



Vincent Academy News || February 4, 2019

Dear Families,

This bulletin brings lots of exciting news from Vincent Academy, please be sure to mark your calendars and see how you can get involved in our school community! Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any comments, concerns or questions (510)452-2100.

Sincerely,

Principal Rasmussen, Principal Jones

Please mark your calendars:

February 5: PAC meeting

February 6: 100th Day of School Celebration

February 7: VA School Board Meeting 5:30pm

February 7: 1st grade field trip, Bay Area Children's Theatre

February 7: 4th grade to The Department of Make-Believe

February 7: Kinder to Oakland Fire Station

February 8: TK field trip to Oakland Fire Station

February 14: 2nd Grade to Bay Area Children's Theatre

February 15: 3rd Grade to Bay Area Children's Theatre

February 18: No School

February 21: Black History Month Celebration 5-7p BUILDING THE DREAM

February 22: NO SCHOOL- STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Black History Month Celebration:

Vincent Academy's Black History Month Celebration: Building the Dream! is set for

February 21st from 5:00- 7pm here at Vincent Academy in the MPR. Students in grades 2-5 will be performing dance, spoken work and songs that they have been practicing. We look forward to coming together in unity and courage to learn and gain inspiration from our children to make our world a better place.

NEED Volunteers!

We are looking for reading volunteers to help some of our students that are below grade level master reading. Our Reading Partners program is looking for individuals that can volunteer twice a week for 45 minutes. Please contact Anzella Jones if you know of someone that might be interested.

Grandparent's Day:

We want to thank all Grandmas and Grandpas who joined us on January 30th! The students were so proud to introduce them to their friends and teachers!

Access to Mental Health Services:

Vincent Academy is pleased to partner with Lincoln Family Services to support students with a wide array of mental health programs. If you would like to know more about it, please contact Ms. Jones.

**NO SCHOOL & NO ASP
FEBRUARY 18 and FEBRUARY 22**

New Safe Behavior Initiative:

Thank you for your support as we continue to enforce safe behavior at school, please regularly check your child's folder as we send home "Unsafe Behavior Reports" to keep you informed about your student's behavior. Please sign and return to school the next school day.

MARCH PAC, ELAC, SST Meeting MARCH 5, 2019!

Parent Advisory Council News:

We hope you will join us for the following meetings beginning at **5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 5** in the library. In addition to our PAC meeting, we will also have the following:

ELAC: Each California public school, grades kindergarten through 12, with 21 or more English learners must form an English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). We will discuss supports we have in place and what more we can do to support students who speak more than one language.

SSC: The school site council develops, annually reviews, and updates the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for programs funded through the Consolidated Application Reporting System. Come discuss items relevant to the school's budget.

After School Program & Spring Break Options:

After school fee (\$75) is due on **February 8**. Any questions about payment, please contact ASP Director Brenda Nixon, (510)452-2100 or bnixon@vincentacademy.org.

Because **Vincent Academy is unable to host a camp this Spring Break**, we are happy to provide the following information about Spring Camps in our community:

1. Boys and Girls Club \$25 membership for a whole year (1st-5th grade)
2. Abundant Beginnings Spring Camp 9am- 3:30 pm \$65/day extended care available (ages 5-13)
3. Claremont Kids Club 9-3pm \$450/week \$125/day (ages 3 and up)
4. Crucible 9-12 or 1-4pm after care available price varies (ages 8-18)
5. Head over Heels Gymnastics Camp 8-5:30 pm 105/day 425/week (ages 5-12)
6. MOCHA art camp 9-5:30 \$70/day \$300/week (ages 6-12)
7. Sarah's Science Spring Camp 8-5:30pm 120/day or 100/day for 3+ days (ages 4-11)
8. Zoo Spring Camp 9-4pm \$90/day (k-5th grade)
9. Spring Fling 12-5pm Digital Arts and Culinary Academy \$60 (ages 13-17) register on City of Oakland website
10. Diamond Spring Break Camp 7:30am-6pm \$35/day (ages 5-15) register on City of Oakland Website

We had a very exciting visit from local musician Merrill Garbus of the band, The Tune-Yards, Ms. Garbus visited campus on Thursday, Jan.31. She observed Ms.Clark's second graders as they engaged in a Visual Thinking Strategy, Mr.deHaes' class as they completed an art project in Mr.Sam's class and she sang with Ms.Haine's class! Afterward we had a whole school assembly where Ms.Garbus demonstrated how she creates music using a loop pedal. The students had a great time engaging with our new friend and Turnaround Artist.



- TK and Kindergarten classes have begun work with their visiting artist, experimenting with different materials.
- The second, third, 4th and 5th grader are putting their finishing touches on pieces they will perform at the Black History Month Celebration in February.
- Students in the musical are working with a teaching artist from CalShakes (an acting organization) on Wednesdays from 1:40-3:10. Students are working on voice projection, body position, as well as team building activities. Students will be applying for parts at the end of February.

Earned Income Tax Credit Information Act Communication

Based on your annual earnings, you may be eligible to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit from the Federal Government (Federal EITC). The Federal EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. The Federal EITC has no effect on certain welfare benefits. In most cases, Federal EITC payments will not be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, food stamps, low-income housing, or most Temporary Assistance For Needy Families payments. Even if you do not owe federal taxes, you must file a federal tax return to receive the Federal EITC. Be sure to fill out the Federal EITC form in the Federal Income Tax Return Booklet. For information regarding your eligibility to receive the Federal EITC, including information on how to obtain the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Notice 797 or any other necessary forms and instructions, contact the IRS by calling 1-800-829-3676 or through its website at www.irs.gov.

You may also be eligible to receive the California Earned Income Tax Credit (California EITC) starting with the calendar year 2015 tax year. The California EITC is a refundable state income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. The California EITC is treated in the same manner as the Federal EITC and generally will not be used to determine eligibility for welfare benefits under California law. To claim the California EITC, even if you do not owe California taxes, you must file a California income tax return and complete and attach the California EITC Form (FTB 3514). For information on the availability of the credit eligibility requirements and how to obtain the necessary California forms and get help filing, contact the Franchise Tax Board at 1-800-852-5711 or through its website at www.ftb.ca.gov.

For additional information, refer to the IRS EITC web page at <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit> or the California EITC Web page at <https://www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/faq/net/900.shtml>.

Contact Information

If you have questions regarding this subject, please contact the IRS by phone at 800-829-3676 or through its website at www.irs.gov. You can also contact the Franchise Tax Board by phone at 800-852-5711 or through its website at www.ftb.ca.gov.

Thank you.

Nutrition Services Division
California Department of Education

Web | www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/

Twitter | [@CDENutrition](https://twitter.com/CDENutrition)

Course Catalog | www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/ed/cnpcoursecatalog.asp