

“To ensure that all students have the skills necessary to reach high levels of academic achievement, respect self and others, and become lifelong learners.”

Dr. Marc Lieberman, Superintendent

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MAY 2009

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Vinci Park Families:

It is incredible how time flies when you are busy. Yes, May is here and we are counting down the last two months of school. As May approaches to June, we are very busy planning for the next school year. And as the weather turns a little warmer, the sun shining brighter and the end of the school year draws nearer, students sometimes need reminders about behavior and classroom responsibilities. It's important that your children come to school dress comfortably and appropriately. Please refer to our school handbook for student behavior expectations and dress code. Remind your child to continue to complete all assignments, try their best, and make good decisions about how they should treat others. Let's have a great rest of the year!

Thank you to all of you for coming out to our Open House on April 23rd and participating in our Silent Auction fundraiser for the school library. We had a great turn-out. It was wonderful to see all of the student work on display throughout. Our teachers and staff have worked very hard to prepare our students and it certainly shows in the work. We especially want to thank Mrs. Lori Matsu, our media tech, for organizing the silent auction. With your participation and financial support she was able to raised \$1800.00 for our school library. It's one more extraordinary thing that Mrs. Matsu does in support of Vinci Park.

This has been a financially challenging year for California public schools. The state budget deficit and school funding has been dramatically decreased and it certainly has affected all of us. We had to make adjustments to our programs and prioritize what are essential to best meet the needs of all our students. Our teachers and staff has made concessions and cut back on many things. We are thankful that we have a

core group of parents in our Home & School Club active in finding ways to raise funds and also sponsored family events to build community in support of the students, parents and staff. And you, parents and guardians, also have been supportive of our efforts with your time and financial support.

As we look towards next year, we are very much in need of parent support with our Home & School Club and School Site Council. Our Home & School Club is currently planning for the Family Fun Night and the Make it Happen Raffle. We are in need of parent volunteers to help with the activities and organization. Please join us at our next parent meeting on May 6th at 6:30p.

We will have 3 vacancies in both Home & School Club and School Site Council to fill for the next school year. Without the support of our parent volunteers, we would not be able to provide all our students all the wonderful programs, events, and community events. Your support and involvement makes Vinci Park a great learning community for everyone. If you would like to know more about those vacancies and how you can help support our school through Home & School or School Site Council, please contact me via email or phone. I can be reached at 923-1970. Your input and participation will make a big difference in the educational experience of our students.

Finally, National Teacher/Staff Appreciation is May 4-May 8th. Vinci Park School is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and passionate group of teachers and staff. Take advantage of this special week to do something for your child's teacher. They serve your children and you every day because they care deeply about what they do and the lives of the students they touch. We appreciate everything they do.

Respectfully,
Linh Nguyen, Principal
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UPDATE ON THE SWINE FLU

It is important to know that there is no swine flu reported in Santa Clara County. Local health officials are working closely with state and federal health authorities. There have been cases of swine flu in California. All of those cases have been mild to moderate and those infected have recovered. We will keep you updated with any important information.

Public health officials want you to protect yourself and your family against swine flu. Here are some ways to stop the spread of germs and sickness and take care of your family

- Keep children who are sick at home. Don't send them to school.
- If some of the people in your home are sick with the flu, keep them away from the people who are not sick.
- If some of the people in your home are sick with the flu and you cannot see a health provider, some things you can do to help them are:
 - o Have them drink a lot of liquid (juice, water)
 - o Keep the ill person as comfortable as possible. Rest is important.
 - o Keep tissues and a trash bag within reach of the sick person.
 - o Be sure everyone in your home washes their hands frequently.
 - o Contact a healthcare provider for further advice. If the ill person is having difficulty breathing or is getting worse, contact the healthcare provider right away.

MAKE IT HAPPEN RAFFLE

"MAKE IT HAPPEN" RAFFLE

**Enter our FANTASTIC
"MAKE IT HAPPEN"
RAFFLE
for a chance to win one of
MANY great prizes!!
Tickets cost \$4.00 each or
6 for \$20.00**

1st Prize: 42" Flat Panel Plasma HDTV

2nd Prize: Laptop Computer

3rd Prize: 2 South West Airlines Tickets

Other prizes include a digital camera, Gas BBQ grill, \$250 Target Shopping Spree and more.

The needed funds raised from the raffle sales will go towards supporting the following school programs for next year:

1. Educational Fieldtrips for all grades
2. Fine Arts Assemblies
3. Essential classroom supplies
4. K-1 Dance Program
5. Media/School Librarian
6. Playground equipment
7. Computer Lab Maintenance
8. Community/Family Events
9. Other

Thanks to all of the parents and staff members who are currently working so hard to get this event and fundraising going. We want to especially thank Jennifer Herring who solicited so many different companies and organizations for the wonderful prizes. Raffle tickets can be purchased through your child's teacher or the school office.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT/BASKET BINGO

Join us here at Vinci Park from 5:30 – 8:00 PM on Friday, May 29th for an evening of fun, prizes, food, and games! You will have a chance at winning one of many great prizes in both the prize and basket raffles.

