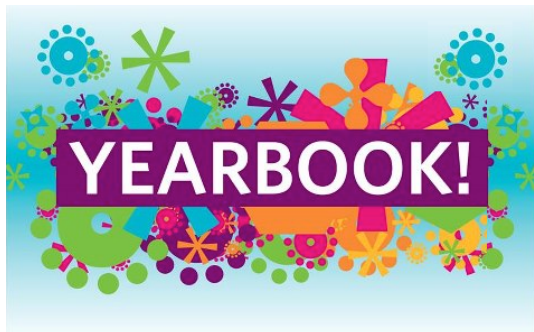
Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year @ Vernon IB!

Welcome back to a new school year at Vernon IB! The first week of school has been a great start to a the year with our 1st – 8th grade students, their teachers, and other Vernon staff! We can't wait for Kindergarteners to join us on Tuesday, Sept. 3!

The Owl Post newsletters will be published every Friday. We will share information to keep you up to date about events and important dates, as well as information about student successes, achievements, classroom happenings and upcoming meetings. The newsletter will be emailed out to all families and printed for anyone who requests a printed copy. If you are not receiving emails, please contact Jane Harold, Assistant Principal, at jharold@pps.net

Vernon IB Website

The Vernon IB Website is the best source of information for families. The calendar is kept up to date, complete with field trips and extra-curricular events. District information is also shared on the Vernon site. The link to the website is here: <https://www.pps.net/vernon>.



GOT YEARBOOK?

If you missed getting a 2018-2019 yearbook last year, you're not too late! Everyone says this is the best yearbook Vernon has ever had. Don't miss out!

Yearbooks are \$20 and you can pay with SchoolPay or cash in the Office.



Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Monday, September 2:

No School, Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3:

Kindergarten's First Day of School

New Families Coffee hosted by the Vernon PTA 9:00- 10:00 MPR

Wednesday, September 4:

LGBTQ+ Families Meeting 5:30-6:30 Rm 117

Thursday, September 5: Back to School Night – 5:30-7:00pm

See information in the newsletter re Back to School Night.

Saturday, September 8: Garden Work Party

Please join our Garden Coordinator, Zoe Dawson between 9:00 and 12:00 in the Vernon Garden.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Sept 5th!

Dear Vernon Families,

This coming Thursday, September 5 is Vernon's annual Back to School Night! The purpose of our Back to School event is to kick off the year by giving our families a chance to meet the teachers who will be working to make sure your child has a great year at Vernon. Teachers will be covering some helpful material in their classrooms: the Year Long plan for their classroom/ grade level, grading and homework policies, as well as classroom expectations.

In previous years, we have introduced our staff in the MPR at the outset of the night. This year we are going to be doing things differently due to our growing numbers and to provide parents more options.

I will be doing two information sessions for families in the MPR, one at 5:30 for grades K-3, and then a second session at 6:20 for grades 4-8. Feel free to attend sessions out of your grade level if you are not able to attend at that time. Classrooms will be running multiple sessions, as well. 5:30-5:50, 6:00-6:20 and 6:30-6:50. Please join me in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) at 6:00 for the kickoff, including school updates, important information, and a Q&A opportunity. The evening will end at 7:00pm. We are excited to see you!

Vernon Proud!

Ben Keefer
Principal



FAMILIAS OF VERNON

**Tuesday, September 9: 5:45pm-7:00pm
(Room 107)**



Hello and welcome back everyone!

I hope you had a wonderful summer and that getting back into the swing of the school year has been relatively painless!

Thanks to everyone who was able to come to the **Annual Ice Cream Social!** What a great tradition to start our year and reconnect! Check out some cute photos we captured below, and a big shout out to Salt and Straw for donating all that ice cream for yet another year!

Please come to the **New Families Coffee Hour this Tuesday September 3 in the MPR after morning drop off** and enjoy a light brunch while welcoming all our new parents and guardians to this great school and community. It's a really sweet event celebrating what is often a monumental day for many families...what a great way to start your day!

Back-To-School-Night is next Thursday, September 5 at 5:30pm. The PTA will have a table where you can sign up to become a member, or make your annual membership renewal. Take advantage of our back-to-school membership deal —any membership over \$20 will get you a new Vernon T-shirt!

