



# Vinci Park Explorers

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*Vinci Park School provides a safe and caring environment where everyone enjoys and celebrates childhood and respects diverse values, talents and ethnicity. We promote a variety of experiences that nurture social, emotional, intellectual and academic growth, which contributes to the development of independent, cooperative and responsible citizens with high self-esteem and a life-long zest for learning.*

*Esta información puede ser solicitada para ser traducida en español, vietnames, mandarín, cantonés y tagalo, Español: 923-1902. Alguien le llamara para que usted pueda saber que esta pasando en su escuela.*

**Trong trường hợp yêu cầu, bản tin này có thể được dịch sang tiếng Tây Ban Nha, Tiếng Việt, Tiếng Trung Hoa và Tiếng Phi. Quý vị có thể gọi số 923-1903 và sẽ có người nói Tiếng Việt gọi lại nói chuyện với quý vị về bản tin này để quý vị biết điều gì đang xảy ra tại trường học.**

*Itong balita o kasulatan na ito ay maisasalin sa Tagalog kung inyong hihilingin, sa pamamagitan ng pagtawag sa telepono bilang 923-1904. Kayo ay tatawagan upang kausapin at paliwanagan nang malaman ninyo ang mga nangyayari sa inyong paaralan.*

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Vinci Park Families,

Welcome back to another school year. Yes, we are on our way to a great journey of learning. What a terrific beginning! Three days into our 2008-09 school year and things are off and running. Thanks to your efforts to get your children to school and on time, we're off to a great start.

As we begin our journey, please keep in mind that the first two to three weeks of school our student enrollment is in a transition period. One of the challenges public schools face each year is knowing exactly how many students will be attending our neighborhood schools. It often takes a few weeks before our student enrollment actually materializes when students are in their seats and accounted for.

As part of our planning for this school year and every year, we do our very best to fill classes based on projections and past year experiences to create the best scenario for all students. We take into account the needs of individual children and the ways they relate to various teacher styles. Each class is balanced as much as possible in terms of gender, academic ability levels, as well as learning challenges.

Sometimes, student enrollment does not always fit into the scheme of having straight classes. This common scenario and budget constraints requires us to create combination classes. When this happens, we apply the same placement process as we would for putting together a straight class. Considering the best learning situation for all students, we make these decisions

carefully. Regardless of where your child is placed this year, it ultimately comes down to the relationship your child,

the classroom teacher and parents build and establish. We ask for your understanding and cooperation as we go through this transition period.

It's important for your child to know and understand their school's expectations of them. Take some time to discuss the school rules and behavior expectations in the **Parent-Student Handbook** with your child. It will help to familiarize you and your child with all the expectations, rules, and procedures. Helping your child know what to expect will help make their school experience much more enjoyable and successful.

We've also included a calendar of events so you will know what is happening here at the school this year.

Our goal at Vinci Park is to provide your child with the highest quality education. Our district and school mission is "to ensure that all students have the skills necessary to reach high levels of academic achievement, respect self and others, and become lifelong learners." I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and continuing the tradition of nurturing, teaching and inspiring. The entire staff at Vinci Park School welcomes you and your child to a year of growth, a year of joy, and a year of magic!

Did you know. . .

- Tardy students not only lose their own learning time, but also take the teacher's time from other students. All late students must check into the office. If your child is going to be absent, please call the office at **923-1970** and let them know the reason for the absence and the teacher's name

- Safety and security of the campus is one of our highest priorities. All parents and other visitors MUST check in

at the main office and wear a Visitor's badge while you are on school grounds. Please follow and respect our school guidelines. Visitors anywhere on campus during school hours will be asked to check in with the office. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

- If you have questions or concerns, the chain of command is:
  1. Speak or send a note to the classroom teacher.
  2. If the issue is not resolved, visit the Principal.
  3. If the issue is not resolved, make an appointment to see the Assistant Superintendent.
- Traffic is heavy during drop-off and pick-up time. It is expected that all parents follow traffic rules. Please help support our efforts to make it as safe as possible for all our students.

### Help Your Child Succeed in School

For children to succeed in school, parents need to be involved in their children's learning. It's important to be involved early, and it's important to stay involved. Learning the skills for success takes place at home as well as at school. Here are some of the things that parents can do at home and at school.

