

VINCI PARK EXPLORERS

Vinci Park Elementary's Official Newsletter



HAPPY OCTOBER!

We're so glad to see everyone back on campus! To our new Vinci Park families, welcome to our community! This newsletter will provide important dates, events, and messages from our Principal, Ms. Nunez.

Parent and family involvement is always welcome! Two upcoming ways you can get involved and learn more are below:

10/8 - Coffee with the Principal, 8:15am

Link: <https://bit.ly/VinciPrincipal>

Meeting ID: 850 3428 5126

Passcode: dE6deZ

11/10 - PTA Meeting, 6pm

Link: <https://bit.ly/VinciPTA>

Meeting ID: 833 8255 8642

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct. 8 - Vinci Blue Day

Oct. 8 - Coffee with the Principal (Zoom)

Nov. 5 - Coffee with the Principal (Zoom)

Nov. 10 - PTA Meeting at 6PM (Zoom)

Nov. 11 - No School, Veteran's Day

Nov. 12-19 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
(Early Release)

Nov. 16 - Make Up Picture Day

Nov. 22-26 - No School - Thanksgiving Break



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MS. NUNEZ

We're off to a great start!!! Thank you for sending us the very best students ever! We've had a wonderful couple of weeks and have enjoyed being with your children. Thank you for your cooperation with our student drop-off and pick-up. Our students and staff safety is of paramount concern. Please continue to bring your students to the office if they are late for school. Remember to get out of your car and walk the children across the street using the crosswalks. Never load or unload next to a red or yellow curb. Just as a reminder supervision at school starts at 7:55 AM.

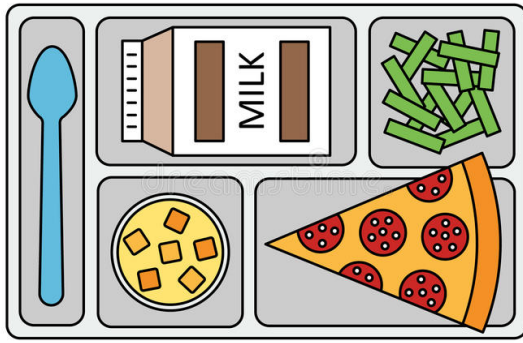
Classes are well underway with a wide variety of learning experiences. Students will meet with their teacher(s) to develop individual goals in reading, writing, and math; monthly progress monitoring will measure growth of student goals. Ideally, a student on grade level in reading should grow a year; if a student is behind in reading, the goal is to grow a year and a half. Growth will occur by practicing reading at school and at home (even during the weekends and holidays). This practice will help our primary goals: improve reading skills, increase knowledge, and develop a love of reading. Parents can model by reading with their students and reading for enjoyment. Our focus is on student achievement: academic, social, and emotional. 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 are college and career ready. As a school, we will specifically 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. We are here to support the success of your child. In these trying times, we appreciate the support and understanding of the teachers, school, and district. We are in this together, day by day, to ensure your children have a positive school experience and instill in each of them a love of learning. If you need to reach us, please email or call us.

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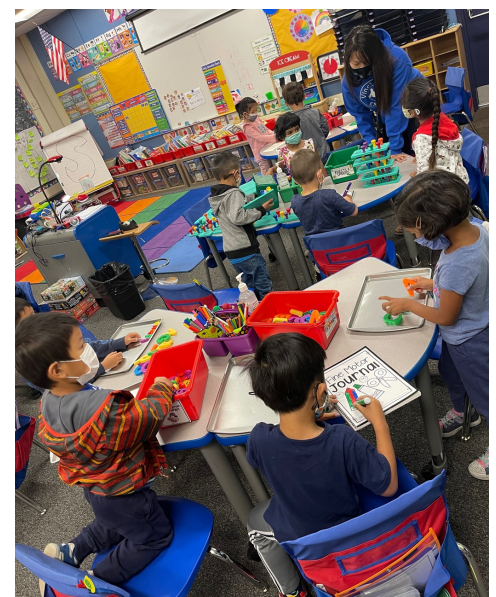




A Message from School Nutrition Services

National School Lunch Week is October 11 – 15! Recent research indicates that children get their healthiest meals at school. School meals provide a balance of protein, whole grains, fresh fruit/veggies, and milk. They must also comply with federal nutrition standards that limit fat, calories, and sodium.

Thanks to pandemic waivers, school meals are FREE for all students this school year, so it's a great time to give school lunch a try! Every student is entitled to one free breakfast and one free lunch per school day while attending in-person classes. Breakfast is served daily during your student's Recess period. Lately, there have been severe nationwide disruptions to the food supply chain that are impacting school foodservice programs as well. Fortunately, Student Nutrition Services has been able to keep up with the increased demand for school meals and decreased supply of food. However, planned menu offerings must occasionally change due to weekly delivery shortages of food and supplies. Your student's flexibility and understanding are appreciated during this challenging time. Feel free to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns to: sns@busd.net.





Updates from our PTA



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- Email: ptaboard@vinciparkpta.com
- Website: <https://vinciparkpta.com>



YEARBOOK raffle winner:

Kinder: Aubrey G.

Believe Kids/ Otis Fundraiser:

Delivery date in November. More details to follow.

Amazon Smile:

Do a lot of shopping on Amazon?

You can support Vinci Park PTA by shopping on AmazonSmile instead. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, shopping features and Amazon Prime benefits as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Vinci Park PTA is one of the listed charities.

Every item available for purchase on www.amazon.com is also available on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

To get started, simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com> on a computer, log into your Amazon account and select "Vinci Park PTA" as your organization of choice, then shop.

Please note that donations can only be received when shopping on the Amazon Smile website and will not work through the Amazon App or standard Amazon website.

Once set-up, it's easy. Just always go to <https://smile.amazon.com>.

Interested in joining PTA?

Complete and submit the membership form located here: <https://jointotem.com/ca/san-jose/vinci-park-pta>