



COBRA COURIER

November 2023

Principal's Message

Dear Park Vista Families:

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of the amazing school community that we serve and wish to share our gratitude for our teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, bus drivers, school counselors, coaches, food service staff, language facilitators, administrators, custodians, support staff and wonderful volunteers who make a positive difference in students' lives daily.

Our Medical Sciences Academy hosted its annual Haunted Hospital on the evening of October 20, coupled with a Trunk-or-Treat event created by 24 of our club sponsors. We had the largest school-wide participation that we've experienced in several years, with approximately 200 student volunteers and 30 staff members in attendance. HOSA sold 656 general admission tickets to the Haunted Hospital, and Ms. Ladd, Ms. Boff, and Mr. Wallwork helped coordinate this very successful event that serves as a fundraiser for the academy.

Park Vista Pink Week, sponsored by the Think Pink Club (Ms. Liosatos) was held October 23-27, and included five full spirit days complete with lunchtime activities. Dress-up days included Comfy, Cozy Pink Clothes (dress-code appropriate, of course), Pink Character Day, Barbie & Ken, Team Pink, and All Pink, Everything Day to coincide with our "Pink-Out" home football game to support breast cancer awareness. Also on October 27, our home football game honored our football, cheer, and band seniors as well as their parents with a special dinner and a parent-senior walk on the track.

Our Spanish Honor Society (La Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica) Induction, led by Senora Patricia Martinez, was held after school on October 23 and commended 11 new inductees for their outstanding work. The purpose of the society, which includes over 1,600 chapters, is to recognize the achievement of high school students in the study of Spanish and Portuguese and to promote a continuing interest in Hispanic, Portuguese, and Brazilian studies.

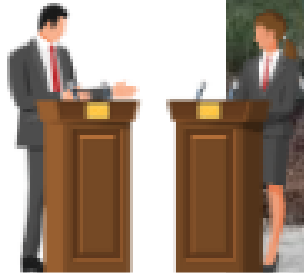
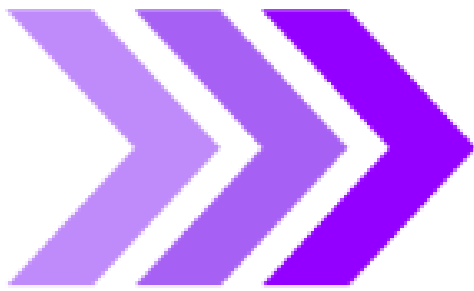
Our student athletes, musicians, journalists, and club members, as well as the coaches and staff who support their growth, are commended for their commitment to excellence. Park Vista Community High School is noted for high caliber sports teams, clubs, performing arts, and activities. Most importantly, we are noted for our respectful students who strive to excel and to make a difference in the community.

On behalf of the entire Cobra family, I would like to wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you for staying connected with us in Cobra Country!

Dr. Enrique Vela
Principal



Debate Team Rocks!



The Park Vista Speech and Debate Team recently travelled to the University of Florida to compete in the annual Florida Blue Key Forensic Debate tournament. This event draws participants from all over the country and showcases the highest levels of competitive speech and debate. Students (pictured left to right) Carter Nelson (Sophomore), Alfiya Hadziosmanovic (Sophomore), Carlye Sanchez (Junior), Mya Love (Junior), and Natasha Lopez (Senior) proudly represented Park Vista at Blue Key. A special congratulations to Mya Love and Natasha Lopez for breaking into the semi-final round of Student Congress. Way to go, Cobras!!!!

Turtle Adoption at Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center



In a wonderful initiative by the Environmental Club at Park Vista, we are proud to announce that on 10/19 we adopted a sea turtle from Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center named "Kelly". Kelly's adoption will play a crucial role in supporting her ongoing medical treatment. She resides at Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center after being stranded and has been diagnosed with fibropapillomatosis, which causes the development of tumors in her body. This dedicated center is doing everything possible to provide Kelly with the care she needs. They are currently conducting tests to check for any internal tumors and she is undergoing a treatment regimen that includes antibiotics and pain medications. To learn more about Kelly and the fantastic work being done at Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center, you can visit her page at this link: <https://www.shop-marinelife.org/adopt-kelly/>. This initiative showcases the Environmental Club's commitment to marine life and serves as a reminder of our shared responsibility to protect and preserve our environment. Your support is greatly appreciated as we help ensure Kelly's journey to recovery and the well-being of countless other sea creatures.

