

VINCI PARK PUMAS

VINCI PARK ELEMENTARY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

MONTH AT-A-GLANCE

September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Back to School Night 🍏	4 Early Release Vinci Blue Day 💙	5
6	7 No School, Labor Day	8 Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser begins 🍪	9	10 PTA Meeting 📅 6:00-7:00 PM	11	12
13	14 Library reopens! 📖	15 Volunteer Workshop, 8:30-10:30 AM	16	17	18 No School - Professional Development	19
20	21	22	23 Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser ends 🍪	24	25 Early Release Picture Day 📷	26
27	28	29	30	No School - Fall Break 🍂		



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. NUNEZ



Welcome to the 2026–2027 School Year!

Welcome back, Vinci Park Pumas! We are excited to begin another wonderful year together. Whether your family is returning or joining Vinci Park for the first time, we are so happy to have you as part of our community.

This year, our theme is “Rooted in Joy. Growing with Purpose.” We want our students to experience the joy of learning, feel connected to their school, and continue growing academically, socially, and emotionally.

The start of a new school year is a time to build relationships, establish routines, and create a strong sense of belonging. We encourage families to stay connected, communicate with teachers, and join us for the many events and opportunities that make Vinci Park such a special place.

We are looking forward to a year filled with joy, learning, laughter, growth, and Puma pride! Together, let’s make 2026–2027 an amazing year!

Mrs. Parisa Nunez
Principal, Vinci Park Elementary School



PTA Announcements

Join our First PTA Meeting

Thursday, Sep 10 · 6–7 PM

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/mox-ipzm-fxq>

Or dial: [+1 414-909-6815](tel:+14149096815) PIN: 860672683

Vinci Park Spirit Wear

Vinci Park Vintage spirit wear is on sale for 20% off! We are looking to clear our old inventory before we purchase new Puma gear. Our next Spirit Wear sale will be October 7th.

Become a PTA Member

Are you a member of Vinci Park PTA yet? We would love to have you. Being a member allows you to vote at our meetings, ensuring your voice is heard. All parents and guardians are welcome. Membership fees go back to the school for events and supplies for teachers!

Join by going to: <https://sites.google.com/vinciparkpta.com/vppta/get-involved?authuser=0&pli=1>

PTA Website

Check out our website: <http://vinciparkpta.org> for updates and volunteering opportunities! You can also sign up to volunteer with the PTA by completing this form: <https://tinyurl.com/VPPTAVolunteers>



School Announcements

Why September Conferences?

We are holding conferences earlier this year to connect with families and support students from the very beginning. These conversations are strengths-based and collaborative—not evaluative—giving teachers and families an opportunity to discuss how students are adjusting, celebrate what's going well, and identify any support they may need early on. Building this partnership early helps us create stronger relationships and better outcomes for every student. Conferences will be 9/16-9/25.

Is your contact information up-to-date?

It is very important that we have a current Emergency Form in the office for your child. Please let us know of any phone changes during the school year so we can be sure to reach you in the case of an emergency or student illness. If you have not yet returned this form, please do so at this time.

PICTURE DAY! 9/25

Picture Day will be on Friday, 9/25. Order forms will be sent home prior to picture day. If you wish to order pictures, you can order online using our school code or students can bring their payment envelope at the time pictures are taken. Extra order forms will be available in the school office.

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY!

It is critical that you use caution when driving around the school during drop-off and pick-up times. The white zones are to be used to drop-off and pick-up your child only--DO NOT park or leave your car unattended.

We are trying to make drop off a quick and easy experience in the mornings.

Please remember these things to help make everyone's morning drop offs go smoothly:

1. Parents, please pull as far forward as possible BEFORE letting your students out.
2. Students should try and exit vehicles on the right hand side, near the sidewalk. This is the SAFEST and FASTEST way to make drop offs.
3. Parents, please remember you are NOT allowed to park and leave your vehicles. The lanes are for a quick stop and drop off only.
4. Red Zones are a NO PARKING ZONE, Buses Only.

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Running Club

Lace up those sneakers, Vinci Park! Running Club is back and ready to hit the ground running every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 7:50 AM, starting on Tuesday, September 8th! Open to all TK through 5th-grade students, this is the perfect way for your child to sprint, jog, or power-walk in the morning with friends. Permission slips are heading home in backpacks this week. TK & KN students must have a parent with them. Let's get moving, Vinci Park!

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Social Worker Announcements

Welcome back Vinci Park Families!

My name is Sarah Rodriguez and I am the School Social Worker at Vinci Park Elementary. I wanted to warmly welcome you to the 26-27 school year. I am happy to share that I will be at Vinci Park Monday through Friday this year. In my role as the school social worker, I support students in their transition to school, provide pro-social strategies to students for making friends, self-advocacy and assertiveness skills, and safety skills.