#### At Home

- Ask questions about things your children are learning and doing, and encourage them to give you lengthy answers.
- Keep books, magazines, and newspapers available. Use them yourself to show you value learning, too.
- Have paper, pencils, crayons, and washable markers handy. This encourages children to practice writing.
- Watch TV with your children, and talk with them about the things you like and don't like about the shows. Be sure to limit viewing time.
- Have a special place for studying that is quiet and free of distractions.
- Expect your children to succeed in school. Encourage them with praise for hard work and a job well done.

#### At School

- Share information with teachers so that both you and they know what is happening in school and at home.
  - Tell teachers what they need to know about your child. Make special needs known immediately.
  - Work as a partner with the teacher to help your child want to learn, gain self-confidence, and succeed in school.
- (U.S. Department of Education Office of Educational Research and Improvement)

Sincerely,  
Linh Nguyen  
Principal

**Don't forget to volunteer at Vinci Park!**

**Mr. Nguyen's "Ten Hour Challenge"**

I challenge the parents of each Vinci Park student to volunteer in our school for 10 hours.

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# BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**Please come and visit Vinci Park School and meet your children's teachers, see their classroom, and find out what they will be learning this year.**

### SCHEDULE

**6:30 – 7:00 K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade visits**  
**7:00 – 7:30 Assembly**  
**7:30 – 8:00 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade visits**

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NO SCHOOL

**MONDAY, 9/2**  
**LABOR DAY**

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**ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE-  
SAVE YOUR CANS**  
THIS YEAR'S FIRST CAN  
DRIVE SEPT. 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>



### PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE

Please come and have coffee with the principal, Mr. Nguyen, at 8:30 AM on the first Friday of each month, beginning in October. This is a great way to discuss any ideas, problems, or questions you may have about the school.

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### STUDENTS & PARENTS

Trading Cards, CDs, Radios, and Toys of any kind are **NOT PERMITTED** at school. Any personal items that do not pertain to school will be taken from the child and kept in the office until picked up by a parent.

**Principal's Coffee**—The first Friday of each month, beginning in October, at 8:30 AM in the Staff Lounge.  
**Home and School Club Meetings**--The first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room.  
**School Site Council Meetings**—The third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Staff Lounge.  
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# SCHOOL HOURS

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School hours are **from 8:10 to 2:35**, except on Thursdays, when school is out at **1:00** for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. **Kinders attend from 8:10 – 12:10** now through Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. On Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> we will start the split sessions. Early Bird session is from 8:10 – 12:10 daily, and the Late Bird session is from 9:15 – 2:00, every day except Thursday, when they attend from 8:10 -12:10.

Please be sure your children arrive at school on time. Children who arrive after class has started disrupt the entire class and take teaching time away from the other students while the teacher revises both the attendance and lunch records.

**We thank you for your consideration.**

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# ENCORE FUNDRAISER!!

**8/28 – 9/12**

Packets were sent home with the children for you to look at and order from. Please share them with family and friends. The money raised goes toward field trips and class activities for the students.

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING DATES

7:00 p.m. 1376 Piedmont Rd. San Jose  
 Tuesdays, in the Board Room  
 Sept. 9, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 21, May 19, June 9.



WHAT'S UP ?

## MONTHLY EVENTS AT VINCI PARK

# SUPERVISION



The school grounds are only supervised beginning 7:55 each morning and until 2:45 each afternoon. Children dropped off early or picked up late are not allowed in the buildings and will not be supervised.

**Please arrange your schedules with your children's welfare in mind.**

# INTERNATIONAL CORNER

Nuestra próxima junta del Concilio Escolar llevará acabo el 9/17/08.  
Si Nuestra próxima junta del PTA/ y Club Escolar se llevará acabo el 9/3/08.  
Si usted desea atender y necesita interprete por favor llame al 923-1902.

Buổi họp kế tiếp cho Hội Đồng Nhà Trường sẽ là vào ngày 9/17/08.  
Buổi họp kế tiếp cho PTA/Home and School Club sẽ là vào ngày 9/3/08.  
Nếu quý vị muốn tham dự và cần người thông dịch, xin gọi 923-1903.