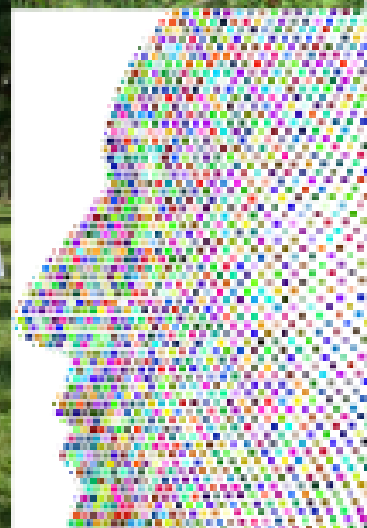
Dr. Vela Reads to Elementary Students



Principal Vela went to Manatee Elementary School to read to students during Read for the Record Day. This event has sparked a community-wide movement around the importance of early literacy. We address the learning loss facing children across Palm Beach due to COVID-19 and the disproportionate impact the pandemic has had on underserved children. We endeavor to promote reading and raise funds to provide new books for every child attending an Elementary School in pre-K, Kindergarten, and first grade on their first day of school. This year's selection was *With Lots of Love* written by Jenny Torres Sanchez.

Out of the Darkness Walk

Mpower, The Psychology Club, once again participated in the Out of Darkness walk at John Prince Park for suicide prevention



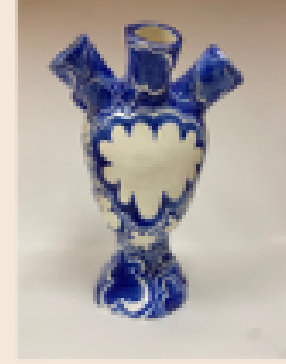
Winners of the LIA Club Hispanic & Latino inspired art contest

2-D ART



- 1st Place - Gabriel Dutra
- 2nd Place - Lily Joseph
- 3rd Place - Mia Garcia
- 4th Place - Joann Marquez

3-D ART



1st Place - Isaac Murillo

CONGRATULATIONS

Park Vista Student's Art on Cover of Magazine!

Artwork by Jericho Guialdo is the winner of the Neighborhood News November Cover Contest.

