

Vinci Park Explorers

Vinci Park Elementary's Official Newsletter



Our Vinci Park November Issue is Here!

Last month, Vinci Park lost a dear member of our community, Mr. Steve Kato. Together we are all grieving the loss of a beautiful and kind human being who had a heart of gold. A mural was drawn by one of our Vinci Park parents, Donna Nguyen, in front of our main office to commemorate our beloved teacher, colleague, mentor, and friend. We miss him so very much.

Everyone is welcome to write or draw a message in one of the blank balloons. Rest In Peace, Mr. Kato. Thank you for the wonderful memories you have given us. Your legacy will live on through all your students.



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

Show Your Support

Steve Kato's Go Fund Me Page



There has been a huge outpouring of love and support from the community and many people wanted to know how they could help.

Steve was always one of the first people to lend a helping hand when needed, so let us all “*be like Steve*” and help his family the way we all know he would have done for us.

If you would like to show your support, please consider donating to [Steve's Go Fund Me Page](#).

There will be a celebration of Steve's life at a later date when it is safe to gather again. In the meantime, if you would like to share stories and anecdotes about Steve, please email those to livelikestevekato@gmail.com. These will be collated into a volume that will be given to the family. Thank you for your continued support.

Shirt Fundraiser in Steve's name

In honor of our beloved Steve Kato, Ms. Simpson created a shirt fundraiser in his name. You can view the shirts on the link below.

All proceeds will be donated in Steve's name to one of his favorite charities, Best Friends Animal Society.

Vinci is a home and family. Everyone who has been a student, parent, and teacher all agree- at Vinci you are part of a family.

This would be a great way to be like Steve, spread kindness, and help our furry friends in need.

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/stevekato>



A Message From Our Principal, Mrs Nunez

Happy November!

We stand up.

We create space for each other.

We act with empathy and kindness.

We listen first and listen actively.

We are curious.



Together we are creating the next generation of leaders who will build a world based on knowledge and compassion, the foundation for more democratic, equitable, and just societies.

Hope you are enjoying the beautiful brilliance of the fall season. As we approach the month of November, I would like to mention a few upcoming events. Parent-Teacher Conferences will begin November 13th, and continue the week of November 16th. You will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and the contents of the report with his or her teacher/s. Please use these conferences to your advantage. Be sure to come with questions, concerns or compliments. Use the time to discuss things you are unsure about or hope for your child. Pay attention to the comments your child's teacher has, and help us make this a successful year for everyone.

If you have questions about content standards or state testing, a good site to visit is the California Department of Education (www.cde.ca.gov).

Finally, I would like to continue to invite parents to join and attend our PTA meetings. By becoming a member you are contributing to the positive impact that PTA has on our school and youth.

I look forward to our collaboration and partnership as we navigate the rest of this school year. Stay safe and healthy!

Respectfully,
Parisa Nunez

Important Dates & Announcements

Dates To Remember

- Nov 10 - School Board Meeting at the District Office
- Nov 11 - Veterans Day (No School)
- Nov 13-20 - Fall Conferences (Early Release)
- Nov 17 - PTA Otis Spunkmeyer Distribution
- Nov 23-27 - Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 21-Jan 1 - Winter Break

Curbside Meals Availability

Student Nutrition Services continues to provide **FREE** curbside meals to all children 18 years and younger.

Meal distribution schedule will continue be on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:15am to 12:45pm** so that 2 days worth of meals may be distributed at a time.

Please note: Meals will not be distributed on November 11th due to Veterans Day Holiday.

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.

Important Links

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



Keep 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.

San Jose Public Library Virtual Homework Club

Our Virtual Homework Club is free and online via Zoom and is available Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. until December 14 (except for holidays/library closures).

The Homework Club is for students from Kindergarten to 8th Grade, and can help with many subjects, including reading, writing, math, social studies, and science.

Registration is required for each day that students want to attend and closes 24 hours before the next Homework Club session.

To sign up or to learn more, please visit: www.sjpl.org/homeworkclub

If you have any questions please contact Joan Weagle or the San Jose Public Library Homework Club at sjplhwc@sjlibrary.org.

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

Our next **PTA Meeting** will be on **November 12, 2020 @ 6:00 PM** via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 970 0030 3267

Passcode: Vinci

Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser Pick-Up Date & Time: November 17th from 9:00am - 5:00pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please email PTA if you are available help at ptaboard@vinciparkpta.com

Join the PTA! To become a member, head over to this easy-to-use Totem link: <https://jointotem.com/ca/san-jose/vinci-park-pta>

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- Facebook: [@Vinci Park PTA](https://www.facebook.com/VinciParkPTA)
- Email: ptaboard@vinciparkpta.com
- Website: <https://vinciparkpta.com>

PARENT RESOURCES

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[DIGITAL LEARNING LEARNING PORTAL](#)

[BUSD WELLNESS](#)

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[PARENT DISTANCE LEARNING RESOURCES](#)

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