The best way to support your kiddo's education, stay connected with the Vernon community and know what's going on is to join the PTA! Come to our **first PTA Meeting of the year, Wednesday September 11 at 545-730pm in the MPR.** We provide dinner and childcare—all you have to do is show up!

Wishing you all a warm welcome back,

Casey Clarke
PTA President

The Vernon PTA Ice Cream Social!



School Picture Day is Wednesday, September 11th!

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Picture day

is coming soon to your school!

El Día de la Foto llegará pronto a su escuela



Online ordering is here!
Go to: ios.mydorian.com

An envelope with your picture date access key will be coming home soon!

Pronto llegará a su casa un sobre con la fecha para su día de la foto.

Pre-pay online ordering.

Parents have the ability to order pictures using the access key found on your picture day envelope before and up to 4 days after picture day.

Post picture day online ordering.

A special, personalized access key will be available to parents approximately 3 weeks after picture day for online viewing and ordering.

PLEASE NOTE

After 4 days your order may be subject to a \$7 shipping and handling fee.

Paque por su orden en línea.

Los padres pueden ordenar las fotos con la clave de acceso ubicado en el sobre de fotos hasta cuatro días después del día de la foto.

Después del día de la foto

Una clave de acceso personalizado estará disponible para los padres aproximadamente tres semanas después del día de la foto en línea para que pueda ver y ordenar las fotos.

NOTE POR FAVOR.

Después de cuatro días, una tarifa de envío de siete dólares se agregará a su total.

Each student must return his/her own envelope. Photocopies are not accepted.

Regardless of payment option, bring payment or online receipt and completed envelope to picture day.

Cada estudiante debe regresar su propio sobre. No se aceptan fotocopias.

El Día de la Foto, traiga el pago y el sobre con todos sus datos.

Here are some tips to make picture day great!

Aquí tiene algunos consejos para hacer de Día de la Foto un gran día.

Schedule haircuts

7 - 10 days prior to picture day is best!

Programa los cortes de cabello.

Es el mejor 7 a 10 días antes del día de la foto!



Simple clothing

Solid shirts or small patterns, along with sleeves, photograph best. A simple collared shirt is a timeless classic.

Ropa sencilla.

Las camisas sólidas o los diseños pequeños junto con las mangas fotografían mejor. Una camisa sencilla con cuellos es una prenda clásica que siempre queda bien.



Logos and text

Graphics or wording may not photograph completely and become partially cropped out of your picture.

Logos y texto.

Es posible que los gráficos y los textos no sean captados completamente o se vean cortados en la foto



If the Access Key is invalid or results in an error, the original day Access Key has expired or the Access Key was incorrectly typed.

Call our Customer Advocate Department 1(800)826-3535



Free and Reduced Price Meal Benefits

To apply for Free and Reduced Price meal benefits, please choose from one of the following options:

Option 1:

Apply Online

Go paperless and apply online -- just create a SchoolCafé account: www.schoolcafe.com. It's convenient, secure and easy to do.

SchoolCafé allows families to:

- Check meal application status
- Print out notification letters
- Use the mobile app on Android, iOS devices

Option 2:

Paper Application

Contact the school office, school cafeteria, or print online* at: www.pps.net/nutrition.

* Translations available online

Where to find additional information:

www.pps.net/nutrition

- Meal payment policies and procedures
- Breakfast and lunch menus
- Allergen information
- Meal prices

PPS Meal Benefits Office Contact

Have free or reduced meal benefits questions?

Contact the PPS Meal Benefits Office

phone: 503.916.3402

email: mealbenefits@pps.net

Translation & Interpretation Contact

For translation assistance completing a meal application, call 503.916.3254.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I was approved last school year.

Do I have to apply this school year?

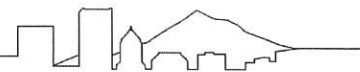
A: Yes! Meal benefits expire at the end of each school year. Families approved the prior school year have a 30 day grace period to apply for meal benefits at the start of the school year if they still meet federal income guidelines.

Q: How do I know if I qualify for meal benefits?

A: Review the federal income guidelines which are updated each school year. These can be found on the application or online. Families who qualify for assistance such as SNAP, TANF, FDPIR do not need to fill out a meal application. However, if families do not receive a Direct Certification approval letter, please contact the PPS Meal Benefits office to verify benefits for the current school year.

Q: If I don't qualify now, can I apply later?

