

“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

Linh Nguyen, Principal



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- 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.

APRIL 2009

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of this school year, we have already begun the planning process for the upcoming school year. Last month, an “**Intent to Return**” form was sent home in the Wednesday communicator. Please complete the form and return it to our school office as soon as possible. If you have questions about class placement for your child for the next school year, I have included in this newsletter our “**Class Placement**” school policy for your information. Please take a few minutes to read it. I hope it will clarify some of the questions you may have regarding class placement for your child next year.

For two weeks beginning April 27th, students in the 2nd-5th grades, along with public school students throughout California, will take part in the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program. All students in grades two through five will take the California Standards Tests (CSTs). These tests measure how well students are learning the California content standards for each subject area tested. Results of the STAR Program tests provide valuable information about the academic achievement of all students.

It is important, therefore, that students are in attendance and arrive at school on time during the two weeks of testing. On testing days, please make sure your student attends school, gets a good night's rest, and has a healthy breakfast. Your support is very important in ensuring that your child does their best.

Lastly, this year we will be asking parents & our community partners for input on our current programs. We will be sending home a survey with your child and we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it with your child

ASAP. The survey is also available on-line at <http://www.berryessa.k12.ca.us/vinci/site>. Your input will help the Vinci Park Staff and School Site Council to determine how best to support your children and our learning community.

Respectfully,
Linh Nguyen, Principal

DID YOU KNOW...

...we have a new Vinci Park School “Person of Interest” Column by our own Student Council. Each month, Student Council will be highlighting a member of the Vinci Park Staff. Check it out.

...Vinci Park has a nutrition policy consistent with our School Board. We encourage you to talk with your children and help them make better choices about what they eat, especially at school. Good nutrition enhances students' performance in class. ...Kindergarten registration for 2009-10 is occurring right now for new kinders. Please drop by the office and register your child for the 2009-10 school year.

... April is National Poetry Month! The limerick is a fun, fun, fun form of poetry, with a lot of potential for appeal to elementary students. Plan some time to read and write poetry during National Poetry Month.

...The Fit For Learning theme is “Consumer Beware. Read the Fit For Learning column and find out what that's all about in regards to health.

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 starting Monday, March 16, 2009 from 9-11am daily. Only

parents and guardians can turn in completed packets.

If you have a neighbor with a child who will attend kindergarten next school year, please share this information. Children who were born after December 2, 2003 are eligible for kindergarten for 2009-2010 school year.

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.

KINDER TOUR FOR NEW PARENTS

On Thursday, April 23rd, parents with children who will be attending Kindergarten here in the fall are welcome to join us at 10:00 AM for a tour of our Kindergarten.

VINCI PARK “PERSON OF INTEREST”

Introducing Mrs. Lori Matsu
Interviewed and written by Zac Caskey & Dardend Tamondong, Grade 5

Mrs. Matsu’s proper name for her job is Media Tech. She has worked at Vinci Park for 15 years. The first 10 years she was here she was a Title I instructional aide – 6 years with 4th grade students and 4 years with Kindergarten. Mrs. Matsu wanted to work in the library because she would get to know every student and she loves books. She knows almost all 700 student’s names and she is proud of all of them. When she hears people (kids) say they hate books, it inspires her to find ways to get them books and encourage them to enjoy books.

The students, staff and books are her favorite things about Vinci Park School. She loves to see kids reading books. She didn’t go to Vinci, but her daughter did. She loves reading and being with friends and family and don’t forget...SHOPPING! Her wish is to see kids do their best and to be like a big family.

Mrs. Matsu grew up in Santa Clara and went to Laurelwood School. She loves to see parents admiring what their kids are doing and 1,000,000 more books for the library.

SPELL-A-THON (3/31 – 4/3/2009)

Vinci Park will be holding our Spell-a-Thon from March 30th through April 3rd. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to encourage their child’s efforts by participating in this event.

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.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

On Saturday April 4th, we will be having our annual chess championship at Cherrywood School from 8:30 – 3:00. Good luck!

CAL SKATE FAMILY NIGHT

On Friday, April 10th, Vinci Park will be having our annual Cal Skate family night from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Look for more information to come.

SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL

Vinci Park will be closed for spring break the week of April 13th through the 17th. Please enjoy a safe and relaxing vacation.

STAR TESTING (APRIL 27TH – MAY 8TH)

During this testing time, it is very important that your children are well rested and have had a good, nourishing breakfast. Please be sure your child is at school on time every day and try not to schedule any appointments during school hours while testing is going on.

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR THE TESTING

The role you play to help your child to be successful is very important. You can help your children prepare adequately for the tests by doing several things to provide support and encouragement and create a positive test-taking experience.

