

VINCI PARK EXPLORERS

Vinci Park Elementary's Official Newsletter

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Fall Break 🍂					
8	9	10	11 Walk to School Day 🚶 Spirit Wear Sale 🧥 BUSD Board Mtg, 7pm	12	13 Vinci Blue Day 💙	14
15	16	17	18 Slow Down San Jose Campaign Kick Off	19 Great ShakeOut: StateWide Earthquake Awareness/Drill	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Trunk or Treat 🎃	28
29	30	31 Halloween Parade 🎃 Early Release	1 No School - Teacher In Service Day	2	3	4 PTA Community Clean-Up ✨ 10:00-11:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD:

11/1 - No School, Teacher In Service Day

11/3 - Vinci Blue Day

11/4 - PTA Community Clean-up



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. NUNEZ

Dear Vinci Park Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well as we embrace the beautiful autumn season at Vinci Park. As we settle into the rhythm of the school year, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and dedication to your child's education. It is through our collaborative efforts that we create a nurturing and enriching environment for our students.

October brings with it a sense of change and transformation, much like the vibrant leaves that adorn our surroundings. It is a time for growth, both academically and personally, and I am thrilled to share some exciting updates and highlights from our school community:

- 1. Celebrating Achievements:** We've had a fantastic start to the academic year, with our students demonstrating remarkable enthusiasm for learning. I am proud of the hard work and achievements of our students, and I encourage you to celebrate their successes, no matter how big or small.
- 2. Fall Festivities:** October wouldn't be complete without some fall festivities. Our school is planning some exciting events, including our annual Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Keep an eye out for more details in the coming weeks.
- 3. Safety and Well-being:** The safety and well-being of our students remain our top priority. We continue to implement health and safety measures to ensure a secure learning environment. Please remind your child to follow our safety guidelines and encourage good hygiene practices.

I look forward to witnessing the growth and development of our students throughout the remainder of the school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our dedicated staff or me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to share.

Wishing you all a joyful and productive October.

Warm regards,
Parisa Nunez
Principal





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>

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>

Yearbook Sales

Register and purchase your 2023/2024 yearbook at Treering.com

Save 10% on book orders through Oct. 31st.

Sale price: \$20.45 for soft cover yearbook and \$26.69 for hardcover yearbook

Yearbook code: 1014882190091199

Get 2 free custom pages!!! (Custom pages are due April 19, 2024)

Original yearbook prices:

Softcover: \$22.72

Hardcover: \$29.62

Yearbook online orders are due Friday, April 19, 2024

Estimated Delivery Date: May 22nd, 2024

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

In person sale price: \$25 for softcover



Thank you to everyone who attended our first Pastries with Parents event, and a special thank you to our volunteers who helped make it possible!

Updates from our PTA

Calling all volunteers and donations for our Fall Festival!

Our Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat Event is on **Friday, October 27th**. This event is not possible without the help of our volunteers. We welcome parents, grandparents, relatives and siblings over the age of 12. Students ages 12-15 will need a parent on site during volunteer time.

To volunteer, please complete the form linked below by Friday, October 20th.

Please fill this out for each different volunteer.

If you would like to work with someone under the age of 18 please leave that in the comments section at the end.

For any questions please email us at ptaboard@vinciparkpta.com

<https://forms.gle/pbxqab8mdmC76yT2A>



Ms. Sarah's Social Work Corner



Happy Autumn Vinci Families!

My name is Sarah Rodriguez (Ms. Sarah as the students know me) and I'm happy to be serving the Vinci Park community as the social worker this year.

We are 7 weeks in to the 23-24 school year and I hope you and your families are settled into your fall rhythms and routines.

Be sure to check out this section each month for information and tips that I hope you find helpful to use with your children.

Topic for September: Talk to your child about the difference between a secret and a surprise

Secrets

- Make us nervous, sad, scared
- Exclude others
- Have no end date

Surprises

- Make us feel good, happy, and excited
- Are shared with others
- Come out eventually

Secrets are an abuser's best friend and allow the abuser to keep control. It's important to teach your child(ren) the "no secrets rule", so that they can learn how to keep themselves safe and report to a trusted adult at home/school if someone asks them to keep a secret.

No Secrets Rule

- If someone tells you something bad will happen if you tell a secret, you still tell me the secret. Don't believe them.
- If someone tells you that you will get in trouble for telling a secret, you tell me right away. You will NEVER get in trouble for it.
- If someone tells you I (or someone else) will be hurt because you told the secret, DON'T believe them and tell me right away.

*Please don't hesitate to reach out for support, my email is srodriguez@busd.net



Pathway to the Future

Berryessa Union School District--Health Services

What to know about Head Lice

Head lice are often unwelcome visitors at day care centers and schools. Head lice are tiny parasites that live in hair and feed on blood from our scalp. They mostly lay their eggs near the roots of the hair, close to the scalp which usually hatches within one week. The eggs laid by head lice are called nits. They multiply and spread quickly.

However they are fairly harmless and don't carry any diseases. Having head lice also isn't a sign of poor personal hygiene or an unclean living environment. They don't carry bacterial or viral diseases. By understanding more about how to treat & prevent head lice, you can be a part of promoting a comfortable and healthy place to learn.

Head lice are tiny, grayish-white 6-legged insects about this long (-). If they are filled with blood, they will look red. They do not have wings, so they cannot fly. They do not jump but they can move very fast. This makes it hard to find them in the hair. Nits are the eggs of the lice. They look like bits of dandruff in the hair but do not flake off when touched.

They are stuck to the hair. They are about this size (').

Lice are usually spread from child to child when sharing clothing, hats, scarves, combs, brushes, hair trims or helmets that have strands of hair with nits. Lice can also be passed when playing contact sports.

The SINGLE most important thing to prevent lice is to "Never Share What Touches the Hair." Teach every child to not share combs, brushes, hats, scarves, hair accessories, "scrunchies," helmets, headphones, or pillows. Additionally, parents could inform other parents of their child's closest friends to check their children for lice since the children play together. Please check your child's hair often during the school year, especially if you have been informed of a lice concern or receive an exposure notice from school.