學校管理委員會下一次的開會日期是 9/17/08。  
我們的家長會/家庭與學校社團下一次的開會日期是 9/3/08。  
如果您要參加並且需要翻譯服務, 請打電話 923-1901。

**SCHOOL: VINCI PARK**

**NEWSLETTER MONTH: SEPTEMBER**

**CRITICAL POINTS**

- 1) Packets for our first fundraiser will go home with the children on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. We thank you all for your support of Vinci Park School and look forward to a very successful fundraiser.
- 2) No school on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 3) Back-to-School Night will be on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Please stop by and get to know your child's teacher and school.

**ESCUELA: VINCI PARK**

**BOLETIN MENSUAL: SEPTIEMBRE**

**PUNTOS IMPORTANTES**

- 1) El jueves 28 de agosto enviaremos con sus niños los paquetes con el material para nuestra primer campaña para recabar fondos. Le agradecemos el apoyo que nos brinde para tener éxito en esta campaña para ayudar a Vinci Park.
- 2) El 1ero. de septiembre no habrá clases.
- 3) El 18 de septiembre de las 6:30 a las 8:00 PM se llevará acabo la noche de currículo (llamada en inglés "Back-to-School Night "). Por favor venga, visite la escuela y conozca al maestro de su niño.

**TRƯỜNG: VINCI PARK**

**BẢN TIN HÀNG THÁNG: THÁNG 9**

**ĐIỂM THEN CHÓT**

- 1) Tập giấy tờ gây quỹ đầu tiên sẽ được gửi về nhà qua các em học sinh vào Thứ Năm, Ngày 18 Tháng 8. Chúng tôi cảm ơn tất cả quý vị về ủng hộ của quý vị đối với trường Vinci Park và chúng tôi mong đợi cuộc gây quỹ sẽ được thành công.
- 2) Nghỉ học vào Thứ Hai, Ngày 1 Tháng 9.
- 3) Đêm Trở Lại Trường (Back-to-School Night) sẽ là vào Ngày 18 Tháng 9 từ 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Xin hãy ghé qua để làm quen với giáo viên và trường học của con em quý vị.

## **Beginning in Mid September**

### **CBET (Community Based English Tutoring) Program**

**Adult English Classes – General Information**

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Location		Date	Schedule		Time
Vinci Park	Portable 32	M & W	Morning	on going till June	8:30-10:00AM
Vinci Park	Portable 32	M & W	Evening	on going till June	6:00-8:00PM
For more information, please contact Lisa Cheung, 923-1829 at the District Office					

**Chuong Trinh CBET - Lop Hoc Tieng Anh Cho nguoi lon**  
**Thong Tin Chung**

Dia Diem		Ngay	Thoi Khoa Bieu		Gio
Vinci Park	Portable 32	Thu Hai & Thu Tu	Sang	tiap tuc toi thang 6	8:30-10:00AM
Vinci Park	Portable 32	Thu Hai & Thu Tu	Chieu	tiap tuc toi thang 6	6:00-8:00PM
Muon biet them, xin lien lac voi Lisa Cheung, 923-1829 tai van phong khu hoc					

**Programa CBET (Community Based English Tutoring)**  
**Clases de Ingles Para Adultos - Informacion General**

Lugar/Sitio		Dias/Fechas	Temporada/Duracion		Horas
Vinci Park	Portable 32	Lunes & Mier	en la mañana	de ahora hasta Junio	8:30-10:00AM
Vinci Park	Portable 32	Lunes & Mier	en la tarde	de ahora hasta Junio	6:00-8:00PM
Para mas informacion, favor de llamar a Lisa Cheung, 923-1829 en la oficina principal del Distrito.					

**CBET (社區成人英語班) - 課程時間及地點**

地點		日期	課程時間		上課時間
Vinci Park小學	第 32 活動教室	每週一, 三	早上	課程持續到六月	早上 <b>8:30</b> 至 <b>10:00</b>
Vinci Park小學	第 32 活動教室	每週一, 三	晚上	課程持續到六月	晚上 <b>6:00</b> 至 <b>8:00</b>
若欲詢問詳情, 請以 <b>923-1829</b> 與校區辦公室 <b>Lisa Cheung</b> 聯繫					