



COBRA COURIER

May/June 2024

Principal's Message

Hello Cobra Families,

As we near the end of the 2023-24 school year, we reflect on the amazing contributions and achievements of our students and staff. In alignment with our District's mission to educate, affirm, and inspire all students, we pledged to raise expectations, open up new doors of opportunity for students, and celebrate our progress along the way. Our students have excelled in the classroom and many have honed their leadership potential in athletics, clubs, the arts, the classrooms and in our honor societies. Our teachers and staff continue to support, teach and inspire our students. Our high level of parent, family and community engagement supports better student behavior and academic success, and we thank you for your continued support!

During the busy month of April, we celebrated our AICE diploma recipients and AP scholars. Congratulations to our repeat District Champion Girls Beach Volleyball Team! This year, on May 2, sixteen senior class athletes will sign letters of intent and receive scholarships to continue their sport at the collegiate level. Congratulations to the athletes and their coaches! Also in April, our Cobra artists displayed their masterpieces at the Vista Visual Art Show in the auditorium lobby, and our musical theater production of Little Shop of Horrors was thrilling and fun for all involved.

Our School Counselors have organized Park Vista's Signing Day and College/Career Fair, which will be held on Friday, May 3. Seniors will sign a banner and wear college, military, or career gear to showcase their decision for the future. Representatives from college, universities, military, and careers are joining us in the courtyard to share information with underclassmen.

Prom was one of our April highlights as our seniors enjoyed dancing the night away at this milestone event. Congratulations to Logan Harrold and Chloe Dempsey, our 2024 Prom Queen and King! Our seniors also enjoyed Grad Bash at Universal Studios on Saturday, April 20. Thank you to the leadership team, teachers, and staff who supported our students at these events.

We can't wait to celebrate each and every one of our seniors at graduation on May 21, 2024! I am honored and excited to have this opportunity to share this important occasion with our students, faculty, staff, and families. I am so proud of each of our seniors for their diligence and success leading to this stellar achievement.

Testing season is underway! Please continue to encourage students to attend school regularly and to be on time. We are off to a great start and anticipate a successful finish.

Thank you for your continued support and for staying connected with us in Cobra Country!

Dr. Enrique Vela
Principal



Park Vista Blood Drive Success

Thank you Park Vista Students and faculty for the tremendous support of the Park Vista Blood Drive. On April 23rd at the Palm Beach Marriott, the **Park Vista Blood Drive** committee consisting of **Rebecca Brunner, Jacob Glick, Haley Flanagan and Sayuri Segura** and their sponsor, **Mrs. Finkel**, were awarded a trophy for most amount of blood units collected in Palm Beach County. We collected over our 4 blood drives, 287 pints of blood, which can be used to help up to **861 patients**. Mrs. Finkel was recognized as the **Chairperson of the Year!** Park Vista students and faculty are superheroes, saving lives in Palm Beach County.



French National Honor Society

On April 24 during lunch, the French National Honor Society formally welcomed our ten newest members. During the special initiation ceremony the three senior members of the FNHS were presented with traditional cords to be worn at graduation.



FELICITATIONS





The **Park Vista Dance Team** competed in The Lion's Roar Dance Competition at Olympic Heights last month. The team won **2nd place** for their Hip-hop routine and dancer **Mia Decker's** contemporary solo won **1st place!** Congratulations Park Vista Dancers!



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Spring Testing Calendar SY '23-'24

May 1 Super testing day	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>2hrs</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)
May 6	AICE English Language <i>2 hours</i> AP United States Government and Politics <i>3 hours</i>	AICE Spanish Language Writing <i>1 hr 30 mins</i> AICE Marine Science A <i>1 hr 45 mins</i> AP Art History (FLVS) AP Chemistry (self study)
May 7	AICE Media Studies <i>2 hours</i> AP Microeconomics AP Human Geography (FLVS)	AP Statistics
May 8	AP English Literature and Composition	AICE Thinking Skills <i>1 hr 45 mins</i> AP Computer Science A AP Comparative Government
May 9	AP Environmental Science (FLVS)	AICE Sociology <i>1 hr 30 mins</i> AP Psychology
May 10	AP US History AP European History	AICE History <i>1 hr 45 mins</i> AP Macroeconomics (FLVS)
May 13 Super testing day	AICE Literature in English <i>2 hours</i> AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 EOC B.E.S.T. Geometry EOC	AICE Spanish Language Listening <i>1 hour</i> AP Precalculus
May 14 Super testing day	AP English Language and Composition (FLVS) U.S History EOC B.E.S.T. ELA Retakes ELA Progress Monitoring 3 (9th and 10th)	
May 15	AICE Chemistry <i>1 hr 15 mins</i>	AP Computer Science Principles AP Music Theory
May 16	AP Spanish Language and Culture Biology EOC	AP Biology
May 17		AICE Sociology <i>1 hr 30 mins</i>
May 21	Graduation	
May 22		AICE Spanish Language-multiple choice <i>1 hr 30 mins</i>
May 24		AICE Marine Science A <i>1 hr 45 mins</i>
May 28		AICE French Language <i>1 hr 30 mins</i>
June 4	AICE Chemistry (multiple choice) <i>1 hr 15 mins</i>	