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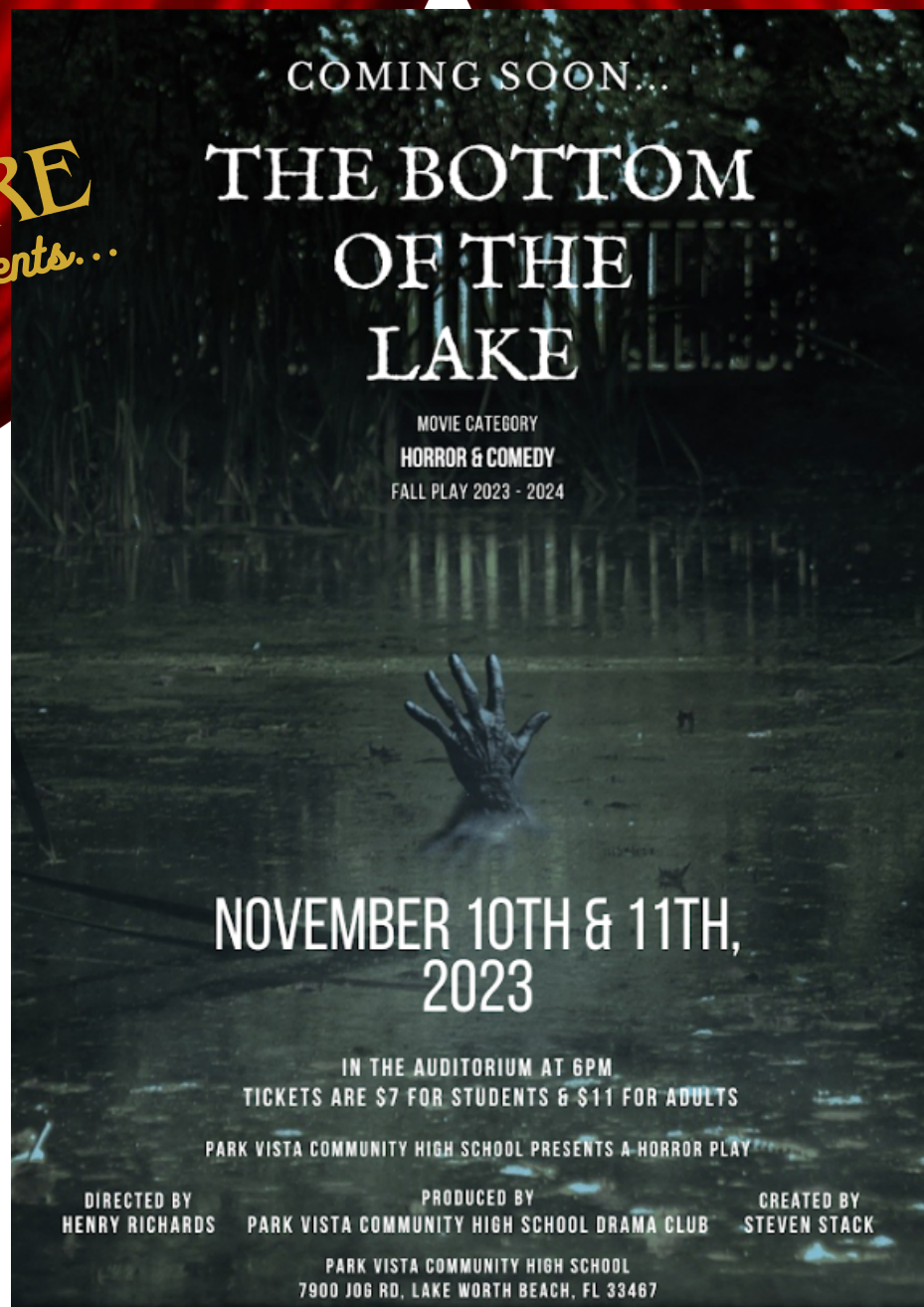
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Hello Cobra Families!

PTSO Updates

Thank you everyone for your support with our Parent Teacher Student Organization. With your generous donations and membership dues, we were able to sponsor the 360 video system at the Homecoming Dance. It was a huge success and the kids loved it. I hope you got to see some of the videos! We had our first "working" Board meeting - I hope you all got the email invite. During this meeting we were able to appoint a Vice President, Michelle Dovner and Treasurer, Clarice Kates. It's wonderful to have your assistance! The holidays are here and I hope you all had a Happy Halloween! On November 15, we will be hosting a staff caramel apple bar. If it all goes well this just may become an annual event. As always if you have any suggestions or would like to help or make donations you are always welcome to join in! Have you checked out our website? We've added a keychain to stadium cups, blankets and rhinestone Cobra shirts and sweatshirts. And remember there's always time to join PTSO! If you have any questions please contact deborah.senich@palmbeachschools.org. Thanks again for all your support!

JOIN
NOW



Keeping the Beaches Clean



The Environmental Club and the Key Club, sponsored by Mr. Rosenberg and Ms. Boff, joined forces for a beach cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park in Boynton Beach on October 21st. A total of 26 dedicated Park Vista students took part in the event, including our club officers, Kaitlyn Springer, Jessica Dippolito, and class directors Sarah Bui and Jericho Guialdo. The results of this year's cleanup exceeded our expectations, with a significant improvement in the cleanliness of the beach compared to the previous year. The tireless efforts of our club members are making a substantial difference. Together, we gathered and weighed approximately 57 pounds of plastic, glass, styrofoam, and other harmful debris that pose a threat to our marine ecosystems. In today's world, the need to protect our precious beaches is more pressing than ever. We are proud to announce that the club has already set its sights on the next beach cleanup, scheduled in November. Your support and participation are vital as we continue our mission to preserve the beauty and health of our local beaches.

