

VINCI PARK EXPLORERS

Vinci Park Elementary's Official Newsletter



HAPPY DECEMBER!

We hope everyone continues to stay healthy and warm this holiday season. See our important dates for our events this month!



IMPORTANT DATES:

- 12/1 Coffee with the Principal
1-2pm Mad Science
1-2pm Young Rembrandts
- 12/5 Hearing Screening for KN, 2nd & 5th gr
- 12/6 Pizza California Dine Out to support Science Camp
- 12/8 1-2pm Mad Science
1-2pm Young Rembrandts
- 12/13 7 Leaves Dine Out to support Science Camp
7pm Board Mtg
- 12/15 1-2pm Mad Science
1-2pm Young Rembrandts
1-2pm Student Council Mtg
- 12/21 Hot Cocoa and Cookies Community Event
- 12/22 Pajama Day
1-2pm Mad Science
1-2pm Young Rembrandts
- 12/23-1/6 Christmas Break - No School
- 1/10 7pm Board Mtg

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. NUNEZ

Dear Vinci Park Parents & Families,

As the start of winter fast approaches, the days left in the first half of the school calendar are disappearing quickly. Student attendance on a regular basis is essential throughout the year for children to maximize their learning, but especially in the second half of the school year. Please be sure to help get your children to school regularly and on time. If they are sick, etc., we certainly understand. We want the best for your children and strongly believe that they gain the most from being at school on a consistent (if not daily) basis. Thank you for your help and support in this regard.

Our students and staff have accomplished a lot during our first almost 100 days of school. Our leader teachers and coaches have led professional development to help our teachers dive deeper into our curriculums. Our professional development focused on how to help teachers build an environment where students can effectively engage in a wide range of rigorous, content-rich conversation and collaboration. At Vinci Park we are using Common Core, small group instruction, FOSS (our new science program) and SEAL to continue to hold high expectations for the academic skills and knowledge your children need to be successful.

On behalf of the entire school faculty and staff, I wish you and your entire family peace, joy, and happiness and excellent health.

Sincerely,

Parisa Nunez





Updates from our PTA



Are you a member of Vinci Park PTA yet?

We would love to have you.

Please join us: <https://jointotem.com/ca/san-jose/vinci-park-pta/join/register>

Hot Cocoa and Cookies Community Event

We are closing out December with a sweet send-off for our Vinci Park students and families: after school on Wednesday, December 21st, PTA will be handing out cookies and hot cocoa to students and families. More information will be coming soon!

Teacher and Staff Favorite Things

If you are thinking about what gifts your teacher/staff members would appreciate, we have a helpful tool for you! We've asked teachers to share some of their favorite foods, shops, and other goodies. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/VPStaffFavorites22-23>

Do a lot of shopping on Amazon?

You can support Vinci Park PTA by shopping on AmazonSmile. 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. 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.

Announcements



Holiday Gift & Food Program

At Vinci Park we know that the holiday season can be a major financial and emotional stress for many families.

We have partnered with Moms Against Poverty to support our community with gifts and food boxes for families who are experiencing hardships during this holiday season.



If you are a family in our community and would like to receive a donated gift for your child(ren) or a food box please fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/78dLGZHQ2FDr5C8p7>

Request deadline is Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

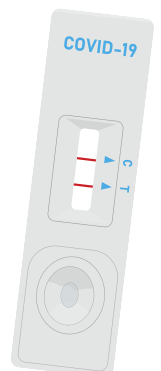
All requests will be kept confidential.

Questions? Please contact Aleece Nyland at anyland@busd.net

At-Home COVID Tests

At-Home COVID Tests Home Tests for are available in the school office to pick up and test on a weekly basis. If you would like to use a home test, you will need to register your child at: https://my.primary.health/l/busd_2022 and then upload your child's results to:

https://my.primary.health/appointment_recoveries



Running Club Updates

Nov. 17th was the last day of session 1 for Running Club. It's getting a bit chilly out there, so we'll take a break and return on February 28th for the second session. Thanks to those who participated, and especially the small group that stuck through the dark, cold mornings. You're a trooper (including the parent volunteers)!

All the participants from TK-5th clocked in a total of 806 miles, which is the distance from Vinci Park School to a little east of Salt Lake City, Utah!

The Top Runners for each grade levels are:

TK Jeicob P (12.13 mi)

K Lyla K (11.38 mi)

1st Penelope C (20.25 mi)

2nd Dylan T (19 mi)

3rd Emilio B (18.13 mi)

4th Emily W (30.63 mi)

5th Rai R (30 mi)

See you back on February 28th! Keep running!

