

***“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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- **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.**

## **FEBRUARY 2009**

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

First, on behalf on the staff at Vinci Park, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy New Year. This year it fell on January 26<sup>th</sup> and is the Year of the Ox. We take extreme care to start the New Year out right and set the tone for the rest of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all of you and your families ***“Chúc Mừng Năm Mới”***. May the New Year bring you and all your families and friends joy, love and prosperity.

Second, as always, our goal is to help every child succeed in school as in life. We take great care to look at the entire program including curriculum, character development, and health. We also take to the time to review all assessments and plan our curriculum and instruction to meet our students' needs based on results. Instruction by your child's teacher, in addition to before and after school classes, are all focused on helping each student succeed to their fullest potential.

We know that we cannot do this without you. You have an important role to play in your child's success as well. Be certain that your child is getting enough sleep, having a good breakfast and coming to school with a positive attitude. When they come home, ask your child about his/her day and about what they have learned. Be sure they have a quiet place to do their homework and review the work when they are done. Research shows that when a parent shows an interest in their child's education the child will do his/her best.

Last, I wanted to bring to your attention that our district and our schools will be facing some major budget challenges for the next 18 months. As always we will do our very best to minimize the impact to the classrooms and students' learning. Our district's funding is largely dependent on students being at school everyday and on time. We ask that you do your part by making sure that your child is at school everyday if he or she is not ill and on time. Your support will help and is greatly appreciated. In spite of the financial challenges schools all over California will be facing, we will work even

harder to ensure that students are and will thrive and be academically prepared for the future.

Once again, happy New Year and thank you for your support of Vinci Park School.

Respectfully,  
Linh Nguyen, Principal

### **DID YOU KNOW. . .**

**...each** year the school publishes a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC contains information about our school such as ethnicity, test scores, textbook information and more. The SARC is available in the school office as well as online at <http://www.berryessa.k12.ca.us>

**...thanks** to the students, parents and staff for supporting the Second Harvest Holiday Food Drive, Vinci Park collected over 1570 lbs. of can food items for those in need. Congratulations!

**...Berryessa** school district is currently asking for parent volunteers who can and are interested in helping prepare for the second annual Parent University. This event is designed for parents to attend meaningful workshops. If you are interested, please contact Susan Parodi at 923-1833 or email Betty Moira at [Betty.Carillo-Mora@esa.sccgov.org](mailto:Betty.Carillo-Mora@esa.sccgov.org)

**...it is important** to have current contact information on file in our school office. Many times the school office makes calls to home, cell and/or work phones only to find they are disconnected are changed. Please make sure that your child's emergency card is up to date.

### **FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

It takes all kinds of people to build a strong and prosperous country like the United States. People of all shapes, all sizes, and all colors have contributed to our way of life. African Americans, like our newly elected President Obama, have and will play an important role in our nation's history. Their hard work, creativity, and unique talents have enriched our lives in politics, entertainment, business, the arts, and so much more. February is Black History Month. This month we recognize the rich history of African American and the significant contributions to our country's way of life.

## FIT FOR LEARNING

**The American Heart Association (AHA) has appropriately designated February as National Heart Month. This is an opportunity to increase the public's awareness of heart health and cardiovascular disease (CVD) and to encourage people to improve their diets and become more physically active. While you learn about the heart, it is a good time to also learn about all of the other important body parts that help us eat, move, and stay healthy. The body as a whole is only as healthy as its most important muscle – your heart! Some activities to consider for the this month's objective:**

1. Students – teach your family members how to monitor their heart rate. As a family, do activities that increase your heart rate.
2. Be good to your heart, and make a plan to be physically active most days of the month.
3. As a family, do stretches every morning or every night to reinforce your knowledge of the body parts that help us remain physically active.
4. Explore all of your senses by taste-testing new foods this month.

## 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.**

## SAFETY PATROL & TRAFFIC

For safety reasons, we no longer have safety patrol students on the intersection of Hikido and Vinci Park Way. We also 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.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

As part of our school wide efforts to promote literacy and to impart some valuable life lessons, last month we kicked off our Book of the Month Program. Each month, a book is chosen by the Vinci Park staff as a focus for literacy and discussions on issues that affect our students' lives. Thanks to the donations of our generous donors, each classroom is presented with a copy of the book to keep. Teachers may chose to read it or invite a guest reader to share it with the class. From these books conversations and discussions about important issues are sparked. January's book of the month was "King of the Playground" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. The story

was about how to resolve conflicts peacefully on the playground.

