

# Vinci Park Explorers

Vinci Park Elementary's Official Newsletter



## Our Vinci Park March Issue is Here!

We are officially in our final trimester of school! Can you believe it?!

Last month we completed our Boosterthon challenge and a huge congratulations goes out to **Julian Magana in Miss Perla's class** for bringing in the most pledges! Great job, Julian! Also, congrats to Miss Perla's 4th grade class for bringing in the most pledges for our whole school! To celebrate, Miss Perla was brave enough to jump into her pool on a cold February day! The video is still up on Vinci Park Elementary Facebook page if you want to check it out.



**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;

March already! Wow, the second trimester has ended and you should be receiving your child's report card. Hopefully you have an opportunity to review it with your child, to set goals for the third trimester and to celebrate the successes. Students certainly are doing some spectacular pieces of work. If you have questions or concerns, be sure to contact the teacher.



As we are navigating the end of this year and deciding on when and if we will be returning back to school, it's important to have those conversations with your child and prepare them for whatever changes may be coming.

With the arrival of spring and the county guidelines being more relaxed on outdoor activities, many Vinci Park children and families use the Vinci Park campus for after school and weekend events.

Please show respect and pride for our community school by the following actions:

- Take all trash home and help others to do the same.
- Supervise your children and remind others to do the same.
- Keep dogs off the campus at all times.
- Address anyone engaging in vandalism and report it to the school office or the police.

Have a great month!

Mrs. Nunez  
Principal

# Important Dates & Announcements

## Dates To Remember

- **March 5-12** - Conference Week (Early Release)
- **March 10** - Boosterthon Prize Pick Up Extravaganza
- **March 11** - PTA Meeting @ 6pm
- **March 14** - Daylight Savings Time - Spring Forward 1 Hour
- **March 29-April 1** - Virtual 5th Grade Science Camp
- **April 2-9** - Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)

## Scholastic Book Fair

*“Thank you all for supporting Vinci Park with our first online Book Fair and making it successful.*

*The proceeds from the fair will support our library to put more awesome books in students' hands.”*

Miss Janet Johnson  
Vinci Park Librarian

## No Cost COVID-19 Testing

As we continue to scale our safety measures, we are pleased to announce our new partnership with Bay Area Community Health.

Beginning March 3, 2021, we will be offering free, drive-up Covid-19 testing to staff, students and parents at Sierramont Middle School located at 3155 Kimlee Drive, San Jose, CA 95132.

This will take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. No appointment will be necessary.

## P-EBT 2.0 Card Distribution - IMPORTANT UPDATE

If your children qualify for free or reduced-price meals, they may be able to automatically receive a P-EBT card in the mail for purchasing groceries. However, it is important that their school(s) have their current home address. If you need to update your address, please contact your school office prior to noon on Wednesday, March 10th, so they have time to process and submit the changes before P-EBT cards are mailed out.

For more information about P-EBT benefits, [click here](#).

If you think you may qualify for free or reduced meals and have not yet applied during the 2020-21 school year, please complete an [online application](#). You will receive a result letter in the mail. If you receive CalFresh, CalWORKS, Medi-Cal or other social services benefits, you should automatically receive a P-EBT card.

If you have any questions about the free and reduced meal application process or your children's eligibility status, please email [sns@busd.net](mailto:sns@busd.net) or call Student Nutrition Services at 408-923-1875 (English/Spanish) or 408-923-1879 (English/Vietnamese).



## **TaleTree Special Camp**

Be inspired by experts at TaleTree's **FREE** Special Camp! Watch your kids' creative nature blossom as they learn new skills and processes directly from professional artists, designers, programmers, and more!

As a visual effects artist for box office hits like Star Wars, Toy Story, Avengers, Cars, Transformers, Incredibles, Jurassic World, Coco, and more, Lyon works with a team of artists to create an even more impactful cinematic experience.

Join us at **3pm on Friday, March 12th!** It's a **FREE online** event, so feel free to invite friends and family!

**Register here:**

<https://www.taletree.app/specialcamp>

**Here's the direct Zoom link for our Special Camp:**

- **Zoom link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7952205101>
- **Password:** 4FGzzY

## **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/busds-wellness-page/home>

## **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



## 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)

## 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](#)

## 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

## 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

## PARENT RESOURCES

[BUSD REOPENING WEBSITE](#)

[DIGITAL LEARNING LEARNING PORTAL](#)

[BUSD WELLNESS](#)

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

[PARENT DISTANCE LEARNING RESOURCES](#)

[VINCI PARK PTA](#)





## PTA Announcements

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.

**Meeting ID:** 878 4766 9239

**Passcode:** Vinci1

**Spirit Wear** available in all Youth and Adult sizes. Email PTA your order and arrange a pick up date/time at the Office. Or buy from In-Person Spirit Wear Sale each first Wednesday of the month before Vinci Blue Fridays!

- T-shirts \$10
- Hooded Sweaters \$20

## BOOSTERTHON NEWS!

Thank you so much for your generosity and support on our 2021 #Dance4Kato program this year!

**On Wednesday, March 10th, Boosterthon will be hosting a drive-thru pick up event from 12:30-2:30pm!**

You are welcome to come by at any time to pick up your students prizes.

There will be live music and we cannot wait to celebrate you all; rain or shine! **We can't wait to see you all!**

*\*\*Note: If you are not able to make it to this event, you are able to pick up your students' prizes at the front office, 9am-1pm, but please call first. \*\**

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.

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