



Upcoming Events and Calendar Dates

Monday, May 1st

- Staff Appreciation Week Begins
- Families of Black Students Affinity Group Meeting 5:45 PM
- Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Begins

Wednesday, May 3rd

- LBGTQ+ Families Affinity Group Meeting 5:30 PM

Monday, May 8th

- Grade 6-8 Progress Notes

Wednesday, May 18th

- PTA Meeting 5:45 PM

PPS is in the process of adopting a Social Emotional Learning Curriculum. We are at a point in the process where three programs have been identified as potential programs for selection. PPS and Vernon are seeking parent input on which program(s) seems best suited for adoption. We would love it if we could get families to check out one or more of the videos below and provide your feedback. This input will help to guide us in our decision making process. Thanks in advance for your help and feedback.

Please choose one of the following social emotional learning (SEL) program videos to watch. From the information provided in the video and knowing your students and school community, please rate your level of agreement with each statement. When responding to each statement, you are rating whether the program "Could" (might work for students) and whether it has "Potential" (you like this enough to want to know more).

-Caring School Community (K-5): <https://public.cdn.ccclearningportal.org/video/play.html?vid=6281999915001>

-Wayfinder (K-8): <https://vimeo.com/697160871>

-We Do It For The Culture (6-8): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vMG6le6xK-E>

If you would like to review more than one program please complete a separate survey for each program reviewed. Thank you!



Summer Acceleration Academy 2023

Newsletter Language

We are so excited that many of our students who need additional support in grade level reading and math learning will have the opportunity to participate in Summer Acceleration Academy this summer from July 10 - August 4, 2023 from 9am - 1pm with optional afternoon programming until 5:30pm through SUN or RESJ partners. Students from Vernon will be attending SAA at the Faubion hub site.

Invitations for Summer Acceleration Academy are based mid-year assessments identifying students who would benefit from support in reaching grade level reading and math during this four week program. Families of students who are invited to participate in Summer Acceleration Academy will have received invitations to enroll online or through the school office by calling or returning a paper form that will be sent home in backpacks.

We feel this is an important opportunity for your student and understand that you may have other students in your house who need summer activities who do not meet the criteria for SAA. The RESJ department will be offering summer activities at many of the SAA sites. Stay tuned for enrollment information that will be coming soon.

Summer Acceleration Academy Details

Who:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rising 1st - 8th Graders who meet identified criteria for support in reading and math
When:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ July 10-August 4, 2023 ➤ Elementary Sites: 8:00am - 12:00pm ➤ Middle School & K-8 Sites: 9:00am - 1:00pm ➤ Optional Enrichment until 5:30 with SUN or RESJ Partnership programming will be available
What:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A supplemental summer academic program focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Foster joyful learning ○ Create an on-ramp to the next grade and the Fall ○ Support unfinished skill development
How:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Targeted literacy and math instruction within the grade level classroom ➤ Project-based STEAM learning ➤ Staff will support students with disabilities referred to programming with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accommodations outlined within the IEP/504 ○ Designated adult support as needed ○ Related services required to access the environment
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ HUB Sites across the school district (map) ➤ Each neighborhood school is assigned a HUB Site ➤ Transportation and meals will be provided
Why:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ As part of our Learning Acceleration Plan, PPS is providing a supplemental, focused, high quality summer learning for students who need additional support to master grade level standards.

Vernon Knight Owls Take First Place!!!

Chess For Success 2023 State Finals

Our amazing Knight Owls tied for first place in the 2023 Chess For Success State Chess Finals. It was a close competition with Vernon winning four of five rounds, with one draw against the team they eventually tied for first. Congratulations to all the players for their hard work and dedication. Thanks to Coach Aaron Dickerson for his support of the team, as well as Michael Malone, our Chess For Success Program Manager.

Here are this year's team members: Julian Chace, Atticus Scrivner, Eli Kiernan, Mercer Smith, Brennan Fogarty, Felix Roskelley, Zae Kiernan
Alternates: Duke Casey, August Schaffer, Robert Joseph



**HEY VERNON,
SAVE THE DATE!**

end of the
school year
celebration

OWL FEST

Saturday, June 3rd
3:00 - 7:00



All Vernon families and community members are welcome to join in and celebrate the end of an incredible school year!

**WE NEED
(A LOT OF)
VOLUNTEERS**

Vernon Parent Band
Food Trucks
Bounce House + Slide
Silent Bidding
Games + Activities

email vernonpta@gmail.com to get involved
in this awesome community event

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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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SILENT BIDDING TEAM

- Gather donations from local business
- Acquire donations for items / events from Vernon families
- Coordinate and track donated items at event

OWL FEST ACTIVITIES TEAM

- Coordinate game and booth ideas
- Run an activity booth or game at Owl Fest
- Sell wristbands at event entrance

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FACILITATE CLASSROOM ART PROJECTS

- Volunteer to facilitate the Classroom Art Project in your child's room that is sold in the silent bidding event

SET UP TEAM

- Work together to set up Owl Fest
 - Games / Booths / Activities Area
 - Dining Area
 - Silent Bidding Area

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CLEAN UP TEAM

- Work together to clean up Owl Fest
 - Games / Booths / Activities Area
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MARKETING TEAM

- Advertise Event - social media posts, flyers in local shops, signs around Vernon
- Sell Owl Fest merch before and at event

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VERNON PARENT BAND

- Join the Vernon Parent Band and preform a live set with with your new bandmates at Owl Fest

VOLUNTEER FOR A TEAM - vernonptavolunteers@gmail.com

CLASSROOM ART - simone.nagle.msw@gmail.com

VERNON PARENT BAND - oscarmurden@gmail.com



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- * Prepare to be successful in high school
- * Meet your teachers and classmates
- * Explore different career pathways
- * Earn .5 high school elective credit

LEAP INTO 9TH GRADE

JULY 17 - AUGUST 4, 2023

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

Former Leap into 9th grade students shared:

- "It was useful for getting prepared for the school year."
- "I know the school now and met some teachers."
- "I won't get so lost on my first day. This school is like a maze!"
- "I got better at math because that is my worst subject."
- "I made some friends before school starts so I will know some people."



9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

QUESTIONS? Talk to your counselor
or call (503) 916-5180
REGISTER ONLINE AT bit.ly/2023leapinto9th



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