This month's choice is "Thank You, Mr. Falker" by Patricia Polacco. This moving saga of the author's struggle with a learning disability makes an inspiring picture book. Young Tricia wants desperately to read but when she starts school she finds that the words "wiggle" on the page. Teased by her classmates, she retreats into dreams and drawings. It's not until the family moves to California and Tricia has managed to reach the fifth grade that a new teacher finally recognizes her pain and distress. What's more, he does something about it. Without belaboring the point, the author, Polacco, clearly shows the ways that children internalize critical comments made by others and suffer for their differences. Enjoy.

## 2009-2010 ENROLLMENT

The first day of registration for the 2009-2010 school year will be March 16, 2009 from 9-11am daily. Enrollment packets for the 2009-2010 school year will be available late February 2009. Please call the office 408-923-1970 for availability of these packets in late February.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRE - Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

All students will get a chance to view & purchase books. Order forms and information will be sent home with your children.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00-7:30pm  
Please join us here at school for another fun-filled evening! All students will receive a ticket for one free sundae! All additional sundaes will be \$1.00 each.

## WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

Mark your calendar! On **Tuesday, February 10 from 6:30-7:30p**, Vinci Park students who have been participating in our music program will be performing in their first music concert of this school year. All parents and students are welcome for this special event. Space is limited. Students performing should come in appropriate clothing – no jeans or t-shirts.

## WINTER BREAK

### NO SCHOOL – Feb 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

We are closed for Presidents' Week. Enjoy your break and we'll see you back here on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## "IMPROVING SCHOOL GRADES – YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION"

Seminar for parents and their under performing 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade children presented by Kevin Costello.  
Wednesday, January 28, 2009 - 7PM to 8:30 PM  
Berryessa Union School District Office, 1376 Piedmont Road, San Jose. Learn about motivation, self-confidence, the secret to developing super high achievers, and the secret to being happy. Develop a contract about schoolwork, and dreams for the future

### **BERRYESSA EDUCATION FOUNDATION “Raffle to Make a Difference”**

Vinci Park School is working with the Berryessa Education Foundation to participate in selling raffle tickets for the “Raffle to Make a Difference” to be held on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the Berryessa Farmers’ Market located at 1376 Piedmont Road.

Each \$5.00 raffle ticket gives you the opportunity to win one of many prizes and to help raise funds. Half of each \$5.00 ticket sold will raise funds that will be made available to our school. Our goal is to sell 2000 tickets and make \$5000 available for Vinci Park’s needs. Look for a flyer coming home soon regarding how to purchase tickets, or stop by our office to purchase your tickets. Prizes include: A 42 inch LCD Flat Screen TV; two round trip Southwest tickets to fly anywhere they fly; two Disneyland tickets; one night stay at The Cupertino Inn or The Grand Hotel and many other prizes.

The Berryessa Education Foundation was created in 1992 to help support Berryessa teachers in the classroom. Since 1992 they have given \$120,000 to make a difference for Berryessa students. Half of all ticket sales will be used to help the Foundation continue to provide grants to Berryessa teachers.

### **BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR**

In an effort to raise funds for our Book of the Month Program, Vinci Park is working together with Barnes & Noble Booksellers by hosting a book fair at the Eastridge Mall store. From February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, Barnes & Noble will contribute a percentage of every sale made with a special Vinci Park book fair voucher. Look for the flyer we will be sending home with the vouchers.

### **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
- ◆ Printer Cartridges
- ◆ Office Supplies

### **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**

Home & School is currently looking for parents to fill 3 positions on our board. We strongly encourage all parents to get involve and support your children by supporting our Home & School events and activities. Your support is extremely important and greatly impacts your child’s learning at school. If you are interested, come and join us at our next meeting. Our next Home and School Club meeting will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please come out and support our school.

***(Nuestra próxima junta del Club Escolar se llevará acabo el February 4th at 6:30pm).***

***(Buổi họp kế tiếp cho PTA/Home and School Club sẽ là vào ngày 4 tháng 2 at 6:30pm).***

### **SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL**

The next School Site Council meeting will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30pm.

***(Nuestra próxima junta del Concilio Escolar llevará acabo el Febrero 25th, 2009 at 6:30pm.)***

***(Buổi họp kế tiếp cho Hội Đồng Nhà Trường sẽ là vào ngày 21 THANG 1 6:30pm.)***

### **DISTRICT BOARD MEETING DATES**

The monthly district Board of Trustees’ meetings 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: Feb. 10, March 10, April 21, May 19, June 9.