HOME & SCHOOL CLUB NEWS!

HELP! Parents needed to fill 3 vacant officer's positions. Please contact Mr. Nguyen if you are interested. We really your help! Your participation and support will make a tremendous difference.

Our next Home and School Club meeting will be held on May 6th at 6:30pm. Please come out and support our school.

***Nuestra próxima junta del Club Escolar se llevará acabo el Mayo 6th at 6:30pm.**

***Buổi họp kế tiếp cho PTA/Home and School Club sẽ là vào ngày 6 tháng 5 at 6:30pm.**

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 09-10

Our School Site Council is currently running elections for 3 vacant council positions for the 2009-10 school year. We are currently looking for any parent or guardian who is interested. Next week, we will be sending home an application for any interested persons to be included in the election ballot. Look for the application in the Wednesday communicator, complete it and return it to our school office by May 15th. The ballots will be distributed and collected during the last week of May. Results will be posted in June's newsletter.

The next School Site Council meeting will be held on May 20th, 2009 at 6:30pm.

***Nuestra próxima junta del Concilio Escolar llevará acabo el 5/20/09 at 6:30pm.**

***Buổi họp kế tiếp cho Hội Đồng Nhà Trường sẽ là vào ngày 20 THANG 5 6:30pm.**

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4th – 8th. Join us in celebrating and honoring our special teachers and staff. You can show your appreciation by doing something special. Here are some ideas:

- Send them a card and say “Thank You”
- Teachers always need classroom supplies. Come into the office and grab a “helping hand” from the Helping Hand Tree. Purchase the items listed on the helping hand for your child’s teacher.
- A gift certificate to the movies, lunch or dinner
- Use your imagination and be creative!

VINCI PARK “PERSON OF INTEREST”

This month’s person of interest is Mrs. Lorraine Lee. Mrs. Lee is one of the first teachers to work and teach at Vinci Park School. Vinci Park School first opened in 1975. Mrs. Lee did not attend Vinci Park. Some of her favorite things about Vinci Park is working with students and watch the children learn and have fun. She enjoys working with students in Safety Patrol. She was inspired to educate children because she loves to give her knowledge to children. During her time off she loves to go shopping, watch sports and play volleyball. Mrs. Lee’s wish for Vinci Park is that everyone feels like they are a part of a big family. Mrs. Lee will be retiring this year. We will truly miss her. Congratulations Mrs. Lee and happy retirement.

Written by
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5th Grade

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Book of the Month for May is “Old Henry”, by Joan W. Blos. The neighbors aren’t too happy about Henry and his beat-up old house. Why doesn’t he clean it up, and weed his garden and sweep his walk? Henry’s got better things to do. Tired of being bothered, he finally gets fed up and moves away. The funny thing is, nobody’s really happy when he does—not the neighbors, and not Henry. Here’s a wise and witty tale about different kinds of people learning to get along.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

On Friday, May 15th from 9:30 – 10:30a, all students, teachers and staff Vinci Park School will be participating in our first Jump Rope for Heart event. It’s an opportunity for all of us to promote and encourage a healthy heart and making healthy choices. Parents are welcome to bring a jump rope and participate. Students are also encouraged to raise funds for the American Heart Association.

BERRYESSA ART & WINE FESTIVAL



Our annual Art & Wine Festival will be held at the Berryessa Community Center on Saturday, May 9th. This is a great way to support our music program while enjoying the wine & beer tasting, great food, music, activities, and all the wonderful gifts for sale. There is also a new “kids Fun Zone”. Tickets are available in our school office (24 tickets for \$20).

KINDER & 2009-10 REGISTRATION

Do you have a child starting kindergarten next year? Know someone else who does? Registration packets can be picked up NOW from the school office 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and at the Berryessa District Office at 1376 Piedmont Road from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Completed packets may be turned in only at the Vinci Park School office between the hours of 9-11am daily. Only parents and guardians can turn in completed packets.

ALUM CAN & PLASTIC BOTTLE DRIVE

Send in those cans & bottles between May 18 – 26. Let’s make this can drive a HUGE success!

MEMORIAL DAY is May 25 — NO SCHOOL

VINCI PARK WISH LIST

Please keep Vinci Park in mind if you have access to any of the following. Due to budget challenges this year and next year, we are operating on a very tight budget. Your support will make a tremendous difference!

- ♦ White Copy Paper
- ♦ Color Copy Paper
- ♦ Kleenex Tissue Boxes
- ♦ Office Supplies

SAFETY PATROL & TRAFFIC

We ask that you follow school rules when coming and going from our campus and the staff parking lot. Please note that you will be cited for any traffic violations on and around our school campus. For Our Children’s Sake! Please obey the laws for driving in a school zone and be sure to stop at all crosswalks.