- See that your child gets a full night's sleep every night during the testing weeks.
- Make sure that your child eats his/her usual breakfast on the day of the test. Hunger can detract from a good test performance.
- Make sure that your child is in school during the testing sessions. Do not plan any vacation

leave, doctor or dental appointments on test dates.

- Get your child up early enough to arrive at school on time without rushing.
- Have your child dress in something he or she likes so that he/she feels confident and comfortable.
- Be positive when you send your child to school. Acknowledge that the tests are difficult, but encourage your child to do his or her best.
- Encourage your child to listen carefully to all test-taking directions given by the teacher and to ask questions about those directions that are not clear.

OPEN HOUSE & SILENT AUCTION

Thursday, April 23rd from 6:30-7:45

Our annual silent auction will be held during our Open House Event. Some of the great items are 4 passes to Disneyland, Costco Gift Cards, Hotel Nights, Theater Tickets and much more. All proceeds will benefit our School Library and bring in new books for our students!!! Come and join in the fun. Cash or check payments please. You are also invited to come and visit your child's class! You may also want to visit the teachers in the grades your child will attend next year. There will be many other things happening that night that you'll want to enjoy seeing, including:

- Science Fair for Grades 3-5
- Fourth Grade Mission Projects

BOOK OF THE MONTH

This month's book choice is "Swimmy" by Leo Lionni. If the picture book is a new visual art form in our time, Leo Lionni is certain to be judged a master of the genre. This is a story of a little fish, the one survivor of a school of fish swallowed by a tuna, who devises a plan to camouflage himself and his new companions. Pick up the book at your local library or bookstore and have fun reading to your child.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP WITH THEIR CHILD'S READING

When parents help their children learn to read, they open the door to a big, exciting world. As a parent, you can begin an endless learning chain like this: You read to your children, they develop a love of stories and poems, they want to read on their own, they practice reading, and finally, they read for their own information or pleasure. When children become readers, their world is forever wider and richer. Here are some things you can do:

- Read aloud to your child: books, newspaper and magazine articles, the back of the cereal box, labels on cans, or directions.

- Read poems aloud together to learn about rhythm and repeated sounds in language. Point to the words on the page when you read. Move your finger from left to right.
- Listen to your child read homework or favorite stories to you every day.
- Go to the library together and check out books. Be sure to ask the librarian for good books or to help you find what you need.
- Have plenty of books, magazines, and papers around the house, and let your child see that you like to read, too.
- Encourage older children to read to younger children.
- Help experienced readers talk and write about what they read.

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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

CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY

As professional educators, we take great effort in the development of our class rosters. We take into account the needs of individual children and the ways they relate to various teacher styles. We know which children work well together and those that do not. Each class is balanced as much as possible with an equal number of boys and girls with a range of academic ability levels. We are careful not to place too many children with behavioral problems in a single classroom. We consider the best learning situation for all of our children and we make these decisions very carefully. The principal along with teachers' input makes classroom assignments. The following guidelines are used:

- Classes are balanced in terms of gender, abilities and behavior.
- Students in special programs, such as RSP/SDC or ELD, may be clustered to maximize in class support from resource teachers and/or instructional aides.
- Parents are encouraged to visit classrooms at Open House to become familiar with what is happening in the classrooms. Observation in individual classrooms during instructional time is discouraged, and will occur only after meeting with the principal.

- COMBO CLASSES – Why do we have combination classes? Multi-grade classrooms, otherwise known as combination classrooms, are formed out of necessity. Often, student enrollment in residential public schools does not always fit into the scheme of having straight classes. Every year, we do our very best to fill classes based on projections and past year experience to create the best scenario for our students. It doesn't always work. 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.
- All classroom assignments will be posted in the school window after 4:00 PM on the Friday before school starts in the fall.

TEACHER REQUESTS

Teacher request forms will be available in the front office between Monday, April 6th and Friday, April 10th. There is no guarantee that your request will be granted, because of our policy of creating balanced classes, but you are welcome to complete a form, include a formal letter to the principal, and return it to us no later than Friday, April 10th. Any request made after the cut-off date will not be considered.

FIT FOR LEARNING – Consumer Beware

Even though you now know how and why to eat healthfully, why is it still so hard to make healthy choices? One reason is because you are constantly exposed to advertisements that tempt you to eat foods that may not be the best choice for your body. You see ads in the newspaper, in magazines, on TV, on billboards and even on the food packages themselves. Companies will sometimes include a toy to get you to buy their products. Restaurants will let you play a game or super size an item for a few pennies more just to get you in the door. It is important for you to become an educated consumer so that you can start to see past these ads and make healthy purchases despite what companies would like you to do.

