

JANUARY 2023

THE COBRA COURIER

The monthly newsletter for Park Vista Community High School



*"Commit to
Excellence"*



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Park Vista Families,

At Park Vista our Cobras continue to strive academically and through extracurricular activities, supporting our promise to Commit to Excellence every day!

The theme of Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! January 23 - 27, 2023 was Take a Deep Dive Into Literacy - Splash Into New Worlds! Explore the Sea in 2023! Students engaged in the topic of environmental conservation, specifically related to our oceans and waterways in Palm Beach County. Students created murals of ocean metaphors, wrote about the damage of pollution to aquatic ecosystems, researched ocean conservation, and enjoyed creative writing with an oceanic inspiration.

In celebration of February's Black History Month, Park Vista's Black Student Union, together with Young Black Leaders, have organized a series of activities and events to recognize achievements of Black Americans. Prominent Black Americans will be honored throughout campus with informational posters. Music, film, dance and cultural activities will showcase the impact of Black Americans throughout history.

Each year the District seeks input from the entire school community. The School Effectiveness Questionnaire (SEQ) is available to teachers, staff, students and parents. The link is available through the student portal for parents and the employee portal for teachers and employees. Please take the time to complete the SEQ. Your input is important!

Thank you for being part of the Cobra family and for staying connected with us in Cobra Country!

Dr. Enrique Vela
Principal



Automotive Academy Partners with Boy Scouts for Safety Lessons



Automotive Service Technology Academy teacher, **Mr. Moldoff**, recently partnered with **Boy Scout Troop #333** to teach the scouts auto safety and care basics. The scouts learned how to check fluids and levels, how to change a flat tire, and how to identify warning lights on the dashboard. In addition, they had lessons about vehicle safety inspections, cleaning and detailing an automobile, and safety while working on an automobile. The Park Vista Automotive Service Technology Academy is fully accredited through the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence.

SGA Updates

Student Government has been busy preparing for the **District V Rally**, where all the SGAs in the district will spend the day at Palm Beach Central engaging in breakout rooms, a general session, and competing with the project books that we have been working on all year. As we hold two spots on the District Executive board, **Vice President and Parliamentarian**, we play a big role in organizing and ensuring this event goes smoothly. In addition to this big undertaking, we have been doing many projects around the school and organized a variety of volunteering events in our community. The students are helping out at an upcoming **Kindness Fair**, planting trees with **Community Greening**, and sorting trash at **Loggerhead Marine Center**. Members dressed up as ESPN newscasters and live streamed the boys' basketball senior night as **PVSN** and also organized some half-time games, while the rest supported the senior boys by wearing black to the big game. SGA students have also been tracing and painting messages of encouragement to hang around the school.

Local Business Trains PV Students

Park Vista's **ESE Department** has teamed up with **BnA Wellness** in Lantana for on the job training (OJT). This newly opened facility is owned and managed by **Park Vista alum (Class of 2015) Matthew Rott**. Students in the OJT program are given hands-on job training a few days each week during the school day. Students in the program work in businesses such as **Panz Pizza, and Publix**, where they gain real life experience/knowledge in the job at hand. Thanks to the business partners that are working with our hardworking OJT students!



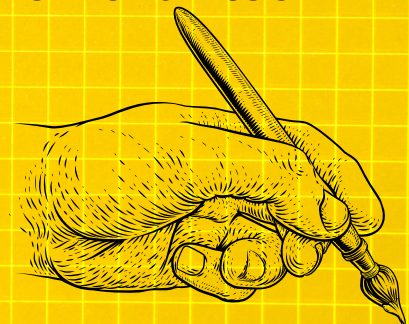
Park Vista Artist Wins Award

Artist: Lance Martin, 12th Grade

Silver Key Award, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Title: "America's Folly"

**Editorial Cartoon,
Sponsored by the Herb Block
Foundation**



Keeping the Beaches Clean



The **Environmental Club** and the **Key Club**, sponsored by Mr. Croll and Ms. Boff, collaborated for another beach cleanup at Ocean Inlet park in Boynton Beach on January 21st. We had 44 Park Vista students participating in the cleanup, including our club officers **Kaitlyn Springer, Jessica Dippolito, and Leigh Fry**. We saw a drastic improvement in the cleanliness of the beach since the last cleanup showing our efforts are making a difference, but it is a never ending battle. We collected and weighed **195 lbs of plastic, glass, styrofoam, and other debris harmful to our marine ecosystems**. The club is planning our next beach cleanup for Saturday, February 18th.

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BOYS' Volleyball

Any students looking to try out for the **Cobras Boys' Volleyball team** should have their paperwork completed in **Aktivate**. We are currently doing pre-season Open Gyms/Conditioning. Mandatory tryouts start **Feb 13**. Please contact Coach Green at cobravbcoach@gmail.com with any questions.

****If you are not cleared in Aktivate, you can not try out - NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Hope to see you on the courts.

PV Cheerleaders Goes to State

Your 2023 Park Vista **Competitive Cheerleading team** competed at the FHSAA Regional competition and placed **1st in their region**. This year so far they have also placed Second out of 17 at the NHSCC UCA National Qualifier. They will compete next weekend at the FHSAA State Championships where they will try to get their 4Peat. The following weekend they will compete for the very first time at the NHSCC UCA National Cheerleading Championship at ESPN Wide World of Sports along with 114 other nationally ranked high school teams in their division.

Cobra Cheer made history with the school gaining 3 back to back to back state titles. Wishing these girls and their coaches luck to bring back a 4th state title and a **FIRST National title!**



HOSA Students Are Winners



In January, students in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), led by Mr. Wallwork, scored big in a competition against all other schools in the county at Keiser University! Below are the results:

- Behavioral Health: Kiana Tse, 2nd place
- Medical Assisting: Nhia Megargee, 4th place
- Clinical Nursing: Ashley Salgado, 1st place
- Creative Problem Solving: Oriana Chu, Antoine Guigere, Jaia Naipaul-Singh; 5th place
- Extemporaneous Writing: Alyssa Gould, 1st place
- Health Career Photography: Erika Bast, 1st place
- Public Health: Elisa Rivera & Autumn Saunders, 1st place; Paige Southwick & Vincent Nguyen, 2nd place
- Medical Reading: Maeve Thompson, 2nd place; Hui Min Chen, 3rd place
- Nursing Assisting: Valeria Carmona, 3rd place
- Research Poster: Paige Grant-Perez, 3rd place
- Physical Therapy: Shannon Southwick, 2nd place

CLASS OF 2024 OVERVIEW OF JUNIOR COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOPS

The Google Classroom class code is **4nkoyhz**. Only students may join the classroom and access the materials. The meet link is <https://meet.google.com/bpe-dwhw-owk>. Parents and students are welcome to join the meets.

The College Application Essay and Resume – February 7th 2023 – 3:30p.m.

The essay and resume are crucial components of the college application. In this session, we will discuss what colleges are looking for in essays and resumes, as well as some writing techniques and brainstorming exercises.

Financing Your Education – February 21st 2023 – 3:30p.m.

In this session, we will discuss sources of financial aid such as FAFSA/FFAA/CSS and Bright Futures, and how to search for and apply to other scholarships.

Exploring Majors and Careers – March 1st 2022 – 3:30p.m.

What do you want to be when you grow up? You probably don't know yet, and that's ok! In this session, we will look at some online tools that will help you identify and explore careers that may be a good fit for you.

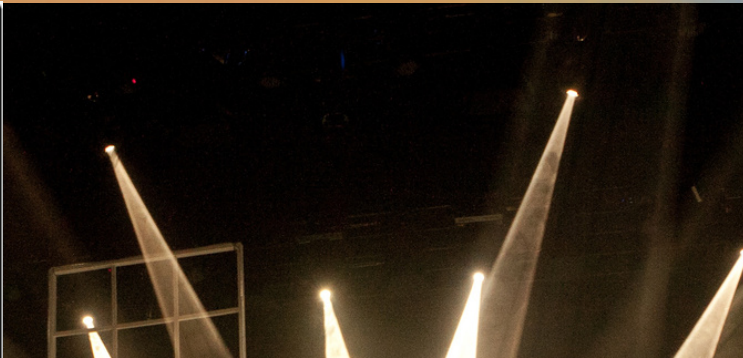
YBL and BSU news

The Young Black Leader (YBL) class in collaboration with Black Student Union (BSU) partnered with the Palm Beach County Food Bank and Salvation Army during the holiday season. Students collected non-perishable items to help those in need. They also participated in a clothing drive and collected so many bags.



YBL and BSU would like to thank you for all the food and clothing items you have donated. We are so grateful for your generosity in helping the community.

YBL students have also been hard at work these past few months creating posters for Black History month, planning and organizing many events for the weeks to come. Pageants, games, film festivals, art, music and a trip down memory lane are just some of the activities they can't wait to share. Job well done, class!



*Park Vista Thespians
presents*

Gods!
by Bianca Borchers
and a
Superior Showcase of Songs and
Scenes

Thursday, February 16th at 6:30p.m.
in the Auditorium

Tickets available on GoFan

30th Annual US Holocaust Memorial Dinner



On January 24, Ms. Lamb and five Holocaust Studies students volunteered at the **30th Annual United States Holocaust Memorial Dinner**. They greeted Holocaust survivors, family members, and patrons. They listened to an amazing panel comprised of Holocaust Survivor Louise Lawrence-Israels and Rohingya genocide witness in Burma, Wai Wai Nu which was moderated by Elie Honig, a CNN Legal Analyst with Speaker Naomi Kikoler. The fascinating panel spoke about the parallels between the Holocaust and modern Genocide, like the one in Burma today. The group also participated in a **candlelight ceremony** to pledge to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive. In the picture from left to right: **Sophie Scott, Aliysia Warrington, Mia Bucar, Regina Garcia, Ms. Lamb, Joshua Clark and Jacob Miller**

February Blood Drive

Valentine's Day is coming. Time to think about giving a part of you to those in need and there is no better way of doing that than donating blood. Donating blood can save three lives, give three families more time together, and give three children time to grow up. Please help us make this a possibility by donating blood on Wednesday February 8th. You will receive 6 hours of community service for donating blood.