FIT FOR LEARNING - Ready, Set, Go

May is month full of tests, both academic and fitness related, so it is important for your body to be in tip-top shape. Remember to stay physically active, eat a healthy breakfast, and make wise food choices every day! Ready? Set? Go!

REPORTING ABSENCES

Every day your child is absent from school, you **MUST** call the office to report the absence. If you are calling the office after school hours, please leave a message regarding the absence. When calling in, please leave the following information:

- Your child's first and last name
- Room number
- Briefly state the reason for the absence
- State your name and relationship to the child

DIEM THEN CHOT

1. Từ Ngày 27 Tháng Tư đến Ngày 8 Tháng Năm, Chúng tôi sẽ làm bài thử nghiệm tiểu bang STAR. Trong suốt thời gian thử nghiệm này, điều quan trọng là học sinh đi ngủ sớm mỗi đêm và ăn sáng tốt mỗi buổi sáng. Xin chắc chắn rằng con em quý vị đến trường đúng giờ và không có những buổi hẹn với bác sĩ được sắp đặt trong giờ học.
2. Vào thứ Hai, Ngày 18 Tháng Năm, Chúng tôi sẽ bắt đầu việc tái dụng cuối cùng trong năm về lon nhôm và chai nhựa. Xin vui lòng lưu giữ tất cả những thùng chứa lon và chai và gởi chúng đi bất cứ lúc nào giữa Ngày 18 và 26 Tháng Năm.
3. KHÔNG CÓ TRƯỜNG HỌC Thứ Hai, Ngày 25 Tháng Năm. Có một ngày Chiến Sĩ Trận Vong tuyệt vời. Gặp lại các bạn vào Thứ Ba, Ngày 26 Tháng Năm.
4. Thứ Sáu, Ngày 29 Tháng Năm, từ 5:30 – 8:00 Chiều, Chúng tôi có Đêm Vui Về Gia Đình với rất nhiều thức ăn, và xổ số với nhiều giải thưởng lớn, và luôn luôn có giờ Bingo như thường lệ! Hãy đến với chúng tôi tham gia và thưởng thức một buổi tối với thức ăn ngon và gia đình vui vẻ!

PUNTOS CRITICOS

1. Del 27 de abril al 8 e mayo, estaremos haciendo el examen STAR del estado. Es importante que durante este tiempo los niños tengan un buen descanso durmiéndose temprano y comiendo un buen desayuno cada mañana. Asegúrese de que sus niños lleguen a la escuela a tiempo y que durante ese tiempo no tengan citas medicas a horas de escuela.
2. El lunes 18 de mayo tendremos la última semana de recaudación de latas y botellas de plástico del este año escolar. Por favor salve todos estos contenedores y envíelos a la escuela entre el 18 y el 26 de mayo.
3. El 25 de mayo NO HABRA CLASES. Deseamos tengan un buen día de los Caídos. conocido en inglés como Memorial Day. Nos veremos nuevamente el martes 26 de mayo.
4. El viernes 29 de mayo de 5:30 a 8:00 PM tendremos nuestra noche familiar de diversión. Habrá mucha comida, rifas y tendremos grandes premios y como siempre rifaremos nuestros canastas populares. Únase a nosotros para

disfrutar de una noche de buena comida y diversión familiar.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4-8	Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
May 6	Home & School Mtg. 6:30p
May 8	State Testing Ends
May 9	Berryessa Art & Wine Festival
May 15	Jump Rope for Heart Day 9:30a
May 18-26	Aluminum Can Drive
May 19	District Board Mtg. 7p
May 20	Site Council Mtg. 6:30p
May 21	Volunteer Tea 2:30 – 3:30p
May 25	NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day
May 26	Strings Concert 7-8p
May 29	Family Fun Night 5:30 – 8p
Jun 3	Home & School Mtg. 6:30p
Jun 3-5	The Olympics
Jun 4	Band Concert 7-8p
Jun 9	District Board Mtg. 7p
Jun 11	5 th Grade Recognition 10a
Jun 12	5 th Gr. Picnic @ Flickinger 8:30a-12:30p
Last Day of School 1p Dismissal	

DISTRICT HOTLINES

Chinese 923-1901
Spanish 923-1902
Vietnamese 923-1903
(Si usted desea atender y necesita
interpretar por favor llame al 923-1902.)
(Nếu quý vị muốn tham dự và cần người
thông dịch, xin gọi 923-1903.)

SCHOOL HOURS

- Kindergarten:
Early Birds: M - F from 8:10a – 12:10p
Late Birds: M, T, W, & F from 9:15a – 2:00p & TH 8:10a – 12:10p
- Grades 1-5: M, T, W, F from 8:10a – 2:35p
- THURSDAYS--MINIMUM DAY:
Grades 1-5 attend from 8:10a -1:00p
All Kinders attend from 8:10a– 12:10p
- ♦ Children are NOT to be on school playgrounds before 7:55 AM or after 2:45 PM as there is NO adult supervision. Please arrange your schedules accordingly.

**NO MORE CBET CLASSES FOR THE
REMAINING 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR**