

VINCI PARK EXPLORERS

Vinci Park Elementary's Official Newsletter



HAPPY OCTOBER!

Please join us if you can for Coffee with the Principal--every first Thursday of the month at 8:30AM! Hear school updates, and get to know some of our families in our Vinci Park community!

To stay up to date with Vinci Park's PTA:
Visit our website: www.vinciparkpta.com

Like & Follow Us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/vinciparkpta1

Follow us on Instagram: @vinciparkpta

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 10/4 Fall Picture Day
- 10/5 Spirit Wear Sale, 7:45-8:15
- 10/6 Coffee with the Principal, 8:30am via Zoom-Link will be provided
- 10/7 Vinci Blue Day - Show Your School Spirit
- 10/11 Board Mtg, 7pm
- 10/13 Student Council Mtg, 1pm
- 10/13 PTA Meeting via Zoom at 6PM
- 10/17 Family Literacy Night
- 10/20 Great Shake Out
- 10/21 Fall Festival - Trunk or Treat, 5:30pm
- 10/27 Spirit Day - Disney
- 10/31 Halloween, Early Release
- 10/31 Halloween Parade, 10:15am, parents are welcome
- 11/3 Coffee with the Principal - Zoom 8:30am
- 11/8 BUSD Board Mtg, 7pm
- 11/9 **Early Release** - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/10 **No School** - Teacher In Service Day

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. NUNEZ

Dear Vinci Park Families,

As we complete our first month and a half of school, it is wonderful to see the way students and staff have settled into school routines. I visit each classroom on a regular basis, and it's obvious that students are happy and learning. I frequently overhear teachers acknowledging their students' efforts, and also hear students encouraging each other. Appreciation of a job well done is extremely motivating for students and for adults. With that in mind, I encourage you to let me know when a member of the Vinci Park School staff goes above and beyond for your child or for you. I know how much you appreciate our teachers, library staff, office staff, extended day teachers, instructional assistants, custodians, and kitchen staff, and it only takes a few minutes to write a quick note to let them know too! I would also like to share my appreciation of the hard work all of you parents are doing to support your children and our school. It is evident by the number of parents who are starting to volunteer at Vinci Park that you are ready and willing to be partners in your children's success.

Sincerely,

Parisa Nunez
Principal



Thank you!



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>

Parent Teacher Association Meeting October 13th @ 6pm via Zoom

Thank you to our many families who were able to join us for our meeting in September! Please join us at our upcoming PTA Meeting in which we'll share more about opportunities to volunteer and additional school updates.

Fall Festival - Friday, October 21st

We are excited to host our first in-person family event this school year! The Fall Festival will take place at Vinci Park on Friday, October 21st at 5:30PM. We'll have arts and crafts, games, and an area for trunk-or-treating!

To make this event a success, we would love additional help from volunteers. If you are able to help with set-up, clean-up, treat donations, or any of activities, please complete this form here:

<https://bit.ly/VPFallFestivalVolunteers>



Fall Festival



Announcements



Hotspots During the School Year

San José students can borrow a Wi-Fi hotspot with a web filter from the library during the entire 2022-2023 school year.

Here's what you need to know to get started:

[What is a Wi-Fi Hotspot?](#)

[What is a web filter?](#)

[How do I borrow a hotspot?](#)

[How to return a hotspot?](#)



Updates from Student Nutrition Services



- School meals will continue to be FREE for ALL students thanks to California's new Universal Meals program. Each student may receive 1 free breakfast and 1 free lunch each school day. Meals include fruit, vegetables, and milk. Milk separate from a meal costs \$0.50 (covered by Universal Meals program if taken with a school meal).
- Families are strongly encouraged to apply for Free and Reduced price meals in order to increase funding for school programs and qualify for other food benefits and discounts, e.g., after school programs, utilities & internet.
- Please submit your application ASAP in order for it to be counted toward school funding.
- To access the online Free and Reduced price meal application, click [here](#). The application may also be downloaded from the [SNS Meal Applications webpage](#).
- Printed applications are available from the Student Nutrition Services office and school offices.
- For convenience, school breakfast and lunch menus may be downloaded from the SNS Menus webpage. You can also sign up to receive them automatically by email by clicking [here](#). *Menus are subject to change, depending on product availability
- Please email sns@busd.net or call 408-923-1875 or 408-923-1879 if you have any questions.



Happy Fall, Explorers!