### **CRITICAL POINTS**

1. Vinci Park is having our annual week-long Book Fair Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. During this week, each student will have a chance to view and purchase books, so please send money with your child on his or her shopping day.
2. Our Ice Cream Social is on Friday evening, February 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-7:30 PM. Please join us here at the school for an evening of good family fun.
3. School will be closed Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Presidents’ week. Have a fun and safe vacation, and we’ll see you back on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Boletín de los puntos importantes**

1. Del 2 al 6 de febrero, Vinci Park tendrá nuestra Feria del Libro. Cada día durante esa semana los estudiantes tendrán la oportunidad de ver y adquirir libros. Por favor envíe dinero con sus niños para que ellos puedan comprar libros en el día que les corresponda.
2. El 6 de febrerote 6:00 a 7:30 PM. tendremos nuestro evento social nocturno de helados. Por favor venga con toda su familia a esta noche de diversión.
3. Del 16 al 20 de febrero la escuela estará cerrada, en esta semana celebramos los cumpleaños de los presidentes. Diviértanse y tenga unas vacaciones seguras. Nos veremos nuevamente el lunes 23 de febrero.

### Điểm Chính Yếu Trong Lá Thư Tin Tức Định Kỳ

- Vinci Park sẽ có Hội Chợ Bán Sách hàng năm kéo dài một tuần lễ vào Thứ Hai, Ngày 2 đến Thứ Sáu, Ngày 6, Tháng 2. Trong tuần lễ này, mỗi học sinh sẽ có dịp xem và mua sách, vì vậy xin vui lòng cho con em quý vị mang theo tiền trong ngày mua sách của các em.
- Buổi bán kem để gặp gỡ và giao tiếp vào chiều thứ sáu, ngày 6, Tháng 2, từ 6:00 đến 7:30. Xin mời đến trường tham gia một buổi tối vui với chúng tôi.
- Trường học sẽ đóng cửa từ Thứ Hai, Ngày 16 đến Thứ Sáu, Ngày 20, Tháng 2 để kỷ niệm Tuần Lễ Tổng Thống. Chúc mọi người có một kỳ nghỉ vui và an toàn, và chúng ta sẽ gặp lại vào Thứ Hai, Ngày 23, Tháng 2.

### DISTRICT HOTLINES

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

<b>Chinese</b>	<b>923-1901</b>
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>923-1902</b>
<b>Vietnamese</b>	<b>923-1903</b>
<b>Tagalog</b>	<b>923-1904</b>

*Si usted desea atender y necesita interprete 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 toi thang 6 8:30- 10:00 AM
Rm. 32	Thu Hai & Thu Tu	Chieu	Tiep tục toi thang 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 manana	De ahora hasta Junio 8:30- 10:00 AM
Rm. 32	Lunes & Mier	En la tarde	De ahora hasta 8:00

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

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 2 - 6	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRE
Feb 4	Home & School Mtg. 6:30p
Feb 6	<b>Ice Cream Social 6-7:30 p</b>
Feb 6-13	Encore fundraiser
Feb 10	Music Concert 6:30-7:30p
Feb 16-20	<b>NO SCHOOL—Presidents' Week</b>
Feb 25	Site Council Mtg. 6:30p
Mar 2 - 9	Aluminum Can Drive Barnes & Noble Book Fair
Mar 3	Writing Test—all grades
Mar 4	Home & School Mtg. 6:30p
Mar 9-13	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences Dismissal 1p Daily</b>
Mar 16	2009-10 Enrollment Begins
Mar 18	Site Council Mtg. 6:30p
Mar 30	Spell-a-thon Begins
Apr 1	Home & School Mtg. 6:30p
Apr 4	Spell-a-thon Ends
Apr 8	Site Council Mtg. 6:30p
Apr 13–17	<b>NO SCHOOL—Spring Break</b>
Apr 21	Spring Picture Day
Apr 27	<b>S.T.A.R. Testing Begins</b>
Apr 30	Open House 6:30p
May 6	Home & School Mtg. 6:30p
May 8	STAR Testing Ends
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	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition 10a
Jun 12	5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Picnic @ Flickinger 8:30a-12:30p
	<b>Last Day of School 1p Dismissal</b>