

# PANTHER PRESS

## Vernon Middle School

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### STUDENT OF THE MONTH RACHEL KEETON

By Alexa Torres

Congratulations to Rachel Keeton for Student of the Month! Three of her teachers nominated her and noted that she is a great student academically. She also is kind to others, helpful to her teachers and demonstrates PRIDE in everything that she does.

Rachel said, "I want to go to Stanford University for Medicine." She said that she wants to be a physician for kids when she grows up.

Someone Rachel looks up to is Hermione Granger. The reason why she looks up to her is because she proved anything is possible if you put your mind to it.

Rachel shared her inspirational quote, "Working hard is important, but there is something that matters even more, believing in yourself"- J.K. Rowling. Keep up the good work, Rachel!



### DRAMA CLUB

By Alexis Rubio

In Drama Club, Ms. Scheid and her actors are working on performing in front of other classes. Club members get to perform, act out scenes, and play theatrical games. Drama Club is also working on a skit for the winter.

Ms. Scheid is an experienced Director and received a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Drama, as well as a Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Notre Dame. Here at Vernon, she has directed the musicals "Grease" and "Fame". When Buena Vista and Vernon decided to do joint musicals, Ms. Scheid began directing dramatic productions.

Soon the Drama Club will be deciding on what they will be putting together for the winter holidays! For more information, you can go visit Ms. Scheid in room 21 after school. This amazing club is not full yet, so if you want to join, just go to the front office to fill out a club application!

### VERNON & BUENA VISTA TO PRESENT



By Zyla Delgado

Disney fans are likely to feel happy about this year's choice for a school musical. This year's school play will be the one and only-- Moana, Jr! Buena Vista Arts Elementary School and Vernon Performing Arts Middle School will be putting on yet another play combining talent from both schools.

Congratulations to Alexa Villalobos for getting the lead role, Moana! We're looking forward to our live performance on March 10-12, 2022, unless there are greater Covid-19 restrictions. Rehearsals are every day for about two hours, so these cast members are working hard!

*Moana, Jr. Cast*

*Moana-Alexa Villalobos*

*Sina-Debbie Poot-May*

*Gate Monster-Mannal Mota*

*Ancestors-Emiliano Garcia & Ava Reyes*

*Ensemble-Klarsra Nunez, Amy Juarez, Jonathan Nelson & Klara Nunez*

### #DIFJ FOOD DRIVE

By Brianna Valles



This year, the Yearbook/Journalism class is sponsoring our 3rd Annual #DIFJ food drive. This food will go to families to make sure everyone has food and necessities for the holidays. This year, food donations are needed more than ever. It's very hard for some families because of the situation that the pandemic has put them in. The food we are collecting includes non-perishables; mostly canned and boxed foods. We are also collecting baby diapers and baby wipes. Thanks AVID for your support.

## STRIVING FOR SUCCESS



Positive Behavior Intervention & Support





# VERNON BOYS' SOCCER TEAM MAKING GOALS

By Matthew Gaitan

Mr. Martinez is the Boys' Soccer Team Coach and has led the Boys' Soccer Teams to victory 3 times. The Vernon Panthers have won three championships in prior years, so Coach Martinez is very hopeful that they might win another.

Mr. Martinez said, "The players are working very hard and can't wait for what is next. They are dedicated at practice and know how to cooperate as a team."

The players give 100% to win every game, most of all they have been getting over 10 goals that is enough for the team to win. Some of the boys have said they have been working very hard to play every game. ***Go Panthers and keep up the good work!***

## Boys' Soccer Team

Ivan Sanchez - Nathaniel Niemetz - Kevin Ruiz  
Anthony Vergara Quintero - Matthew Espino  
Caleb Tinoco - Xavier Panuco - Arturo Cercado  
Jose Bruno - Angel Fernandez Acosta  
Ernesto Sandoval - Sean Flores - Oscar Martinez  
Michael Nila - Esteban Suazo - Yahsid Torres  
Dylan Ramirez - Johnson Canelas Barahona  
Fernando Garcia



# VERNON GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM LOVIN' IT

By Jalyssa Alcasas

This year our Girl's Soccer Team is back and ready to play! Our 18 players have been practicing hard in preparation for their games. Our team coach, Mr O'Neil, said, "The qualities that I look for in choosing our Lady Panther soccer players are young ladies who will exemplify our school's PRIDE characteristics. They are able to persevere through our grueling workouts, and they are respectful to their coaches, teachers, school administrators and parents. Our Lady Panthers must show integrity, discipline and empathy".

"I have to be able to trust our team to do what's expected of them at all times, and, above all, my student-athletes must have empathy. I enjoy seeing the girls with more soccer acumen supporting their teammates who are less skilled." Mr. O'Neil also stated, "How do I motivate my teams? At this stage, it's all about learning and enjoying the experience. I motivate my team by bringing positive energy to practices and games." Coach O'Neil says, "The goal I have for the team this season is for our team to play like a team." Coach O'Neil noted, "There is no I in team!" Our team has been on a winning streak with scores of 3-1, 10-0, and 5-2.

***We are all wishing our Panthers a good season!***

## Girls' Soccer Team

Natalie Guzman - Jamileth Navarrete - Leah Martinez  
Alexa Rodriquez - Amanda Reed - Leilani Warran  
Aliyah Pereida - Arianna Jones - Alexis Rubio  
Galilea Cepeda - Alexa Torres - Jazmine Hernandez  
Anna Bell - Eliza Parado - Mariah Garcia  
Samantha Sanchez - Brianna Barrios  
Nayleen Hernandez





# VETERANS' DAY

By Marissa Munoz

Do you know why we celebrate Veterans' Day? This is a federal holiday in the United States to honor people who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans' Day is important because it is a time to pay our respects to those who put their lives on the line to serve our country.

