

# Vinci Park Explorers

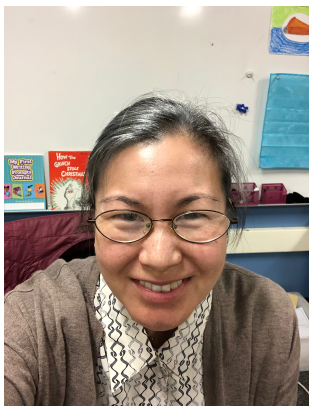
Vinci Park Elementary's Official Newsletter



## Our Vinci Park February Issue is Here!

February may be a short month, but it's a busy month! We just completed another successful Boosterthon Fundraiser, our virtual scholastic book fair is going on right now and Presidents Week is just around the corner! There will be no school from Monday to Friday, February 15-19. Classes will resume on Monday February 22nd. Enjoy your well deserved time off!

Check out Mrs. Tanaka, Mrs. Nunez and Mrs. Delapaz on our 100th day of school!



### Vinci Blue Days

Wear your Vinci Blue on the first Friday of the month!



### Spirit Wear!

Contact our PTA if you would like to purchase spirit wear.



### Become a PTA Member Today!

Click [here](#) to join

## A Message From Our Principal, Mrs Nunez

Dear Vinci Park Families,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. As we begin the month of February, we continue to work very hard with our students. While this year has been more different than any other, we look for ways to continue connecting with our students. Just recently, our students celebrated the 100th day of the year. This is always a lot of fun for our students.



While I know we have had to do things differently than in the past, students are still learning. I appreciate all of the support that our community is providing to us and to their children as we continue to navigate this year. It is not easy, and we are grateful for everyone's commitment to our students. Thank you!

As we continue to wrap up our Boosterthon fundraiser, I would like to thank each of you for your continued support and donations to our programs.

As February will soon end and blossom into March, we are again looking forward to report cards and parent/teacher conferences from March 5-12. If you have any questions or concerns for your child's teacher, I recommend that you begin writing them down in preparation for your meeting.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our teachers and staff members for working tirelessly throughout this school year to make sure all of our students are learning, having fun and are safe.

Best,

Parisa Nunez

Principal

# Important Dates & Announcements

## Online Book Fair - Feb 8-18

The Scholastic Book Fair is back!

While the Fair will be exclusively held online this year, we still plan on making it a fun and joyous experience for our kids. Our customized Vinci Park Elementary School homepage features:

- A fully Virtual Fair so you and your kids can experience the magic of the school shopping experience.
- Browse over 200 titles by grade, meet popular authors, and discover the comfort and joy of our Fair
- Direct access to over 6,000 additional titles with family-friendly prices, at the Scholastic online store
- Every dollar you spend will benefit our school directly (25% back in rewards!)

Save these dates and view our school's Fair site:

**Fair Dates: February 8th – February 18th**

**Virtual Store:**

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/vinciparkelementaryschool1>

We can't wait to "see" you at the Fair!

## Safer Internet Day 2021 Goes Online!

Links to access:

<https://www.connectsafely.org/>

<https://saferinternetday.us/lesson-plans/>

Now, more than ever, we need to focus not just on safety but also on wellness.

### **A global event**

Safer Internet Day is a global awareness-raising campaign that started in Europe in 2004 and is now celebrated in more than 100 countries. Because of the pandemic, there will be no in-person events this year, but we have taken Safer Internet Day online with a program consisting of home activities, lesson-plans for school, and videos that can be accessed anytime at [SID-USA.org](https://SID-USA.org), beginning Feb. 8 — the day before Safer Internet Day. The videos are with a talented group of people from the worlds of education, technology, nonprofits, and law enforcement about a range of urgent issues, including online toxicity, racial justice, free speech, misinformation, the very real pressure to be "perfect" and how to manage screen time while staying connected during the pandemic.

### **Internet starts with 'I' — What can you do?**

This year's U.S. Safer Internet Day theme is "The Internet Starts with I and ends with T." And T stands for together. We're asking everyone to think about "What I can do to make the internet better." The "T" reminds us that we're all in this together. That includes families, individuals, companies, governments, and everyone else. We all have a role to play. If you're a parent, you can think about what help your kids need. They may not need technical help, but they might need advice on how to know what's real and what's fake, and in some cases, they might benefit from a bit more parental involvement in making sure they're using their devices safely. There are many tools out there to help parents better limit and monitor their kids' use of technology, including free ones built into phone and

computer operating systems. If you're tempted to give your child a smartphone, you can add a parental control app or if it's an Android, use Google's FamilyLink so that helps parents remotely guide and approve their young children's smartphone use. And, parents, Safer Internet Day is a great time to have a conversation with your kids where you can learn from one another. You'll find conversation starters for families and lesson plans for schools at [SID-USA.org/lesson-plans](https://www.sid-usa.org/lesson-plans).



