

The Owl Post Vernon's Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, September 29, 2016



Thank you to our Depave volunteers!

Last Saturday, September 24, a team of amazing students, parents, and community partners removed seven 12' by 12' squares of blacktop, with the eventual 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. Go Owls! Stay tuned for updates on the project.





Run For The Owls



<u>MARK YOUR CALENDARS!</u> STEAM Night is tonight! 6:00-8:00pm! See you there.

Bagels with Ben & Brad is tomorrow @ 8:45 in the MPR.

RUN FOR THE OWLS is next Thursday! See page 2 and help us secure pledges to meet our \$30,000 goal! THANKS!

Book Fair Info! A note from our Librarian: Ms. Wilkins

Book Fair is coming! This is such an exciting time for our students and teachers. Book Fair will be here Monday, October 3 - Friday, October 7. This year, I really need help with volunteers running the cash register when I'm not available. If you could please sign up on Sign Up Genius, that would be wonderful. The link to the Sign Up Genius is also included on our school library website.

Sign Up Genius: <u>http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4cacac2da6fd0-book1</u> School Library Website: <u>https://sites.google.com/a/apps4pps.net/vernon-</u> school-library/book-fair-1

Children's Book Harvest

Children's book bank is partnering with PPS & Portland Council PTA to provide books to children who do not have access to books. Please bring any new and used children's books to the office from Monday, October 3rd - Thursday, November 10. If you have any further questions please email the school Librarian at <u>jwilkins@pps.net</u> Also, please no encyclopedias, magazines, or National Geographics. Thanks!



RUN FOR THE OWLS 2016

Thursday, October 6th



Attention Students & Families! Please help us reach our goal of \$30,000!

- Additional donation forms and Run info were sent home today.
- Donors can pay by check or donate online. Please make checks payable to "Vernon School PTA" or donate online at: <u>http://www.vernonpta.org/runfortheowls/</u>

Congrats to our 1st place t-shirt design winner!



Joanna Gonzalez-Martell







Facilitated by Andrea Wade, School-Family Partnerships Coordinator

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Please join us for an evening of fellowship!



A family discussion on how we can best work to support Black students' academic success.

Child care and dinner will be provided.

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Hello Vernon Community! I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to share my love and passion for music and the arts with you all. In Music, we focus on aspects of voice, percussion, marimba, music appreciation, band, performance, and more. We will also be continuing the morning choir program for grades 3-8 and adding a new SUN School choir on Thursday afternoons. Morning choir will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting on October 4 from 7:45-8:30 am. Spread the word! Choral singers who wish to eat breakfast at school will be released at 8:15 am.

For more information about the Music program or Choir, please feel free to email me at mbryan@pps.net, or stop by room P304.

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. The 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 Together we can create awareness and "Stomp Out 3. Bullying!" Thanks for your support.

October 5 - 20th Anniversary of International Walk to School Day!

Please encourage your family to participate and walk to school on October 5. If you need to drive, please park at least two blocks away. Walking to school gets your childrens' brains "awake" and ready to learn when they get to the classroom. It also helps to get their wiggles out and reduces traffic near the school campus, increasing safety for our kiddos. Our Middle Schooler's will be asking classrooms for participation rates, and we may be able to win a \$500 prize from fireupyourfeet.org for our participation. Thank you! If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Kerns @jkernsrobison@gmail.com

2nd Annual Maker Fair - December 3 - Makers, Crafters & Artists Wanted! Featuring handcrafted items made by your community members!

* Door Prizes * Food & Drink * Music * Activities for kids *

Vernon students, teachers, staff, and family members are invited to sell their wares at the show. Start working on your inventory now! Fair details and vendor registration forms will be sent home in October. Please contact Janet Strong at janetIstrong@gmail.com with questions.

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| STEAM Night | Thursday, Sept. 29 | 6:00-8:00pm (Gym & MPR) |
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| Spirit Day: Sports Jersey Day! | Friday, Sept. 30 | All Day |
| Bagels with Ben & Brad | Friday, Sept. 30 | 8:45-9:45am |
| Fall SUN Classes Begin | Monday, Oct. 3 | After school program |
| Bully Prevention Day | Monday, Oct. 3 | Wear Blue! |
| "Run For the Owls" Fundraiser | Thursday, Oct. 6 | Playground – All Day |
| Garden Work Party | Saturday, Oct. 8 | 9:00-12:00 – Vernon Garden |