One of our teachers, Mr. Martinez, is a Veteran. When asked why he joined the Marine Corps, he said that he joined the Marine Corp for the opportunities and a chance to travel. San Diego, Japan, Korea and Camp Pendleton are some of the places that Mr. Martinez served. Mr. Martinez loved traveling, meeting new people and experiencing new cultures.

# NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

By Miley Posadas-Pardon



November is National Adoption Month. About 5,000 children get adopted each month and around 2,000 Californian children are in need of a forever home each year. The average age of children adopted by Californians are newborns to 9 years old. For children 9 and older, the chances of getting adopted has dropped significantly because most people don't want to adopt a teenager. In 2012, 3,335 children in California aged out of foster care without a permanent family. The Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) is an entitlement program to provide financial and medical coverage to facilitate the adoption of children who otherwise would remain in long-term foster care.

# NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

By Desire Acosta

November is Native American Month. There are over 6.79 million American Indians living in the United States. Just 22% (1.49 million) of the Native American population live on reservations or trust land. There are about 774 different tribes or bands in the U.S. and 574 of those bands are

federally recognized, these are tribes that have a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

Here are some ways that you and your family can celebrate Native American Heritage Month! You can visit an American Indian Reservation or museum, attend an American Indian performance, seminar, an event or host an educational event. You can also read a story about or by a Native American, or watch a movie or documentary about or by a Native American. Lastly, you can try a traditional American Indian recipe. Surprisingly, pozole with red chili is an American Indian dish. Check it out for yourself, Panthers.



Have you heard of the Annual Scripps's Spelling Bee? Vernon is hosting a Spelling Bee on December 14 2021. Club meetings are on Mondays and Fridays in room 33.



# THE GREAT SHAKE OUT

By Alexis Rubio

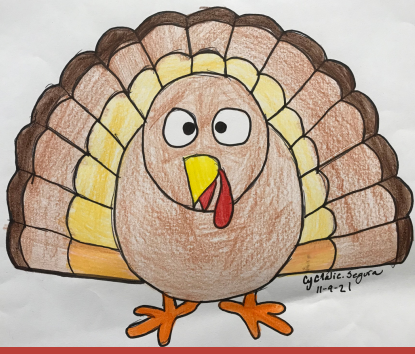
What is the Great Shake Out? The Great Shake Out is a state wide earthquake drill. People, especially students, use this opportunity to ensure that they have safe standards and procedures in place in case there ever is a real earthquake or other disaster.

For an earthquake, you drop, cover your head, and hold onto something heavy. The reason we do the Great Shake Out is so we are prepared for earthquakes, whenever and wherever they might strike. In preparation of any earthquakes, you should always have a safety kit in case something happens. The kit should include water and something non-perishable to eat.

Vernon Middle School participated, as well as all schools in our district. Students practiced going out to the field and following directions, while



and staff practiced search and rescue procedures. A command post was set up and walkie-talkies were used to communicate reports, questions, and concerns. Great job, Panthers. We hope that we never have to use these skills in real life, but at least we are prepared.



**Happy Thanksgiving Panthers! Have a wonderful, safe, and healthy break. Art BY Cyclalic Segura**

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**WORD SEARCH & CALENDAR**

**DECEMBER**

**By Marissa Muñoz & Jalyssa Alcasas**



- 11/22-26 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/1 #DIFJ Food Drive
- 12/1 GAME: Soccer
- 12/6 GAME: Soccer
- 12/9 GAME: Soccer
- 12/10 GAME: Soccer
- 12/13 Pride Store
- 12/14 Music Concert
- 12/15 Pride Store
- 12/16 Early Dismissal 12:45
- 12/17 Non School Day
- 12/20- 1/2 Winter Break
- 1/3/22-Return to School

**ASB SPIRIT DAYS**

**Dec. 10th Crazy Christmas Sweater Contest between Staff & Students.  
Dec. 16-Pajama Day**

Grateful Veterans Feast Pie	Plymouth Holidays Stuffing Thanksgiving	Mayflower Family Season Turkey	Pilgrims Friends November Gathering
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**NEED A PRESENT?**

**WINTER FUN BAGS ARE HERE. BUY YOURS DEC.8TH -10TH COST IS \$4.99**

Quantities of limited.



**VERNON MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL JOHN MAGIAS FOOD DRIVE**

Help people in the Montclair and Ontario Area Have Food For The Holidays! Non-perishable, non-expired canned or boxed food will be much appreciated.

Vernon Panthers, you can still join after school clubs. Get a permission slip, have your parents sign it, then turn it into the office. Be sure to listen to the morning announcements for any other updates.

**Manga Mondays Mon. 2:30- 3:00**

**Strength Club Mon. & Wed. 2:30-3:30**

**Anime Club Wed. 2:25- 3:30**

**Cooking Club Wed. 2:30-4:00**

**After-School Orchestra Wed. 2:30- 3:30**

**Theater Thurs. 2:30- 3:30**

**After School Band & Percussion Thurs. 2:30- 3:30**

**Speech & Debate Club Thurs. 2:30- 3:30**

**After School Chorus Fri. 2:30- 3:30**

**Just for Fun Club Arts & Crafts 3rd Thur. only 2:30 -3:15**

**Basketball Clinic M, W, TH, & F 2:45-4:45**



**By Marissa Muñoz**