

# VINCI PARK EXPLORERS

Vinci Park Elementary's Official Newsletter

## APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8	9	10	11	12 Coffee Chat, 8AM ☕	13
14	15	16	17 5th grade Panoramic Pic 📷	18 Dinner & Parenting Class 5:45-7:45PM 🍕	19	20
21	22 SBAC Testing Begins	23	24	25	26 Family Fun Night, 5-7PM 🎉	27
28	29	30	1	2 Open House 🏠	3	4

### LOOKING AHEAD:

5/2 - Open House

5/6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week

5/8 - BUSD Board Meeting

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. NUNEZ

Dear Vinci Park Families,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the budding signs of spring. As we step into April, I am thrilled to share some exciting updates and important reminders from our school community.

Firstly, I am delighted to announce the completion of our new playground. We now have a vibrant space where our primary children can play, explore, and grow. I encourage you to come by and witness the joy and laughter firsthand during morning drop off or afternoon pickup.

As we move forward into the second half of the school year, it's important to keep our focus on academic progress. With that in mind, I want to remind you that state testing for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders is quickly approaching. While these assessments are an essential part of our educational process, it's crucial to approach them with a balanced perspective. Encourage your children to do their best, but let's also emphasize the importance of good sleep, proper nutrition, and a positive mindset. Rest assured, we are preparing our students diligently, and we have every confidence in their abilities.

I want to stress that while these tests are significant, they do not define our students' worth or potential. Our focus remains on providing a well-rounded education that nurtures their curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking skills. Let's support our children in their academic journey while also reminding them of the importance of balance and well-being.

In addition to state testing, we have some exciting events lined up in the coming weeks. From our annual Family Fun Night to our field day, there's plenty of fun in store for our students and families. I encourage you to mark your calendars and join us for these memorable experiences. Your participation not only strengthens our school community but also creates lasting memories for our children.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you'd like to share. Your partnership is invaluable, and together, we will continue to provide the best possible education for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to a fantastic month ahead!

Warm regards,  
Mrs. Nunez  
Principal





# Updates from our PTA



## **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 6-10!**

Vinci Park PTA will be planning treats for staff each day this week. If you would like to help to set up treats during the week of May 6-10, please let us know by emailing us at [PTABoard@vinciparkpta.com](mailto:PTABoard@vinciparkpta.com)!

Families and students are also encouraged to use our list of Staff Favorites <http://tinyurl.com/VPStaffFavs> to plan additional gifts, treats, or a note of appreciation to our amazing and hardworking staff!

## **World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser:**

We still have boxes available, with \$60 of chocolate in each box.

If interested in fundraising a box please email us at

[PTABoard@vinciparkpta.com](mailto:PTABoard@vinciparkpta.com)

Thanks for your support, Vinci Park Elementary families!

## **Additional Ways to Get Involved:**

Check out our new website: <http://vinciparkpta.org> for updates and volunteering opportunities! You can also sign up to volunteer with the PTA by completing this form:

<https://forms.gle/MWQXpC5MGHvY4w376>

## **Purchase a 2023-2024 Yearbook!**

Soft cover Yearbook: \$22.72

Hard cover Yearbook: \$29.62

<https://www.treering.com/validate>

School Passcode: 1014882190091199

Yearbook Online Orders are due Friday, April 19, 2024

Estimated Delivery Date: May 22nd, 2024

Any orders placed after April 19, 2024, will be shipped to your home.

# School and Community Announcements

## HOW TO GET YOUR KIDS TO LISTEN – Free lecture!

Come spend a fun evening learning some new tricks and tips for dealing with kids who won't listen to you! Mary Eschen is a popular local parenting educator podcaster of PARENTING DECODED. Her entertaining style and energy will put you back in the drivers seat with some new ideas on how to parent. You will walk out of the event with techniques you can put to use right away!

Thursday, April 18th, 2024

5:45pm – 7:45pm

Location: Vinci Park MPR

Pizza dinner and babysitting provided



## How To Get Kids to Listen

Tired of nagging, whining and back-talk?  
Exhausted getting your kids to listen?

Come learn some practical skills you can apply immediately.

**Thursday April 18, 2024**  
**5:45 – 7:45pm**  
**Dinner provided**

**Lecture By:**  
**Mary Eschen**  
Parenting Coach and Podcaster of  
**PARENTING DECODED**  
Location: Vinci Park MPR

## New Student Enrollment for 2024-2025

New student enrollment for the 2024/2025 school year has begun. If you have a child that is entering Transitional Kindergarten (born 9/2/19-6/2/20) or Kindergarten (9/2/18-9/1/19) you can start enrolling now. Our enrollment is filling up quickly so don't delay. Also, if you have a friend or neighbor that has a qualifying child please get the word out. Thank you!

<https://www.berryessa.k12.ca.us/Departments/Education-Services/Enrollment-Information/index.html>

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## **Dress Code Reminders**

Now that the weather will be warming up we would like to remind everyone of our dress code: Students are expected to dress in a clean, safe and appropriate manner consistent with school dress codes.

The following are NOT acceptable at school:

- No short-shorts. (Shorts must be longer than fingertip length.)
- No clothing that exposes the mid-section or any underclothing.
  - No tight or revealing clothing.
  - No bagging, sagging, or dragging pants.
- No tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, or muscle shirts.
- No flip-flops or any backless shoes. These are not considered safe for school wear.
- No clothing that promotes controlled substances such as alcohol, cigarettes, drugs, etc.
  - No chains on wallets or clothing.
  - No clothing with inappropriate language or slogans.

Thank you for taking the time to go over this with your student.

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## **Independent Study**

Beginning 4/15 thru the end of the school year there will be no Independent Study approved.

Please don't make vacation plans until school is out in June.

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## **Volunteers**

There are many events that are happening around our school and volunteers may be needed. If you are planning on volunteering for any daytime events, such as BookFair and FieldTrips, you will need to complete a volunteer form and be cleared by our district office, before volunteering. Volunteer forms can be picked up in our front office and are good for the entire school year. They do, however, need to be completed yearly. Along with the volunteer form, you will also need a TB test that has been completed in the last 4 years. Please note that it does take some time to be cleared by the district office; therefore, please make sure to submit your volunteer forms as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you may check in with Miss Kim.

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## **State Testing-ELPAC and SBAC**

During the months of March and April, many of our students will be taking their state assessments. For our English Language Learners in grades K-5th, they will be taking the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC). This assessment measures a student's proficiency in the English language and is taken until the student is reclassified as English Proficient. For Our Students In Grades 3rd-5th, they will be taking their SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) Assessments. For our 3rd-5th graders, they will all be taking the Math and Language Arts assessments. Each assessment consists of both a performance task and a computer adaptive test. Our 5th graders will have to take an additional test, the California Science Test (CAST). It is very important that students get a good night's rest, are on time, and eat breakfast on the days that they are taking their assessments.