

park vista community high school

# COBRA COURIER

January 2024



## Principal's Message

Dear Park Vista Families,

At Park Vista our Cobras continue to strive academically and through extracurricular activities, supporting our promise to bring them world-class education every day!

On January 9th, Park Vista students Aubrey Altman, Emily Butler, Lily Joseph, Jessica Nguyen, and Roselyn Yero showcased their artwork at the Marden Community Gallery Exhibition at the Norton Museum of Art in downtown West Palm Beach. The exhibit was entitled "Nature Unseen" and each one of our art teachers taught a student whose work was chosen for this honor. We thank Ms. Chau, Ms. Martinez, Mr. Henderson and their department chairperson Ms. Mambourg for submitting these works to the Norton and participating in the opening of the exhibition.

The theme of Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! January 22 - 26, 2024 was "Believe in Your 'Shelf': Building Resiliency Through Reading", led by our media specialist Ms. Orenstein. Our Cobras participated in literacy dress-up days including "Team up for Reading" and "Reading is my Superpower."

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 the achievements of Black Americans. Prominent Black Americans will be honored throughout campus, with an emphasis on informational posters and decorations. Music, film, dance and cultural activities will showcase the impact of Black Americans throughout history and the atrium will showcase these activities in a visual way for all to enjoy, spearheaded by our ESOL Coordinator Ms. Chrisphonte.

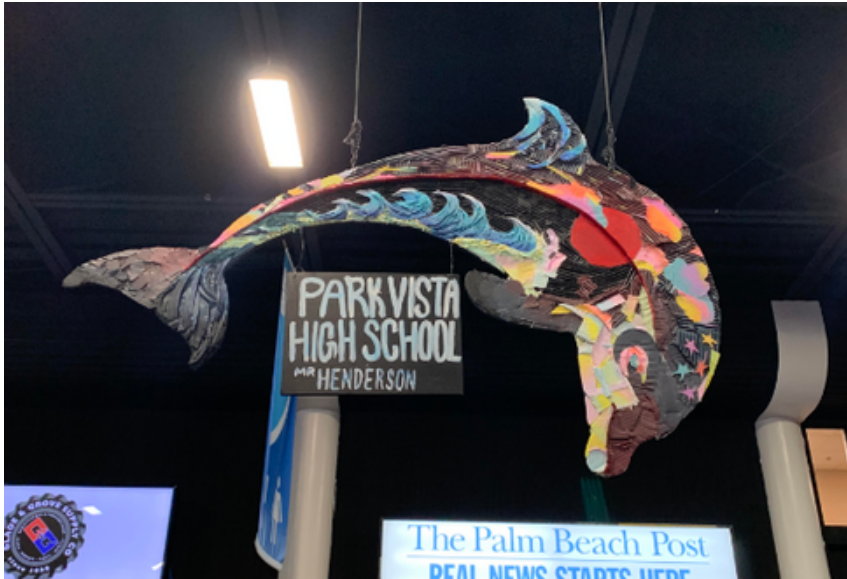
Each year the District seeks input from the entire school community. The School Effectiveness Questionnaire (SEQ) is available to teachers, staff, students and parents. The link is available through the student portal for parents and the employee portal for teachers and employees. Please take the time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



## Artwork Featured at the South Florida Fair

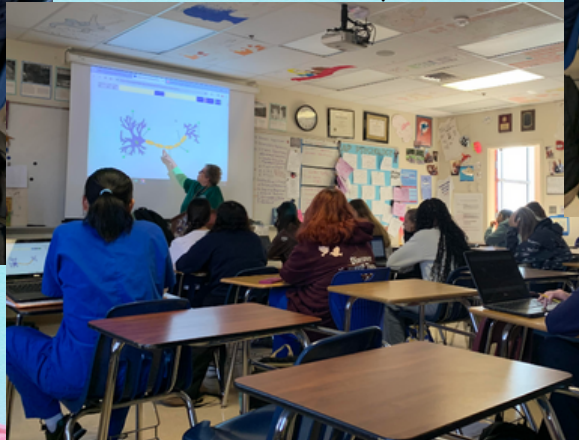


Mr. Henderson's Art class created a dolphin for the South FL Fair art show. Most work was done by student Chloe Leitzke. She painted one side with the dolphin's skeleton and on the other side she painted and textured it with cardboard cut and glued together to make a raised relief.

