

Vinci Park Explorers

Vinci Park Elementary's Official Newsletter



Welcome Back To A New School Year!

School looks a little different for us this year but with strong communication and partnership with our staff, parents, students and community members, we can get through this together. Vinci Park Elementary is a strong and resilient community and we are here to support each other.

Vinci Park Strong. No Matter The Distance.



Vinci Blue Days

Wear your Vinci Blue colors every first Friday of the month!



Welcome Back Song

Check out our amazing staff on [YouTube](#)



Become a PTA Member Today!

Click [Here](#) for the Membership Form

A Message From Our Principal, Mrs Nunez

We're off to a great start!!! Thank you for sending us (virtually) the very best students ever! We've had a wonderful couple of weeks and have enjoyed seeing your children. Thank you for your cooperation with our multiple student check-ins throughout the day. Our students' education is of paramount concern.

At Vinci Park, we are committed to reflecting the diversity of our world in our classrooms. We feel very fortunate to have so many children and families from different cultures. In the first three weeks of school, we focus on classroom routines, rituals and culture. We have conversations around how we are both different and the same. We use this concept to begin teaching children about tolerance and respect for cultural and ethnic differences. In our quest to reduce all types of violence for children, we want to help children discover that difference is not to be feared and that violence is not inevitable.

We believe we can teach nonviolence and respect for others at every level, even in the smallest daily interactions. Beginning at the TK (transitional Kindergarten) level, we are helping each child to appreciate his or her own uniqueness. We encourage our children to learn about and value their color, their history, their family heritage, and their cultural traditions.



Thank you for continuing to have the same conversations at home.

Classes are well underway with a wide variety of learning experiences. We encourage you to stay on top of information and assignments from the classroom. Throughout the year, we will continue to focus on student success and work to ensure our students continue to be successful. As a school, we will specifically continue to target improvement in literacy. We are thrilled to be a part of your child's life this year and pledge to do our very best to help inspire and empower them to lead successful lives.

Thank you,

Parisa Nunez
Principal

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Important Dates & Announcements

Curbside Meals Availability

Please be reminded that curbside meals are available for pick-up on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm.**

Two days worth of meals will be offered on Mondays and Thursdays.

Families with students in both middle school and elementary school may pick-up all their meals at their middle school.

Chromebooks and Hotspots

For a more convenient and faster service to all our students and families, chromebooks and hotspots will be checked out and returned at Vinci Park. Any non-working or broken chromebooks and hotspots will be exchanged at the school site.

Please call the office at **(408)923-1970** to arrange an appointment time for pick up, exchange, or return of either items.



Social and Emotional Learning - All About Feelings

Social and emotional learning (SEL) provides a foundation for safe and positive learning, and enhances students’ ability to succeed in school, careers and life. Research shows that SEL not only improves achievement by an average of 11 percentile points, but it also increases prosocial behaviors (such as kindness, sharing and empathy), improves student attitudes toward school, and reduces depression and stress among students (Durlak et al., 2011).

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.

Important Links

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

First PTA Meeting will be on **September 17, 2020 @ 6:00 PM** via Zoom. All attendees will be entered into a raffle for a **FREE** yearbook!

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91887906797?pwd=OEhNaVtRmVZdkFpMGdtdcVNxcDdKQTO2>

Meeting ID: 918 8790 6797

Passcode: Vinci

OTIS Fundraiser to start the end of September. Exact dates are to be determined.

Interested in joining PTA? Complete and submit the membership form located here: <https://vinciparkpta.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/vinci-park-pta-member-registration-form.pdf>

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