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Vernon's Weekly Newsletter

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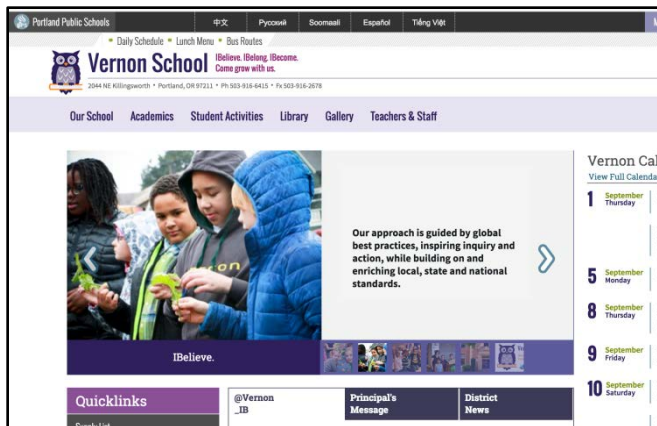


Welcome to the #bestyearever @ Vernon!



Welcome back students, parents and community! We've had a strong first week and are ready to make this an incredible year. Our newsletters come out once a week, generally on Thursdays (sometimes Friday), and will share fun classroom happenings, upcoming events, and celebrate student successes and achievements. Newsletters are emailed out to all parents weekly. If you are not receiving these, please email Connie, our Principal's Secretary, at cschwend@pps.net

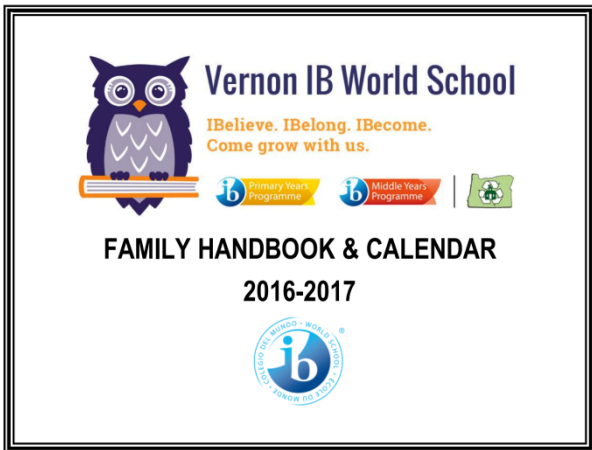
Check out our new website!



We are working hard this year to continue to share all the amazing, diverse, and unique things about Vernon, our students, and our community. Our new website (www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/vernon) will be a integral part of telling our story and celebrating our successes. We are also on Twitter now (@Vernon_IB) and our tweets are embedded at the bottom of the new webpage. Check it out!

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Save the Dates

Vernon Family Handbooks and Calendars will be sent home today. In addition to general info, you will find a calendar for the entire school year. Our school and community pride themselves in being active and supportive of one another, and you'll see that reflected in the range of activities from Family Movie Nights to Saturday Garden Work Parties. The handbook/calendar is also available on our school website as well: <http://www.pps.net/Page/5644>

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 8: Back to School Night!

Join us for a fun introduction to the new school year. We will start in the Multipurpose Room for a whole staff introduction, followed by open times for students and parents to visit the classrooms and teachers. The event will run from 6:00-7:30pm. We will also welcome several school partners including SUN, GEAR UP, and Haciendas. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, September 14: First PTA Meeting of the Year! Join us for the first meeting of the year, and introduction of our amazing new staff, and a message from Ben and Brad (Principal and Assistant Principal) about the past, present, and future of Vernon.

A Note from Ms. Lyndsey MacKenzie: Vernon Garden Coordinator

Greetings, Vernon Community! We are seeking donations of kitchen tools so we can build up our kitchen classroom. If you have extras lying around that you've been meaning to get rid of or you spot something in a free pile, we'd love to take it!

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| Measuring cups | Metal spatula |
| Measuring spoons | Pepper mill |
| Graters | Kitchen scale |
| Vegetable peelers | Tongs |
| Crock pot | Citrus juicer |
| Cutting Boards | Whisk |
| Small and large glass jars | |

Feel free to email vernonschoolgarden@gmail.com Thanks!



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Dear Vernon Community,

What a wonderful and exciting first week! The school year begins anew with the sounds of parents, teachers, and students filling the halls and bringing Vernon to life once again.

I spent the first week of school visiting each and every class, talking with parents, roaming the playground and the Cafeteria, and visiting our specials classes. It was great to see the wonderful energy from students and adults as we get back into the routines of school and all that entails.

I am happy to report that you have the most wonderful children. I am thoroughly impressed with our students and how well they have transitioned from summer break to school mode. In all Vernon classes I saw students working together cooperatively and treating each other with respect and kindness.

We are all getting back into the flow of school and all the exciting activity it brings us. Next Thursday at Back to School Night, we will all have the chance to get together and hear about the Vernon program. This event will include an overview of our program, as well as a chance to meet the amazing people who work with your children at Vernon.

You will be spending time talking to your child's teacher, friends, neighbors, and fellow parents at our upcoming curriculum night. Hopefully you will be afforded the opportunity to get an even better idea about what makes Vernon such a wonderful place. We are well on our way to becoming the best school we can be, and I am sure you will be as excited as we are about what is going on with each of our 480 students.

To make for as productive an evening as possible, it would help if folks can do their best to be in the MPR at 6:00pm. This will afford us the ability to introduce our staff to the community, while giving you time to focus on discussing the curricular offerings at Vernon with your child's teacher. We will begin at 6:00 with an introduction of our teaching staff. We will then have two sessions in each classroom, enabling families with multiple children to be able to attend more than one classroom presentation.

Families who have not returned their corrected Student Information Verification Forms need to do so as soon as possible for the sake of the safety of their children. The Office uses this information to contact parents in case of an emergency. It is imperative that we have current information on every child. Thank you for your cooperation.

I want to remind parents that there is no adult supervision of children prior to 8:15am. Teachers and staff are busy preparing for the school day. The office opens at 8:00am, and there is much to be done in the mornings in order to be ready for students. If you do need to drop your student off early, you can contact Courtney Volger, who is with our on-site daycare facility, YMCA Daycare.

Be sure to sign out your student in the Office if you are picking your child up early for any reason, and to sign them in if they arrive after the first 10 minutes of the day (school starts at 8:35am for grades 6-8 and 8:45am for grades K-5).

I want to thank all of our families for doing such a great job with following our visitor and volunteer procedures. Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.



Regards,

Ben Keefer