Seniors, if you have donated three times at Park Vista will you become eligible for scholarship money. Scan the QR code on flyers around school, sign up on google forms and save three lives. Students who are 16 years old need a parent permission slip which can be found next to the red boxes in guidance, student services, media center and the medical building. If you have any questions see Mrs. Finkel in the medical building room 14-101A.



PV HOSA IS SPONSORING

STOP THE BLEED TRAINING

FEBRUARY 23, 2023

AFTERSCHOOL IN THE AUDITORIUM
SIGN UP HERE!



PARK VISTA CELEBRATES...

Literacy Week



A boatload of thanks to the teachers who participated in Literacy Week!
You've made a big splash!

Here are our winners:

First Place (winners of gift certificates generously donated by PANZ PIZZA): Ms. Martell and Ms. Haber (both located in the downstairs Building 5 Hallway)!

These ladies had all-encompassing artwork that displayed unique design elements and an original use of available space.

Second Place: Ms. Neiner (downstairs Building 5).

A clean and clever Jaws design with wall space dedicated to the writing elements of this year's Literacy Week theme.

Third Place: Ms. S. Drucker (upstairs Building 5).

A plethora of large original student artwork and short essay writing encompassing the theme.

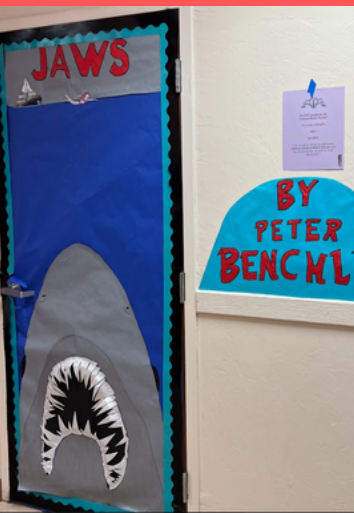
Honorable Mentions:

The Main Office - All-around seaworthy design.

J. Drucker - Clever Kracken title and art design.

Ms. Ortega - Amazing original student artwork.

S. Russell - Three-dimensional artwork.



Think Pink Raises Funds to Cure Cancer



77 Park Vista Cobras (teachers/parents/and students) turned out for the 5k in West Palm Beach. Collectively we raised and donated just over \$1000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

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UPCOMING CLASS OF 2023 EVENTS

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SENIOR GRADUATION ASSEMBLY

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

MAY
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LAST DAY FOR SENIORS TO ATTEND CLASS

MAY
8,9

SENIOR EXAMS

Seniors taking exams must report to the PV Auditorium at 7:30 am sharp. Seniors are required to take at least 4 exams on May 8 and can return the following day at 7:30 am to complete their remaining exams.

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STATUS CHECK

Guidance Counselors will notify students if necessary to attend.

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MANDATORY SENIOR CHECK OUT

in the PV Gymnasium - There will be specific check out times assigned to students.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

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

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FINAL STATUS CHECK

Guidance Counselors will notify students if necessary to attend.

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MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL

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

MAY
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GRADUATION CEREMONY


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

A decorative border of warm white string lights is draped across the top of the poster, set against a dark wood-grain background.

Senior Prom

2023

Saturday, April 15
7:30-11:30 PM

A decorative flourish consisting of two mirrored, pointed shapes meeting at a central diamond.

Wycliffe Golf and Country Club
4650 Wycliffe Country Club Boulevard
Wellington, Florida

There are a limited number of tickets
available that will be sold from:

March 27 - April 9

on schoolcashonline.com for \$100

Please note tickets are sold on a first come
first served basis and may sell out before the
final date of ticket sales.

PARK VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING SPORTS TRY-OUTS

BASEBALL

BEGIN
1/23

BEACH
VOLLEYBALL

BEGIN
2/6

FLAG
FOOTBALL

BEGIN
2/6

LACROSSE

BEGIN
1/23

SOFTBALL

BEGIN
1/23

TENNIS

BEGIN
1/17

TRACK &
FIELD

BEGIN
1/30

BOYS
VOLLEYBALL

BEGIN
2/13

BOYS
WEIGHTLIFTING

BEGIN
1/9



We have some great things planned for the remainder of our school year and we are looking forward to our first meeting on campus! With that said - **Help Wanted:**

We have big plans to raise money and fund important projects for our school, and we need someone who likes to count every penny to help us do it. If you secretly love to categorize expenses and create color-coded pie charts, you have what it takes to be our parent group treasurer. Bonus points if your spouse teases you about how often you log in to the personal finance app on your smartphone.

In the works: **Kona Ice bi-weekly on Campus, Teacher Appreciation Events in May, Monthly Membership prizes for members**

Please fill out a membership form and return it to the main office. Every donation & every volunteer is a tremendous help! If you have any questions please email Debbie Senich. Deborah.Senich@palmbeachschools.org

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