Many of the ads you see for unhealthy behaviors are shown on TV. Coincidentally, the last full week of April is National TV Turn-Off Week. It encourages everyone to turn off the TV for only seven days during the entire year. It is meant to provide people with an opportunity to take another step away from the constant barrage of advertisements. It is also a good opportunity for kids and adults to spend less time in front of the TV and discover more physically active things that could be done.

Get off that couch and do something physically active instead of watching TV!

Ideas for Implementation:

1. Take note of how many times the family buys food or goes to a restaurant because of something that is being advertised.
2. Set up a family competition between family members to design or come up with the best advertisement for a healthy food or activity. This could be done as a print ad or as a mock-TV ad.
3. As a family, participate in TV Turn-Off Week (the last week in April).
4. Make a list of things you can do instead of watching TV. Keep the list posted on the refrigerator or better yet, on the TV.
5. Make healthy choices despite advertisements that encourage you to do otherwise.
6. Find an alternative to watching TV during National TV Turn-Off Week – go for a walk, read a book, go to the park with your friends, play a game with your family.

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

HOME & SCHOOL CLUB NEWS!

Our next Home and School Club meeting will be held on April 1st at 6:30pm. Please come out and support our school.

(Nuestra próxima junta del Club Escolar se llevará a cabo el April 1st at 6:30pm).

(Buổi họp kế tiếp cho PTA/Home and School Club sẽ là vào ngày 1 tháng 4 at 6:30pm).

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

The next School Site Council meeting will be held on April 29, 2009 at 6:30pm.

(Nuestra próxima junta del Concilio Escolar llevará a cabo el April 29, 2009 at 6:30pm.)

(Buổi họp kế tiếp cho Hội Đồng Nhà Trường sẽ là vào ngày 29 THANG 4 6:30pm.)

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT SUMMER SCHOOL

The Berryessa Union School District is proud to present its 1st annual Academic Enrichment Summer School program for academically advanced students completing grades K-5. The dates are June 22-July 16, 2009 from 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Monday – Thursday. The curricular focus is science integrated with reading, writing, math, and visual and performing arts.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited to 50 students per grade level. To enroll your child, please send a check made payable to BUSD Academic Enrichment Summer School for \$300. This fee will help pay for services and materials. If you have any questions, please call Sandra Erikson at 923-1850 or you can e-mail her at: Sandra.Erikson@berryessa.k12.ca.us.

Escuela de enriquecimiento de verano

El Distrito Escolar Unido de Berryessa esta orgulloso de presentar el 1er programa anual de enriquecimiento académico de verano (Academic Enrichment Summer School) para estudiantes académicamente avanzados completando los grados k-5. Las fechas son del 22 de junio al 16 de julio, 2009 de 8:15 AM a 12:00 PM, de lunes a jueves. El currículo se enfocará en ciencias integradas a la lectura, escritura, matemáticas y arte.

Inscripciones serán tomadas en el orden que se reciban. El espacio es limitado a 50 alumnos por nivel de grado. Para inscribir a su niño, por favor envíe un cheque a nombre de BUSD Academic Enrichment Summer School por \$300. Esta cantidad cubrirá los servicios y materiales.

Si tiene preguntas, por favor comuníquese con Sandra Erikson al 923-1850 o por correo electrónico al: Sandra.Erikson@berryessa.k12.ca.us.

Lớp Học Mùa Hè Nâng Cao Học Tập

Khu Học Chánh Thống Nhất Berryessa hân hoan để ra mắt chương trình đầu tiên hàng năm **Lớp Học Mùa Hè Nâng Cao Học Tập** cho các em học sinh có trình độ học giỏi từ trình độ lớp Mẫu Giáo đến Lớp 5. Các ngày học là từ ngày 22 tháng 6 đến ngày 16 tháng 7 năm 2009, từ 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 trưa, Thứ Hai – Thứ Năm. Chương trình giảng dạy sẽ tập trung vào khoa học kết hợp với môn đọc, viết, toán và nghệ thuật ngôn ngữ.

Đăng ký sẽ dựa vào ai đến trước thì được có chỗ trước. Mỗi trình độ lớp chỉ giới hạn là 50 học sinh. Để ghi danh, xin gửi tờ séc trả cho BUSD Academic Enrichment Summer School với số tiền là \$300.

Chi phí này sẽ giúp trang trải cho các dịch vụ và vật liệu.

Nếu quý vị có bất cứ thắc mắc nào, xin gọi cho Sandra Erikson tại 923-1850 hoặc có thể gửi e-mail đến: Sandra.Erikson@berryessa.k12.ca.us

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING DATES

The monthly district Board of Trustees' meeting takes place in the District Office Board Room at 7:00 PM. The District Office is located at 1376 Piedmont Rd. in San Jose. Dates for upcoming meetings are: April 21, May 19, & June 9.