Automotive Student Winners

Recently, two Park Vista seniors participated in the **Universal Technical Institute Hands-on Challenge**. **James Rankin** and **Owen Havens** came in First Place overall. Each student was awarded a scholarship to UTI and a toolbox for the school. James and Owen are seniors in the Automotive Service Technology Academy. This is a great example of students putting to use the industry certifications and special skills training they have learned in Career and Technology courses.



Business & Entrepreneurship

Mr. Dave Chapman is an entrepreneur and franchise owner of several **Tropical Smoothie Cafes** (6901 Okeechobee Blvd and 512 E. Woolbright Rd) in the area. Mr. Chapman spoke to Mr. Rott's second hour class on April 29, giving them great insight on employability skills, what it takes to be an entrepreneur and a franchise owner, and life skills. In addition, Mr. Chapman was generous enough to give each student a discount card and one student **WON** one **free smoothie for each week for a year**; that's 52 free smoothies! This presentation was set up by his daughter Elizabeth, who is a senior in the Principles of Entrepreneur class. What a great business partner and lessons learned for our future entrepreneurs!

Thank you, Mr. Chapman!



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SMOOTHIE



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!

As we close out this school year I just wanted to thank you all so much for your interest, assistance and support with our Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)!

This year we were able to provide so much to our daily life on campus - here are our accomplishments this year:

- July 2023 Blanket Fundraiser
- August 2023 Freshmenology PTSO signups
- August 2023 360 Video for Homecoming (Students)
- September 2023 Rhinestone shirt fundraiser
- September 2023 PBIS sponsor (Teacher & Student rewards)
- September 2023 Open House PTSO signups, popcorn and rhinestone shirt sales
- September 2023 Teacher of the Month
- October 2023 Main Office Halloween Candy - (Students)
- October 2023 Custodial Workers Recognition Day
- November 2023 Teacher of the Month
- November 2023 Caramel Apple Bar for the staff
- December 2023 Teacher of the Month
- December 2023 Holiday Main office decorations & Tree decorating
- December 2023 Staff Hot Cocoa Spoons
- February 2024 Two- Teachers of the Month
- February 2024 Leap frogs for Students in the Main Office
- February 2024 Partnered with SGA for Valentines Breakfast for Staff
- February 2024 PDD Teacher Breakfast
- March 2024 Hot Potato Bar for the staff
- April 2024 Assistant Principal Appreciation Week



**JOIN
NOW**



We're still not done! We also have Teacher/Staff Appreciation week coming May 6-10, graduation to celebrate and planning for our incoming freshman students! If you have daytime availability and would like to help out on campus, please contact me.

If you own a business, know a business owner or you're able to donate gift cards or services please contact me. Our link below also allows monetary donations and your help to celebrate our staff is appreciated more than you know!!

If you have any questions please contact deborah.senich@palmbeachschools.org.



Want to try a fall sport????
Check Out The
Park Vista Bowling Team



Email :

sharon.moorhouse@palmbeachschools.org

for information

Tryouts are August 13th & 14th at 3:30 pm at the Boynton Lanes. **MUST** have approved activate athletic packet to tryout!!!!!!!!!!

46th Annual Scholastic Achievement Foundation Dinner

Congratulations to the following students who were honored at the 46th Annual Scholastic Achievement Foundation Dinner that was held at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida on April 2:

Monica Cruz
Jessica Dippolito
Lucy Eichler
Madison Konash
Zoe Lester
Kendall Longwater
Brady Norton
Isabella Simon
Carson Sullum



A special congratulations to Monica Cruz who was recognized as a recipient of the UnitedHealthCare Scholarship valued at \$1,000.

STUDENT SERVICES CORNER

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

✓ Being **on time** for school is vital for student success.

✓ **Cell Phones** are not allowed to be visible during instructional time. (This includes restroom breaks during class time)

✓ Maximizing Instructional Time will always promote a win-win situation! Go for it!



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