



# Vernon IB World School

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## The Owl Post

Vernon's Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, September 15, 2016



### Join us at Vernon School to add some stormwater treescaping!

The Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership is partnering with Depave to do some great things for Vernon! On September 24 from 10:00-1:00pm, we will be removing six (6) 12' by 12' squares of blacktop, with the ultimate goal of planting trees and adding benches for seating. This will help with storm water runoff in addition to improving our school grounds for students, staff, and the greater community. Volunteers of all ages are welcome! We will be working with Depave who will provide all the necessary tools, safety gear, ice water, snacks and lunch. Orientation starts at 9:45am and we'll be working until around noon – 1pm at the latest.

Due to the physical nature of asphalt removal, volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants and clothing appropriate for tough work. Closed-toe shoes are required for this activity – NO EXCEPTIONS.

RSVP or find more info here: <http://depave.org/event/vernon/>  
Check out the [project presentation from the PTA meeting](#).

### Thanks to all who attended the first PTA Meeting of the Year!

PTA's meeting was well attended. [Here are the slides from the evening](#). There are two open positions: **Volunteer Coordinator**, and **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion**. Please get in touch with Lisa Hatten or Janet Strong if you're interested. Vernon's PTA welcomes all people of every color, language, ethnicity, origin, ability, sexual orientation, gender expression, marital status, and life situation. We are a beautiful, diverse school community. Join us - we are stronger when everyone's voice is heard. Also, here is [Ben & Brad's Admin Report](#).

### Save the Date: STEAM Night - 9.29.16, 6:00-8:00pm

Please Save the Date for one of our most active, fun, hands-on family nights of the year! STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) Night brings together a variety of wonderful community partners and presenters ranging from OMSI to Mad Science, and a variety of teacher/parent led activities including Art, robotics and even a little Pokemon Go! Save the date, and we'll see you there!

**Whooo is the**  
**Vernon PTA?**  
**Yooou are the PTA!**



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ENGINEERING • ART • MATHEMATICS

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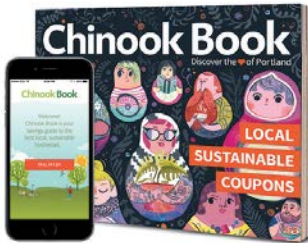


**Earn your bracelets! Be IB!**



Vernon Owls IBelieve. IBelong. IBecome.

We have lots of fun new initiatives this year to help our students grow and develop as IB learners and leaders. One of the more popular is the IB Learner Profile bracelets. Students can earn bracelets for each of the 10 IB Learner Profiles by receiving Compliments or teacher awards. They can also earn bracelets for attendance. All students already received a purple Vernon Owls bracelet with our student mission: IBelieve. IBelong. IBecome, and many have already earned Compliments and are well on their way. This year, we will also have quarterly awards ceremonies and Specials (Art, Music, PE, Mandarin, Library) awards. Also, ask your kiddo about the Vernon Diner Olympics in the Café. Come grow with us!



**Get your 2016/17 Chinook book and/or smartphone app!**

Chinook Books are available for purchase at the Office and @ <http://www.vernonpta.org/chinookbook/> Get great deals on awesome stuff, support local businesses, and help raise money for our kids! 50% of your purchase benefits Vernon. For more info or to help, please contact Dan Langlie (*Kinder and 3rd Grade Dad*), 503-975-8224 (*text ok*)

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**Monday, Oct. 3 is World Bully Prevention Day.**

All around the world, people wear blue to create awareness and show their support for anti-bullying. 4th grade is again leading Vernon's efforts as this ties in with their current IB unit about Healthy Relationships. Please spread the word and encourage students to wear a blue shirt. Let's blanket our school in blue on Monday, October 3. Together, we can create awareness and "Stomp out bullying!" Thanks for your support.



**Attention Parents! Label! Label! Label!**

Please take a minute to label your child's lunch bag, favorite hoodie, jacket, hats, etc. Our Lost and Found is already accumulating quite a few items, and we're hoping to keep it to a minimum this year. Thanks in advance!



**We still have room in Preschool AM & PM!**

Please come to the Main Office for applications. You can email Liz Lewis with any questions: [elizabeth.lewis@ddsd40.org](mailto:elizabeth.lewis@ddsd40.org)



School Picture Day	Friday, September 16	Scheduled all day - MPR
Equity Late-Start	Wednesday, Sept. 21	MYP 1 <sup>st</sup> bell @ 10:30, PYP 1 <sup>st</sup> bell @ 10:40
Depave Day!	Saturday, Sept. 24	9:45-1:00pm
STEAM Night	Thursday, Sept. 29	6:00-8:00pm
Bagels with Ben & Brad	Friday, Sept. 30	8:45-9:45am - MPR



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Dear Vernon Community and Vernon Families,

A couple of dog related incidents in the past week have brought up the issue of the role and presence of pets on campus. We want to remind all of our families and friends of the expectations around dogs on school grounds at Vernon.

The following guidelines are set up by the District to ensure that all situations involving animals on campus are handled in a safe and effective manner. According to District policy, no domesticated mammals, including dogs, cats, primates, birds, or livestock shall be allowed in school buildings or grounds unless permitted by the Principal. This includes dogs being on school property during drop off and pick up. We also ask that no animals are ever left unattended on school grounds (i.e., tied to trees/fences), and that dogs are leashed at all times. Please understand that our only goal is the safety of students and families.

We ask that you let us know in advance if you would like an animal to visit school so that we can ensure that proper steps are taken to make sure that the visit is a great one for the animal, students, and staff alike. Brad and I both strongly believe that under the proper conditions, animals can be an effective teaching aid. Additionally, there are situations when Federal and State statutes allow people with disabilities to bring their service animals onto District premises.

Please let us know if you have any questions.



Regards,

**Ben Keefer**