CRITICAL POINTS

ESCUELA VINCI PARK PUNTOS CRITICOS DEL BOLETIN DE: ABRIL, 2009

1. DEL 13 AL 17 de abril la escuela estará cerrada por las vacaciones de primavera.
2. El 21 de abril serán tomadas las fotografías de primavera.
3. El examen del estado STAR, se llevará acabo del 27 de abril al 8 de mayo. Es muy importante que durante estas fechas los estudiantes se vayan a dormir temprano y que coman un buen desayuno cada mañana. Por favor asegúrese de su niño llegue a tiempo y que no haga ninguna cita con doctores durante las horas regulares de escuela.
4. El jueves 23 de abril, tendremos la noche para visitar a la escuela conocida en inglés como Open House. Por favor venga a nuestra subasta anual en la que ofreceremos artículos excitantes donados por empresas en San Jose. Esta es también la oportunidad de ver los proyectos de ciencias y de las misiones que estará exhibiéndose para que ustedes los admiren.

BẢN TIN TRƯỜNG VINCI PARK

ĐIỂM THEN CHỐT, THÁNG 4, NĂM 2009

1. Trường Vinci Park sẽ đóng cửa cho Kỳ Nghỉ Học Mùa Xuân từ Ngày 13- 17 tháng 4.
2. Chụp hình cho Mùa Xuân sẽ là vào Thứ Ba, Ngày 21 Tháng
3. Từ Ngày 27 Tháng 4 đến Ngày 8 Tháng 5, học sinh sẽ lấy bài thi S.T.A.R. của Tiểu Bang. Vào mùa thi, điều quan trọng là học sinh nên đi ngủ sớm mỗi tối và ăn một bữa điểm tâm dinh dưỡng vào mỗi buổi sáng. Xin hãy bảo đảm sao con em quý vị đến trường đúng giờ và đừng lấy bất cứ cuộc hẹn nào với bác sĩ trong giờ học.
4. Thứ Năm, Ngày 23 Tháng 4 là ngày Open House thường niên của Vinci Park. Xin hãy cùng chúng tôi chung vui trong cuộc Silent Auction (Đấu Giá Im Lặng) các đồ dùng khác nhau do các hãng xưởng ở San Jose hiến tặng. Đây cũng

là cơ hội để quý vị xem các dự án khoa học của các em học sinh được trưng bày để mọi người có thể ngắm xem.

DISTRICT HOTLINES

Please call the district hotline if you have questions about information on school forms or communications. Someone will get in touch with.

Chinese 923-1901
Spanish 923-1902
Vietnamese 923-1903
Tagalog 923-1904

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.

COMMUNITY BASED ENGLISH TUTORING

Adult English Classes – General Information

Location	Date	Schedule	Time
Rm. 32	M & W	Morning	On going till June 8:30-10:00 AM
Rm. 32	M & W	Evening	On going till June 6:00 – 8:00 PM

For more information, please contact Lisa Cheung at 923-1829 at the District office.

Dia Diem	Ngay	Thoi Khoa Bieu	Gio
Rm. 32	Thu Hai & Thu Tu	Sang	Tiep tục tới tháng 6 8:30-10:00 AM
Rm. 32	Thu Hai & Thu Tu	Chieu	Tiep tục tới tháng 6 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Muon biet them, xin lien lac voi Lisa Cheung, 923-1829 tai van phong khu hoc.

Lugar/Sitio	Dias/Fechas	Temporada/Duracion	Horas
Rm. 32	Lunes & Mier	En la mañana	De ahora hasta Junio 8:30-10:00 AM
Rm. 32	Lunes & Mier	En la tarde	De ahora hasta Junio 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Para mas informacion, favor de llamar a Lisa Cheung, 923-1829 en la officina principal del Distrito

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr 1 Home & School Mtg. 6:30p
 Apr 4 Spell-a-thon Ends
 Apr 10 Cal Skate Family Night
 Apr 13–17 **NO SCHOOL—Spring Break**
 Apr 21 Spring Picture Day
 Apr 23 Kinder Tour 10 – 11a
 Open House/Silent Auction 6:30p
 Apr 27 **S.T.A.R. Testing Begins**
 Apr 29 Site Council Mtg. 6:30p
 May 6 Home & School Mtg. 6:30p
 May 8 STAR Testing Ends
 May 15 Jump Rope for Heart Day 9:30a
 May 18-26 Aluminum Can Drive
 May 20 Site Council Mtg. 6:30p
 May 25 NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day
 May 29 Family Fun Night 5:30 – 8p
 Jun 3 Home & School Mtg. 6:30p
 Jun3-5 Olympics
 Jun 11 5th Grade Recognition 10a
 Jun 12 5th Gr. Picnic @ Flickinger
 8:30a-12:30p
Last Day of School 1p Dismissal