## Candy Neuron Event



Ms. Gilbert's Mpower Club recently held the Candy Neuron Event. Huge thank you to Ms. Breckon who shared her knowledge and expertise in such a sweet way!



## Young Black Leaders (YBL) & Black Student Union (BSU) news

YBL students have been hard at work these past few months creating beautiful paintings and posters in honor of Black History Month. This year's theme will explore New Orleans culture and Renaissance while also celebrating 50 years of Hip Hop culture.



Monthly BSU Club Meetings

YBL in collaboration with BSU has a full schedule of fun activities and learning experiences for all to enjoy this month. A Jacob Lawrence inspired art experience, a waist bead class, Spirit Week, lunch rally and a cookout are just some of the events these students can't wait to share.

Black History Month activities

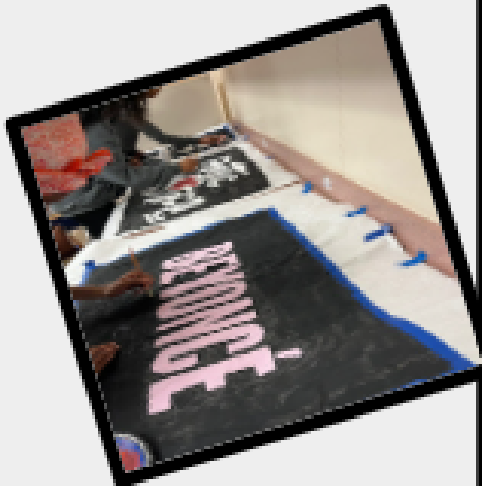
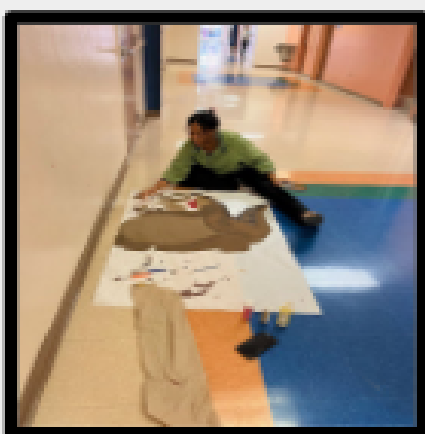
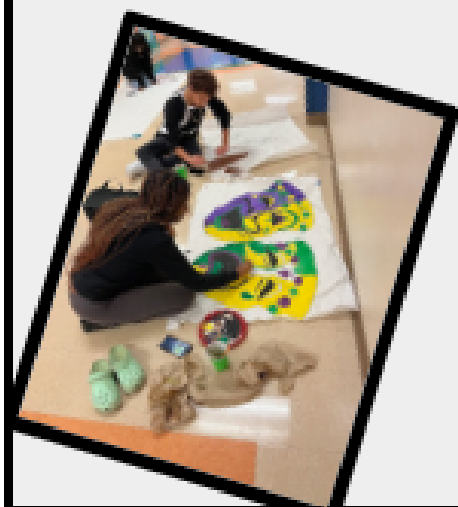
*Celebrate*  
**Black**  
HISTORY  
*month*

BSU • YBL PRESENTS

05 FEB	FW Counselor Town	12-16 FEB	Spirit Week	16 FEB	Lunch Rally
09 FEB	Jacob Lawrence Inspired Art Class	13 FEB	Black Ball Game	20 FEB	BSU Cookout
		13-14 FEB	BSU Dance Team to South	26-27 FEB	HSU Movie night

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Students creating their artwork



## Claim Your Future Showcase

THE FUTURE  
IS YOURS  
TO CREATE



On January 30, a group of Mrs. Vega's Entrepreneurship & Business Program students attended the Claim Your Future Showcase at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. These students had the opportunity to hear dynamic speakers presenting about Financial Literacy and Soft Skills. In addition, there were over 40 Business Leaders from across Palm Beach County there to provide opportunities for internships, jobs, training and education for the future.