## South East Consortium CAC Educational Events

The South East Consortium CAC is offering three educational events open to the BUSD community. The training is developed for parents or guardians of children who have an IEP. However, all community members are welcome. Please feel free to register for any session that interests you. The topics include:

- BUILDING POSITIVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS**  
 Date: February 10, 2021  
 Time: 6:30-8:30 pm
- PREPARING FOR MEETINGS BY LOOKING AT PROBLEMS FROM DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES**  
 Date: March 10, 2021  
 Time: 6:30-8:30 pm
- CULTURALLY SENSITIVE COMMUNICATION**  
 Date: May 12, 2021  
 Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Click here to register: <https://southeastsepa.k12oms.org/1944-196919>

## TaleTree Creative Weekly Camp

**GRADE K-5** Weekly

# TaleTree Creative Camp

Boost **Creativity** and **Empathy** through **Positive-sharing**

**Share**

Share their creativity with an audience  
 Positive feedback fuels positive growth  
 Mindfulness/reflection of conversations  
 Find inspiration and confidence through peers

**Challenge**

Activate kids' curiosities and imagination

**Create**

Creativity exists in all forms: science, design, nature, performance, music, etc.

**Collect**

Effortlessly keep track of your kids' creative keepsake in our app

**Join BUSD families and kids from around the world**

Sign Up for One **FREE** Session  
[www.taletree.app](http://www.taletree.app)

For questions reach out to  
[contact@taletree.app](mailto:contact@taletree.app)

Join other BUSD families for this weekly camp that helps boost creativity and empathy through Positive-sharing. Visit [www.taletree.app](http://www.taletree.app) to learn more.

## **BUSD Wellness**

Be sure to check out BUSD Wellness, our webpage dedicated to mental and physical wellness information and resources. Make sure to take some time with your family relax and practice mindfulness.

<https://sites.google.com/busd.net/busd-wellness-page/home>

## **Wide Open School**

Your family can find resources for balance and well-being with [Wide Open School](#) . Build inner strength, navigate difficult feelings, and get support with this collection of fun and educational videos, games, books and more.

## **School Related Assistance**

If you need assistance with school related business, please make an appointment with the school. Appointments can be made with Ms. Beatrice, School Clerk or Ms. Kim, Administrative Secretary.

## **Keeping Contact Information Up to Date**

Please notify the school office immediately if you have a **change of address, phone number, or email address**. This will allow the school to communicate with you regarding your child. It is especially important while you are in Distance Learning.

## **Reporting Student Absences**

If your child is absent, please call the school office at **(408)923-1970** on the day of the absence.

Please include the following information when reporting an absence:

- Student's Name
- Teacher
- Date of Absence
- Reason for absence
- Your name

## **PARENT RESOURCES**

[BUSD REOPENING WEBSITE](#)

[DIGITAL LEARNING LEARNING PORTAL](#)

[BUSD WELLNESS](#)

[MS. ALEECE'S RESOURCE CENTER](#)

[PARENT DISTANCE LEARNING RESOURCES](#)

[VINCI PARK PTA](#)



## Care Solace

Care Solace is an online resource to help our students and families in seeking local mental health support. It is important to recognize that these are challenging times, and that we must also take care of our mental health as we guard against COVID-19. Care Solace is now available for use by Berryessa students and families at no cost. If you are interested in seeking counseling-related services at this time, please consider visiting [caresolace.com/berryessafamilies](https://caresolace.com/berryessafamilies)

## Dates To Remember

- **Feb 10** - Boosterthon “Dance Fit” Event Day
- **Feb 12** - Early Release
- **Feb 8-18** - Virtual Scholastic Book Fair
- **Feb 9** - District Board Meeting
- **Feb 15-19** - Presidents Week Break (NO SCHOOL)
- **March 5-12** - Conference Week (Early Release)
- **March 11** - PTA Meeting @ 6pm
- **March 29-April 1** - Virtual 5th Grade Science Camp
- **April 2-9** - Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)

## Important Links

IT Support, click [here](#)  
BUSD Reopening Communications, click [here](#)  
Free and Reduced Lunch Applications, click [here](#)  
Care Solace, click [here](#)  
BUSD Wellness, click [here](#)  
Wide Open School, click [here](#)

## Interpretation Assistance

Should you need assistance in interpretation of school/teacher messages, please reach out to the following staff support.

- **Chinese/Mandarin:** Tsung-Lin Chen (408) 923-1901
- **Spanish:** Lourdes Calande (408) 923-1902
- **Vietnamese:** Juliette Thai (408) 923-1903



## PTA Announcements

### Meet Vinci Park's 2020-2021 PTA Executive Board

(ABOVE IMAGE: From Top to Bottom, Left to Right: Jennifer Johnson - Secretary, Marygrace Tobias - President, Vivian Kailola - Auditor, Michelle Dickinson-Moises - Historian, Michelle Esporma - Treasurer, Valerie Mirandilla - Communications Coordinator

Are you a member of Vinci Park PTA yet? We would love to have you. Please join using: <https://jointotem.com/ca/san-jose/vinci-park-pta/join/register>

If you are interested in donating directly to PTA, please mail in checks payable to "Vinci Park PTA" directly to Vinci Park School: 1311 Vinci Park Way, San Jose, CA 95131

Next PTA Association Meeting will be March 11, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom.

**Spirit Wear** available in all Youth and Adult sizes. Email PTA your order and arrange a pick up date/time at the Office.

**BOOSTERTHON NEWS!** Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in our virtual fitness themed fundraiser! The kids had a blast building school spirit and working together virtually to strengthen their community.

Are you interested in being a **PTA Executive Board Member for 2021-2022** school year? Contact PTA for more information. Currently all Executive Board Positions are available.

### Follow, Like and Connect with Us

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Facebook: @Vinci Park PTA

Email: [ptaboard@vinciparkpta.com](mailto:ptaboard@vinciparkpta.com)

Website: <https://vinciparkpta.com>