

NORWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



WILLIAM G. VINAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

September 1, 2018

Dear Vinal School Parents,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I hope you've all had a wonderful summer and that you're feeling refreshed, reenergized, and ready to tackle another exciting year at Vinal School.

I am thrilled to be entering my first year as President of the Vinal PTO, and I look forward to working with all of you to make a positive impact on the lives of our children, our school, and our community. As Vinal School parents, we are all members of the PTO, and it's truly amazing to see what we can achieve when we all work together!

The role of the PTO at Vinal is to support and enhance the educational experience of all our students and to strengthen the sense of community we all feel as members of our school. We accomplish these goals by organizing school and community programs that reinforce Vinal's core values by funding grants, educational tools and appreciation programs for teachers as well as promoting and encouraging open lines of communication between home and school.

Last year, the PTO funded/organized many programs and initiatives, some examples include:

- Museum of Science and Mass Audubon Society enrichment programs
- Educational software for our students
- Mini-grant awards for our teachers
- Student transportation for all field trips
- New books and materials for the library
- The revitalization of the bus circle and landscaping
- Stay and Play Fridays and The Ice Cream Social
- Field Day

I have an outstanding team of parents working alongside me on our PTO Board this year.

2018-2019 Vinal School PTO Board

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On behalf of the entire board, I invite and encourage you to reach out to us as well as attend one of our meetings at any time. In addition to learning about all upcoming PTO events and initiatives, you'll hear Mr. Thorsteinson speak about his visions and plans for the year and have the opportunity to ask him questions. All meetings will be held in the Vinal Library.

Please note that our first meeting of the year will be held on Friday September 7th immediately following our Boo Hoo Yahoo Breakfast. Please see the attached flier for more information, and stay tuned for more news on what this year's PTO meetings have in store!

2018-2019 PTO Meeting Dates

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| September 7, 2018 | 9:00 AM |
| October 17, 2018 | 7:00 PM |
| November 14, 2018 | 9:00 AM |
| January 23, 2019 | 7:00 PM |
| March 14, 2019 | 9:00 AM |
| May 2, 2019 | 7:00 PM |
| June 6, 2019 | 9:00 AM |

We know that life gets hectic and it's often hard to attend our meetings, but don't worry, we also communicate via newsletters, email, backpack mail, and our PTO Website. We also strongly encourage you to join our Facebook group which we update regularly with the most up-to-the-minute happenings at Vinal. Please note: this is a Private Group so the public cannot view it. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/VinalSchoolPTO/> to join.

The Vinal School PTO is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and therefore we rely on fundraising to finance our programs and initiatives. There will be many ways for you to contribute to our fundraising campaign throughout the course of the year and we look forward to sharing those opportunities with you as they arise.

I wish you all the best for an outstanding kick-off to the new school year, and I hope to see you all soon!

Warm regards,

Lisa DiFrisco
President
Vinal School PTO