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## Scholarship Opportunities

To provide a comprehensive listing of scholarship opportunities, the Palm Beach County School District has created a web page to share with parents, guardians, and students. The page can be found at <https://www.palmbeachschools.org/scholarships>.

This site is updated weekly by the central office School Counseling team. If you have any questions, reach out to your child's school counselor.



# Congratulations!

## District 14 All-County Results

### 9-10 Band:

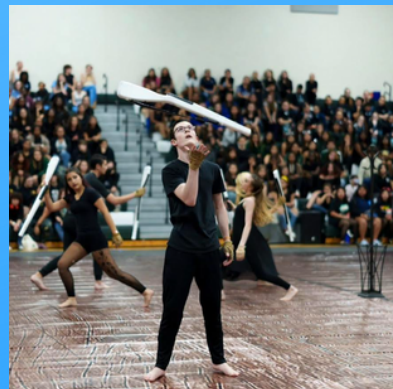
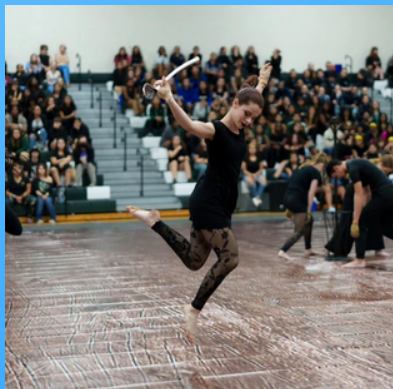
Ruth Tibebe - Flute/picc  
Jaila Robins - Clarinet  
Alexis Candela - B. Clarinet  
John-Louis Malczynski - Alto Sax  
(1st Chair)  
Elliot Kujala - Alto Sax  
Ethan Pastore - Trumpet  
Fahed Alsoudi - Trombone  
Bella Parton - Trombone  
Jacob Soffer - Trombone  
Joel Choute - Euphonium  
Shane Henderly - Percussion  
Lillian Morgan - Percussion

### 11-12 Band:

Ryan Golbe - Clarinet  
Mason Fields - Alto Sax  
Aiden Angeles - Trumpet  
Aaron Weissberg - Trumpet  
Piper ten Hoopen - Horn  
Apollo Abela - Horn



The Park Vista Band had 18 wonderful students who qualified for the Palm Beach County All-County Honors Band. These students auditioned for the 9/10 and 11/12 bands in early December - they competed against students from all over our county. Park Vista Band has the third highest number of students who made it in the county, only second to Dreyfoos and Jupiter. Out of these 18 students that made it, we had 12 ninth and tenth graders, and 6 eleventh/twelfth graders.



The Park Vista Color Guard recently competed at South Florida Winterguard Association Premiere and earned first place in their class on January 27! We are so proud of their promotion in class and representing PV well across all of South Florida.

# HOSA Students Are Winners!

Congratulations to the following students who attended the HOSA Treasure Coast Region's Winter Leadership Conference on January 25th. The students listed will now have the ability to move on to represent Park Vista HOSA at the State level in April.



CPR/First Aid - Katie Beattie, Brooks Schwartz

Creative Problem Solving - Orianna Chu, Sritha Guda, Jaia Naipaul-Singh, Abril Rodriguez

Extemporaneous Writing - Allysa Gould

Health Career Display - Ariana Avery, Lily Sheehan

Health Career Photography - Paige Southwick

Medical Law & Ethics - Shannon Southwick

Nursing Assistant - Vincent Nguyen

Phlebotomy - Samuel Carvajal

Phlebotomy - Jack Lassiter

Public Health - Edwin Nguyen, Sophia Nguyen, Elisa Rivera, Autumn Saunders



*Congratulations!*



**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.





Hello Everyone!

