

park vista community high school



# COBRA COURIER

April 2024



## Principal's Message

Hello Cobra Families,

At Park Vista we value the contributions each staff member makes to our vibrant Cobra community. On Wednesday, April 3, Paraprofessional Appreciation Day, we recognize the contributions of our paraprofessionals to support the needs of our ESE students. Our paraprofessional team is dedicated, hard working, and caring. On April 24, Administrative Professional Day, we celebrate the significant contributions of our school secretaries and staff members who work diligently to support our students, families, and staff. Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, May 6 - 10, will be an opportunity to thank our amazing educators and support staff for their commitment to academic excellence and a school culture that guides our students to thrive.

Senior Week activities in March before the break provided opportunities for students to dress in various themes, "takeover" for staff member's jobs, and enjoy the spring pep rally organized by Student Government Association under the direction of Ms. Ladd. The pep rally included performances by our sensational dance team and our spirited cheerleaders. Students enjoyed Richelin Aristilde's incredible rendition of the national anthem on the electric guitar and our incredibly talented step team in a special performance. The seniors were designated as winners of the spirit stick during the first pep rally as well as in the second pep rally. Senior Week was enjoyed by all!

We will begin the application and selection process for Cobra Ambassadors in April, and these are student leaders who serve as role models to acquaint and support our incoming freshmen with the traditions, expectations, and experiences of Park Vista. Students are required to write an essay and acquire three teacher signatures attesting to their leadership skills and representation as a positive Cobra role model. Freshman Orientation for the Park Vista class of 2028 will be held on Saturday, August 10. Please save the date if you have incoming freshmen joining us in Cobra Country!

Spring is here and we are diligently preparing for a variety of tests. Please encourage students to attend school regularly and to be on time! End-of-course exams start in May and the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) will be administered as a progress monitoring assessment for 9th and 10th grade students. AICE tests start in April as well and continue into June. AP tests are scheduled throughout May. Our students and teachers have been working hard to prepare for success on these important assessments.

Thank you for staying connected with us in Cobra Country!

Dr. Enrique Vela  
Principal



## Beach Cleanup

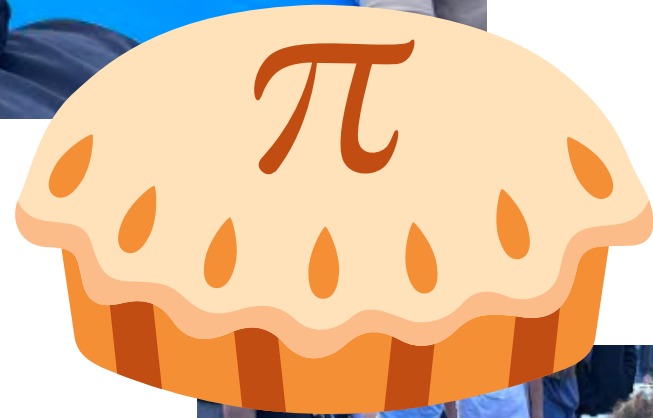
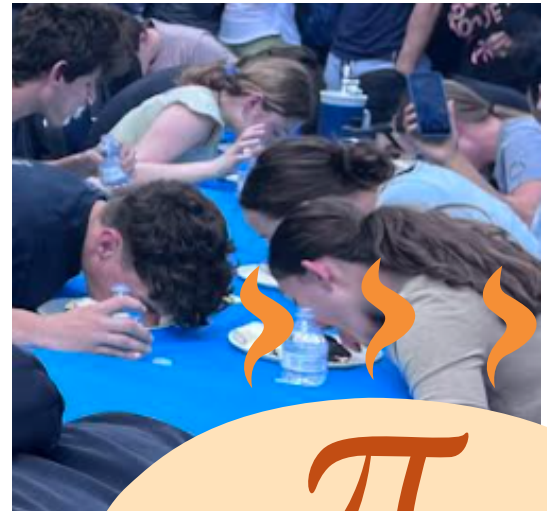


In March, French Honor Society partnered with Key Club & Environmental Clubs for a Boynton Beach Clean Up event. The students and teachers worked hard to keep our beaches clean. What an amazing event!

On Tuesday, March 12, 2024 Park Vista student **Logan Laker** recited 1234 digits of pi in an effort to break the previous school record of 314 digits held by William Speer for many years. Math teachers enjoy celebrating March 14 as pi day. Get it, the third month the 14th day, 3.14. Logan Laker really took the challenge seriously by reciting #'s for our entire lunch to break the old record. Park Vista's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta wants to congratulate Logan for his outstanding accomplishment! I am sure that you too will join us in our cheers to Logan Laker.

