



Dear Vernon families;

We are looking forward to a wonderful year at Vernon and invite you to be a part of your child's classroom experience and school-wide activities. Being involved in your child's education makes a big difference in their success.

This year, the Vernon PTA is adding a special incentive. Every person who logs at least 5 volunteer hours per month (when you sign in at the office) will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate announced at the monthly PTA meeting!

There are many, many ways to get involved, both during and outside of school hours:

- **PTA events:** We have a great variety of events that need your assistance! Through the Fall Run For The Owls to the Spring Auction and many events in between, the PTA helps bring our community together as well as raise funds that directly support our school. Help is always needed: <http://www.vernonpta.org/events/>
- **Volunteer in the classroom:** Whether you serve as a class parent, donate a few hours per week reading with students, attend a class field trip, make copies, or help re-shelve books in the library, there are options for everyone. And perhaps you know of a grandparent or neighbor who would like to help out too! This is a great way to get to know teachers, kids, and other parents. Contact our volunteer coordinator at volunteer@vernonpta.org
- **Serve on a PTA committee:** Can't help out during school hours? We have great committees where you can focus your talents on a key interest such as Science or Arts in the classroom, the school garden, grant writing and more! Vernon PTA meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 5:45 to 7:15pm in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR). (<http://www.vernonpta.org/committees/>)

See list of upcoming volunteer needs on back of this letter AND PLEASE take a moment to fill out the attached volunteer form.

To make it easier for class parents to contact you for volunteer opportunities or other activities, **we'd like your permission to share your email and phone number with the class parent** in your child's room. Please know that Vernon Staff and the PTA respect and take your family's privacy very seriously. We will never share your contact information with any third parties. If you would like to opt-out of sharing your contact information, please contact the office.

Thank you for being a part of the Vernon Community and for supporting our kids' education!
Go Owls!!

Sincerely,

The Vernon PTA Board:

Paul Cathcart / President

Lisa Hatten / Vice-President

Megan Phillips / Secretary

Jonica Shelton / Community Outreach

Shauna Ballo / Volunteer Coordinator

Janet Strong / Treasurer

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UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES September 2015

We're recruiting Class Parents!

Let us know if you'd like to serve as point- person for your classroom. Being a class parent takes only a few hours per month, and is a great way to help your child's teacher connect with parents who want to get involved in the classroom.

Thursday September 10th 9:30am – 1:30pm PTA Clothing Center

The district's PTA Clothing Center needs 5-6 Vernon volunteers to take our school's turn helping sort donated clothes and assisting customers. It's a great way to help families in need. 9:30am – 1:30pm on Thursday, September 10th at Marshall High School (3905 SE 91st Ave, Rm. B-60).

Saturday September 12th 1pm – 4pm Garden Work Party

This is a great activity for families to do together, and is great for parents who can't make it to school during weekdays. Help pull weeds, harvest veggies and clean up our fantastic garden.

Wednesday October 7th Run for the Owls

A great event for the kids, and one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Sign up to help all day or come for an hour during your child's grade time slot. It's a fun and easy event, running shoes optional!

ONGOING VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

Let us know your interests and availability and we'd be happy to help connect you with the right activity for you: shelving library books, reading with students, serving on PTA committees, designing flyers or more. There's something for every person and every schedule!

<http://www.vernonpta.org/volunteer/>

Contact Shauna at **volunteer@vernonpta.org**
for more information about any of these opportunities!



Vernon PTA

Volunteer at Vernon!

Vernon depends on our volunteers. Families like yours are essential to supporting our classroom teachers, putting on the events that raise needed funds for our school, and creating enrichment opportunities for students.
Please return this form to the PTA box in the school office, to your child's teacher or to a PTA Board member.

Parent/s Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am a: ☐ parent/guardian of a Vernon student ☐ grandparent/family member ☐ Community member

I prefer to volunteer: (This does NOT obligate you in any way.) ☐ Anytime ☐ School Days ☐ Evenings & Weekends

My child's / children's information: _____

Name / Grade/ Teacher: _____

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I'd like more information about volunteering in the following ways:

(checking a box does NOT obligate you in any way.)

☐ **Room Parent**

Coordinates needs/information between teachers and parents.

☐ **In-class volunteer**

Weekly / ongoing help with reading, math, IB or other needs

☐ **Help around school**

Occasional help in the classroom, shelving library books, making copies, etc

☐ **Arts Committee**

Support and enhance visual art education at Vernon

☐ **Auction Committee**

Meets throughout year to plan our biggest and most fun event of year

☐ **Book Fairs**

Help plan Scholastic Book Fair

☐ **Christmas Tree Recycling**

Fun and easy winter fundraiser

☐ **Communication Team**

Assist with flyers, website, data entry, and other needs

☐ **Garden Team**

Help with garden work parties and ongoing garden needs

☐ **Grant Writing**

Have experience writing grants? We could use your help!

☐ **Music Committee**

Support and enhance music and the performing arts at Vernon.

☐ **Run For The Owls**

Help plan and/or volunteer at our Fall running fundraiser

☐ **Safety and Wellness Committee**

Promote health, physical well being, and safety of our students and staff

☐ **School Yard Improvement**

Help surround our school with a dynamic, vibrant outdoor space

☐ **Spring Carnival Committee**

Plan one of the most popular events of the year!

☐ **STEAM Team**

Increase access to Science, Technology, Arts & Math in school

☐ **Winter Maker's Fair**

Help plan our newest fundraisers or bring your homemade wares to sell!

Please Note: Before volunteering directly with students, please complete an online criminal history check.

Online form at: <https://www.oregonpta.org/cgi-bin/join.pl>