Through California's Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) , our district partners with Daybreak Health to provide mental health support for students.

What this means for families like you:

Daybreak mental health care is now available at no cost for eligible families — and 90% of families across the state of California are eligible. Daybreak offers confidential, online therapy and support for students, with flexible scheduling and services available in English and Spanish . Eligibility is confirmed directly with families, and there is no cost for covered services.

Please see the flyer on the next page for more info and how to request care. Additionally, if you would like for me to assist with the referral process for care, email me at srodriguez@busd.net
Ms. Sarah

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Virtual Therapy for Students 5-19

Daybreak Health partners with school districts to provide students and families with access to virtual therapy with qualified clinicians.

Mental health matters.

When kids are mentally healthy, they can think clearly, pay better attention, and learn new skills. Daybreak's evidence-based teletherapy programs have proven to positively impact outcomes like behavioral improvements, better grades, and higher attendance.

[Submit a Care Request here](#) or by scanning the QR code below. Therapy session content will remain confidential.

Therapy session content will remain confidential. Appointments are available Monday - Saturday 8am - 8pm. Daybreak's teletherapy programs are available at little to no cost depending on your insurance plan and your school district's partnership.

For more information or to speak with a Care Coordinator call 415-992-6155.



1:1 Teletherapy Program

12 sessions

For students with mild to moderate needs

Ages 10+

Skill building program

Personalized clinician matching

Quick access

Family Teletherapy Program

12 sessions

For students with mild to moderate needs

Ages 5+

Parent/guardian attends each session, the child will be included as recommended by the clinician

Flexible hours

Sign your child up for our Teletherapy Program

Scan the QR code to submit a care request for your child.



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Dear Students and Families:

Hello, everyone! My name is Susan Huynh and I am so excited to introduce myself as the new Library Media Technician (school librarian) at Vinci Park Elementary School! I am looking forward to getting to know all of our students, discovering their favorite books, and creating a library that feels like a welcoming, exciting, and special place for everyone.

A little about me: I have been part of the San José Public Library community for more than 11 years, where I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with children, families, and readers of all ages. Before joining the Vinci Park community, I also served as the Library Media Technician at Majestic Way Elementary School. My time there helped me discover just how much I enjoy creating a fun and welcoming library experience for elementary students and I am thrilled to continue that work here at Vinci Park! I also earned my Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science from San José State University. While that might seem like an unusual path for a librarian, it gave me a lifelong love of asking questions, solving problems, and being curious about the world around me. Fun fact: I still love a good mystery!

As your new school librarian, my goal is to make the library a place where students can explore, imagine, learn, and have fun. Whether your child already has a favorite series, is looking for something completely new, or is not quite sure what kind of book they enjoy yet, I want to help them find something that makes them excited to read.

Throughout the year, we will share stories, explore different kinds of books, learn how to be thoughtful library users, and discover all the wonderful things our library has to offer. There will be plenty of opportunities for students to ask questions, share their ideas, and discover new interests on the way.

I also believe that libraries are about much more than books. They are places where students can be curious, creative, and themselves. I hope to create a library where every student feels welcome and knows that there is a place for them here.

Families, I look forward to partnering with you as we encourage your children to read, explore, and learn. Please feel free to share your child's favorite books, interests, or reading recommendations with me – I am always happy to hear what our students are excited about!

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Vinci Park community, and I can't wait to see all of the wonderful readers, thinkers, storytellers, and explorers who walk through our library doors this year. Here's to a fantastic year filled with great books, big imaginations, and lots of library adventures!

Warmly,

Susan Huynh
Library Media Technician
Vinci Park Elementary School

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Library Newsletter



Meet Your New Librarian!



Hello, my name is Ms. Susan and I can't wait to meet everyone soon!

Fun Facts

Favorite color: teal

Favorite place: Disneyland 🏰

Favorite book: Percy Jackson series 🗡️

Reminders



Announcements



Library Reopening 9/14

Our library will be reopening for class visits on Monday, 9/14! Library schedules are posted in the library for easy reference. There are no book check-outs for the first two visits, after students get a library tour and learn how to use our library.



Activities of the Month

Week 1: Library Scavenger Hunt Bingo

It's the first library visit of the school year!

After a brief tour around our library, students will form groups to see who can complete their bingo sheets the fastest. May the keenest eyes win!

Week 2: Shelve-It game

Let's pretend to be a librarian and learn how the Dewey Decimal system works! Students will practice "shelving" both non-fiction and fiction books in a simple, interactive simulation on the SmartBoard.

Important Dates

9/7 – Labor Day (**NO SCHOOL**)

9/14 – Library Reopening

9/18 – District Professional Development Day (**NO SCHOOL**)