A: Yes! If circumstances change (example: larger household size, decrease in income) families can apply anytime during the school year.



Beneficios de comidas gratis y a precio reducido

Para solicitar los beneficios de comidas gratis y a precio reducido, por favor selecciones una de las siguientes opciones:

Opción 1:

Aplica en línea

No use papel y complete su solicitud en línea – solamente cree una cuenta SchoolCafé:

www.schoolcafe.com.

Es conveniente, seguro y fácil de hacer.

SchoolCafé le permite a las familias:

- Revisar el estatus de las solicitudes de comida
- Imprimir cartas de notificación
- Usar la aplicación móvil en dispositivos Android, iOS

Opción 2:

Solicitud en papel

Contacte a la oficina escolar, la cafetería escolar o imprima en línea* en: www.pps.net/nutrition.

* Traducción disponible en línea

Dónde encontrar información adicional:

www.pps.net/nutrition

- Políticas y procedimientos para el pago de comidas
- Menús de desayunos y almuerzos
- Información de alérgenos
- Precios de las comidas

Oficina de contacto para los beneficios de comidas de PPS

¿Tiene preguntas acerca de los beneficios de comidas gratis o a precio reducido? Contacte la oficina de beneficios de comidas de PPS

Teléfono: 503.916.3402

Correo electrónico: mealbenefits@pps.net

Contacto de traducción e interpretación

Para ayuda de traducción al diligenciar una solicitud de comidas, llame al 503.916.3254.



Preguntas frecuentes

P: Me aprobaron para el año escolar pasado. ¿Tengo que hacer la solicitud este año escolar?

R: ¡Sí! Los beneficios de comidas se vencen al final de cada año escolar. Las familias aprobadas para el año escolar previo tienen un periodo de gracia de 30 días para hacer su solicitud para los beneficios de comidas al comienzo del año escolar, si aún cumplen con las directrices federales de ingresos.

P: ¿Cómo sé si califico para los beneficios de comidas?

R: Revise las directrices federales de ingresos que se actualizan cada año escolar. Las puede encontrar en la solicitud o en línea.

Las familias que califiquen para ayudas como SNAP, TANF, FDPIR no deben diligenciar una solicitud de comidas. Sin embargo, si las familias no reciben una carta de aprobación de Certificación Directa, por favor contacte a la oficina de beneficios de comidas de PPS para verificar sus beneficios para el año escolar actual.

P: Si no califico ahora, ¿puedo hacer una solicitud después?

R: ¡Sí! si las circunstancias cambian (por ejemplo, un hogar más grande, reducción de ingresos), las familias pueden presentar una solicitud en cualquier momento durante el año escolar.

Introducing... SchoolPay[®]

SchoolPay is the safest and easiest way to electronically pay for school-related fees. Eliminate last minute check-writing hassles and lost cash. SchoolPay allows parents to pay for items across many school departments and school non-profits from a unified checkout.

Registration

Go to schoolpay.com...



1. Click Find My Account

2. Enter your email address

3. Email In System - Or -

A password link will be emailed to you. Click the link, select a new password, and you're all set! Your children will be in your account.

Email Not in System

You will be guided through creating an account. You will need:

- ▶ Student's ID Number
- ▶ School's Site Name

** Important to either scenario: Make sure to check spam folders for auto-response emails coming from support@schoolpay.com. Whitelisting SchoolPay with your email client will also ensure future mailings.*

Making Payments

Item Organization

Make payments from the primary navigation menu titled "Payments". Items are first organized by category: School Payments, Food Service, and Parent Groups; then further organized by relevance to each of your children.



Combining Items



Every item in SchoolPay can be combined into one user checkout session. Simply click the above "add to cart" icon, then return to shopping mode if you have additional items. You may return to your cart any time.

Payment History

Access all payment and purchase history from the main menu bar option titled "History". View history by Transactions, Items Purchased, and Food Service Purchase History directs you back to the Food Service dashboard.

Support



support@schoolpay.com



888.88.MYPAY (69729)

Hours: Monday - Friday
7AM - 7PM Central

**Afterhours, weekend, and
holiday support by email*

Support for specifics about items should go directly to the school department that supports those payments.

Security

SchoolPay is a Level-1 Payment Service Provider. As such, we are independently audited annually. Your payment information is being managed according to the highest Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI-DSS).