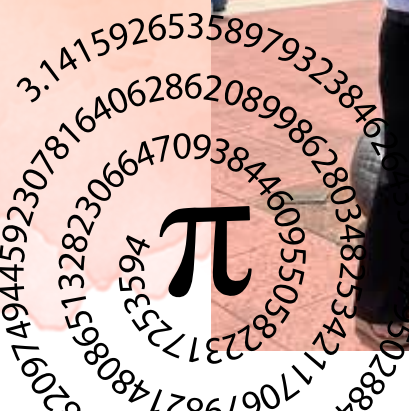


## Celebrating Pi Day



### Pie Eating Contest Winners:

Brandon Sherman  
Alexander Horsford  
Dylan Aberijan  
Matthew Gray



## Spring Testing Calendar SY '23-'24

April 3 & 4	B.E.S.T. Writing (9th & 10th)	
April 11	CLT (select Juniors and Seniors)	
April 17, 18, 19	ACT NCR (select Juniors and Seniors only)	
April 16	Florida Civics Literacy Exam - Spring	
April 25	AICE English General Paper <i>1 hr 15 mins</i>	
April 26		AICE Marine Science AS <i>1 hr 45 mins</i> AICE Environmental Management <i>1 hr 45 mins</i>
April 29		AICE Thinking Skills <i>1 hr 30 mins</i>
April 30		AICE Travel and Tourism <i>2 hours</i> AICE French Language <i>1 hr 45 mins</i>
May 1	AICE English General Paper <i>1 hr 45 mins</i> AICE Literature in English <i>2 hours</i>	AICE Marine Science AS <i>1 hr 45 mins</i> AICE Environmental Management <i>1 hr 45 mins</i>
May 2	AICE Global Perspectives and Research <i>1 hr 30 mins</i> AICE Chemistry Practical <i>2 hrs</i>	
May 3	AICE English Language <i>2 hrs 15 mins</i>	AICE History <i>1 hr 15 mins</i> AICE International History 1 (FLVS)

### Dance Team Competition

Park Vista Dance Team will be competing in their first competition on Wednesday, April 10th at Olympic Heights. The team will be performing one of their hip-hop pieces as well as 3 solo performances. Tickets will be available on GoFan for \$5.00



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PRESENTS...

# LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

BOOK & LYRICS BY  
HOWARD ASHMAN

MUSIC BY  
ALAN MENKEN

BASED ON THE FILM BY ROGER CORMAN, SCREENPLAY BY  
CHARLES GRIFFITH

APRIL 3RD, 5TH & 6TH  
@ 6:30PM

AT PARK VISTA  
COMMUNITY HIGH  
SCHOOL

TICKETS:



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## Park Vista's Blood Drive

Thursday, April 11, 2024



Earn potential SCHOLARSHIP \$\$\$


Must be at least 16 to donate

Up 6 Hours Community Service

Scan QR Code to sign up:



IF YOU ARE 16, TURN IN PARENT PERMISSION SLIPS TO RED BOXES  
IN GUIDANCE, MEDIA CENTER OR IN THE MEDICAL ACADEMY

Attention Seniors: 

## Don't Forget!



Deadline to turn in community  
service hours for Senior Awards  
recognition is:

# APRIL 7

\*Minimum of 500 service hours for Senior Awards recognition.

## New Volunteer Process

The process for **Volunteering** at our school has changed. This is effective 3/25/24. You will need to fill out an application for the remainder of this school year and every school year moving forward. You can apply here: <https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MjI3OmVuLVVT>. You can be a standard volunteer with immediate approval or you can apply to be a driver for field trips/ sports. We would recommend applying for both at the same time however, you need to upload the driver application\*, your driver's license and your insurance card to get approval for both volunteer opportunities. Do not apply until you have these documents ready to upload to the application or you only plan to be a standard volunteer. When you apply you must enter your name exactly how it is on your State issued ID. Once you've applied, you'll get an email to create your portal. Your portal is where you will be able to sign in and sign out for your volunteer hours. Applying before coming to the school will expedite the process, as you will need to come in one time to the main office so we can scan your ID before you can use your portal. Thank you for your continued support with all of our on/off campus activities. \*Given by the field trip sponsor/teacher