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Athlete of the Week

Congratulations to Collin Bevins, Senior and Captain of the Cross Country team on winning Palm Beach Post's Athlete of the Week!! Pictured here with Coach Demanuel and Assistant Principal Lanier.



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Boynton Rec Center Partners with OJT



JOB WELL DONE!

Recently Mr. Rott and the OJT students went to the Boynton Beach Recreation Center where they learned skills in maintaining the facilities. The staff at the Rec Center did an amazing job in training the students for future life and job skills.

Spanish Honor Society Updates

by Patricia Martinez, Sponsor

The Granada Chapter of the Spanish Honor Society held its induction ceremony of 11 new members on Monday, October 23. The ceremony was conducted by the officers. This year's officers are Camilo Nuñez, President, Gabriela Ayala, Vice President, Monica Cruz, Secretary, Ana Gonzalez, Treasurer and Alia Fares, Historian. The new members applied for membership and were accepted as candidates based on fulfillment of the requirements of the national organization, The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. The national qualifications for membership include three semesters of high school Spanish, an overall GPA of 3.0 and a 3.5 GPA in Spanish. The new members will continue to fulfill the goals of the society, which are to promote the Spanish language and culture and to foster better communication and understanding in our global community through community outreach programs and the after school tutoring program within Park Vista. ¡Felicidades! or Congratulations, to all!

Melanie Bolko
Zachary Boutros
Fabiana Duran-Henao
Gabriela Gonzalez Matos
Alexander Luong
Aimee Mercedes
Kassandra Moreno
Julianna Palino
Abril Rodriguez
Martin Emiliano Silva
Isabella Simon

Felicidades!



ACADEMY UPDATES



Automotive Academy students were recently featured on the PBCSD News! Check out the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=my4z62fG1BA&t=2s>

TV/Film Production is rocking the Morning Announcements!



Medical Academy visited the PBC Emergency Operations Center



HOSA students attended the Fall Leadership Conference

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**Please no toy
weapons!!**

**Oct 17
through
Dec 1**

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Gifts for
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school**

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CLOTHES AND ITEMS TO ROOM 4-
108**

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FROM 10/23-11/17**

HAUNTED HOSPITAL & TRUNK OR TREAT

The HOSA Club, Medical Academy and 26 Park Vista Clubs came together on October 20 to put on a successful community event! The Haunted Hospital spooked over 700 daring souls this year in the labyrinth of fearsome rooms. Over 40 adults and 100 students volunteered their time to create this fun-filled family event. The various clubs decorated their trunks into mystical portals of games, treats, and delights for our young guests. We even had delicious food trucks cooking up good eats all evening long! Truly, a night of wondrous magic and community spirit.





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Do you have a Business you want to spotlight?

Park Vista Community High School Academies welcomes the opportunity to partner with your business or family. Opportunities include a school banner, social media mentions, staff newsletter mentions, reserved seating at sporting events, t-shirt sponsorship and much more.

Our Business Partners in Education at Park Vista Community High School have played an integral part in assisting with funding of things like curriculum support, technology, school equipment, teacher training, wellness activities and family events.

Park Vista High School is a nonprofit organization and your business may be eligible to claim a tax deduction for your contributions.

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- COBRA **BLACK** \$1000 Contribution
- COBRA **SILVER** \$500 Contribution

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If you are interested in becoming a Business Partner in Education at Park Vista Community High School or would like to know more about the program, please contact the Academies Coordinator at nikki.lanier@palmbeachschools.org.

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Palm Beach State College Information Session

Seniors and Juniors who plan to attend Palm Beach State College after graduation are invited to the

Palm Beach State College Information Session on Monday, November 6th. You will learn about the programs and opportunities PBSC has to offer. The registration link will be posted in our October School Counseling Weekly Updates and on the College Visit Schedule page on our School Counseling link.

The deadline for seniors and juniors to sign-up is **Wednesday, November 1st.**

Application Days will be held in January and February 2024! More information will be shared soon!!!



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