## PTSO Updates

We are so close to our goal of 200 Members, we are at 184! If you have not joined yet, this is a great opportunity to join for only \$5 (vs. \$10) for the remainder of the school year! I know that a goal of 200 may seem low for our 3,000+ students and families, but it's an amazing start for only being renewed on campus for the last two school years. Next year's Membership (school year 2024-2025) is also available online if you'd like to get a head start.

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.

Here are some upcoming events scheduled so far:

February: We are partnering with SGA for a Teacher/Staff breakfast & we will be celebrating Leap year! Students will be receiving leaping frogs from the main office (first come first serve)!

March: Hot potato bar for Teachers/Staff

April: Final PTSO meeting for the school year - invites will be sent

May: Graduate recognition and Teacher/Staff appreciation

Monthly: Teacher of the Month

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

Thanks again for all your support!

**JOIN NOW**



## SPRING SPORTS TRY-OUTS

<b>BASEBALL</b> STARTS 01/29/2024	<b>BOYS VOLLEYBALL</b> STARTS 02/12/2024	<b>BEACH VOLLEYBALL</b> STARTS 02/05/2024
<b>LACROSSE</b> STARTS 01/22/2024	<b>SOFTBALL</b> STARTS 01/08/2024	<b>FLAG FOOTBALL</b> STARTS 01/29/2024
<b>TENNIS</b> STARTS 01/15/2024	<b>TRACK &amp; FIELD</b> STARTS 01/29/2024	<b>BOYS WEIGHTLIFTING</b> STARTS 01/08/2024

## STUDENT SERVICES CORNER

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✓ Arrive at school **On Time**.
- ✓ **Cell Phones** are not allowed to be visible during instructional time. (This includes restroom breaks during class time)
- ✓ Adhere to our school's **Dress Code** at all times.



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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.

- COBRA **BLUE** \$2,500 Contribution
- 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](mailto:nikki.lanier@palmbeachschools.org).



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### New Online Registration for Athletic Eligibility Packets

All student-athletes will register their physical packet and other required eligibility components into a new online system called Aktivite beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. Paper athletic packets will no longer be accepted.

High school student-athletes will need to electronically complete, or digitally upload the following documents and certificates into the registration system:

- FHSAA EL2- Participation Physical
- FHSAA EL3- Consent and Release
- PBS Form 1588HS- Athletic Eligibility for High School Students
- PBS Form 1589HS- Student Medical Consent for Athletics
- PBS Form 2608- Interscholastic Athletics Accident Insurance
- NFHS Certificate - Concussion for Students
- NFHS Certificate - Heat Illness
- NFHS Certificate - Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- Birth Certificate (for proof of age purposes only)
- Receipt - Purchase of Interscholastic Athletics Accident Insurance

#### Registration for Parents:

- Go to [www.aktivite.com](http://www.aktivite.com)
- Click Login
- Click Create an Account (You only need ONE account, even if you have children in more than one high school and/or junior high; Do Not create another account if you have used Register My Athlete in the past)
- Fill in personal account information (this should be the Parent's personal information)
- You will be using the site as a Parent
- Click Submit

#### After you have an account:

- Login
- Under the Parents header (Blue), Click the button labeled "Click here to start/complete athlete registrations". (the first time you log in you will be asked to agree to terms and conditions)
- Click Start/Complete a Registration (upper left hand corner of the page)
- Click Start a New Registration - this is where you will enter all of your Athlete's information
- Click on the red bars to complete all requirements
- Click the orange button on the lower left side of the screen for live chat or email [support@aktivite.com](mailto:support@aktivite.com) for assistance



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