## Underwater Robotics Competition Winners



**AMAZING!**

On February 24, our **Cobra Robotics Club**, sponsored by Mr. Simmons, participated in the TCI FPL 2024 SeaPerch Competition. They built a submersible tethered robot with the majority of the design, construction, and electronics completed by **Elana De Berry**. Elana is a senior in the Automotive Academy at Park Vista and her training and experience helped to create a fantastic competitive robot. Our pilot is senior **Rudolph Milliken**, the President of the eSports Club and captain of our highly rated Rocket League team. Rudolph's remote-based driving skill combined with the on-the-fly problem solving developed by his involvement with our Multimedia Academy made for swift navigation. Focus, Planning, and Practice along with Rudolph at the controls and Elana managing the tether led to the win! Now the team is headed to the **International Competition** in Late May.

## Pathfinder Award Nominees

Congratulations to Park Vista High School's 18 Pathfinder Scholarship Nominees who interviewed for this prestigious scholarship on March 6 at Palm Beach Atlantic University. We wish them all the best of luck in this final phase of the scholarship competition.

Academic Excellence: **Kendall Longwater**  
Art: **Gabriela Willoughby**  
Business: **Jennifer Natalus**  
Career and Technical Education: **Elana de Berry**  
Communications: **James Fields**  
Community Involvement: **Jessica Dippolito**  
Computer Engineering and Technology: **Rudolph Milliken**  
Forensics/Speech: **Natasha López**  
History/Political Science: **Zoe Lester**  
Literature: **Sophia Cvetkovic**  
Mathematics: **Maxwell Brassner**  
Music/Instrumental: **Ryan Golbe**  
Music/Vocal: **Alexa Porcelli**  
Reach for Excellence: **Mikayla Jeanty**  
Science: **Madison Konash**  
Sports: **Logan Harrold**  
Theater Arts: **Matthew Brewer**  
World Languages: **Lucy Eichler**



**UPCOMING**

# CLASS OF 2024 EVENTS



**APR  
09**

## **SENIOR GRADUATION ASSEMBLY**

11:15am in the PV Auditorium. Graduation information will be distributed. Attendance is strongly recommended.

**APR  
13**

## **PROM**

**APR  
20**

## **GRADBASH**

**MAY  
10**

## **LAST DAY FOR SENIORS TO ATTEND CLASS (NO EXAMS)**

**MAY  
13&14**

## **SENIOR EXAMS**

Seniors taking exams must report to the Main Office at 8:00 am sharp. Seniors are required to take at least 4 exams on May 13 and can return the following day at 8:00 am to complete their remaining exams.

**MAY  
15**

## **STATUS CHECK**

School Counselors will notify students if necessary to attend.

**MAY  
16**

## **MANDATORY SENIOR CHECKOUT**

In the PV Gymnasium - There will be specific checkout times assigned to students.

**MAY  
16**

## **SENIOR AWARDS**

6:00 pm in the Park Vista Auditorium - graduation gown required, no caps, by invitation only.

**MAY  
17**

## **FINAL STATUS CHECK**

School Counselors will notify students if necessary to attend.

**MAY  
20**

## **MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL**

Begins promptly at 3:15pm in the Park Vista Auditorium.

**MAY  
21**

## **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

At the South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center. The ceremony begins at 8:00 am. Graduates must arrive no later than 6:30 am.

# PTSO Updates

Hello Everyone!

I hope you had a great Spring Break and before you know it, Summer will be here!



Please plan on attending our next meeting which will be virtual!

Here is the link: <https://calendar.app.google/cTdcxYRnAG4c6FTo6>  
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Our Hot Potato Bar was a huge success for our Teachers and Staff! Special Thanks to Texas Roadhouse in Boynton for donating the potatoes and to our PTSO VP - Michelle Dovner for picking them up and serving them out!

In the month of May we have Graduation Day on May 21st and we have Teacher/Staff appreciation week - Donations/Gifts greatly appreciated!!! After the meeting we will be sending out a Signup Genius for donations for Teacher Appreciation Week!

Unfortunately we didn't hit our Membership goal this school year but there's always next year! Being a PTSO Member doesn't mean you have to attend meetings and volunteer at the school, it's another way to be involved in your students' school life and allows additional funding for Staff and Student pop ups throughout the year. Thanks again for all your support!

If you have any questions please contact [deborah.senich@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:deborah.senich@palmbeachschools.org)



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