



Vincent Academy News || Feb. 3, 2020

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 Monica Rasmussen (Ms.R)

Please mark your calendars:

February 3: VA School Board Meeting 5:30

February 4: PAC/SSC meeting 5:30

February 17: No School (President's Day)

February 25: Self Care Wrkshp for Parents 5p

February 27: Black History Month

Celebration 5-7p BUILDING THE DREAM

February 28: NO SCHOOL- STAFF

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

NO SCHOOL & NO ASP

FEBRUARY 17 and FEBRUARY 28

Access to Mental Health Services:

Vincent Academy is pleased to partner with West Oakland Health Center to support eligible students with a wide array of mental health programs. If you would like to know more about it, please contact Ms. Rasmussen or Ms. La Plante.

Black History Month Celebration:

Vincent Academy's Black History Month Celebration: Building the Dream! is set for **Thursday, February 27th from 5:00- 7pm** here at Vincent Academy in the MPR. Students in grades 2-5 will be performing dance, spoken word and songs that they have been practicing. On the morning of **Thursday, February 27 at 9:30am students in kinder- grade 1 only will be performing.** We hope you can come to see your child perform!

Tracking Tardiness at Vincent Academy:

Thank you for your support as we continue to help students master the standards for learning at school. Please do your best to get your students on time to school everyday.

Parent Advisory Council News:

We hope you will join us for the following meetings beginning at **5:30 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.!

Parent Education: Tue. Feb 25th @ 5pm

Parent Workshop on Self-Care with Ms. Nixon and Lara Scriba, RN

Learn the science behind self-care and relaxation practices from a Registered Nurse and Yoga Teacher. You will try out some practices and learn ideas to try at home. Flyers coming soon!



- Kindergarten classes have begun work with artist, Liz Harvey. They are learning about different animals from different countries and landscapes, experimenting with different materials.

- The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are putting their finishing touches on pieces they will perform at the Black History Month Celebration in February.
- Students in the musical (Pirates Past Noon) are continuing to work with CalShakes on strategies to improve their acting skills! Keep an eye out because roles will be announced soon!
- First graders have begun a Puppeteering class this week! Check out our instagram to see all the latest news!

Vincent Academy promotes a Respectful and Safe School Climate

We are proud of our many programs that help us all feel understood, respected and important members of our school community. We would like to highlight a few of our many programs:

Yemeni Club

Vincent Academy started a monthly Yemeni Club in November 2019 which is very popular. The club is run by Volunteer Noel Hassan, with support from Ms. La Plante and Ms. Betsy. This club is open to any 3rd to 5th grade students. Noel is a 19 year old published poet who leads activities with students about cultural pride, poetry and creative expression, and fostering respect for everyone.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Vincent Academy is proud of our SEL programs (Toolbox, Zones of Regulation, and Kimochis). All students earn "Tool Tickets" for using their Toolbox Tools to communicate effectively, solve problems, and stay calm even when things are tough. Check the front office bulletin board and our Social Media pages for the weekly Toolbox Raffle winners. Every week, we focus on a "Tool of the Week." Ask your students about what they are learning! Check out the website at <https://toolboxproject.com/>



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For February, we are focusing on:

Week of Feb 3rd: **Empathy Tool**

Week of Feb 10th: **Quiet/Safe Place Tool**

Week of Feb 17: **Using our Words Tool**

Week of Feb 24: **Taking Time Tool**



