

park vista community high school



COBRA COURIER

March 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Park Vista Families,

It is an exciting time of year at Park Vista with Grad Bash, prom and graduation approaching quickly. I am so proud of the accomplishments of the class of 2024 and I look forward to spending the next few months with these stellar students as they prepare for these special moments.

I am honored to announce that Isabella Simon will represent the senior class as valedictorian of the class of 2024 at graduation. I am also honored to share that Zoe Lester is the class of 2024 salutatorian. We look forward to hearing them share inspirational messages at the graduation ceremony on May 21 at the South Florida Fairgrounds.

Testing season is rapidly approaching throughout the nation and we are diligently preparing our students to succeed here at Park Vista. On **Wednesday, March 6, 2024** our juniors and select seniors will have an opportunity to take the SAT. Please note that we will be utilizing an altered bell schedule and students who are not testing will report to the cafeteria for a study hall. If you would like your student to leave campus at the conclusion of the SAT, please make sure that the student has the appropriate **school form** signed by their **parent/guardian**. Only this form, signed by a parent or a guardian, will be accepted by a staff member at the gate. Please note that parent call outs will NOT be permitted on this day.

As our students prepare for state, national, and international assessments, we would like to remind you that the District provides free tutoring support online 24 hours daily through the use of Paper. Students can access Paper through their District student portal. Please encourage your students to utilize this support. In addition, we offer free tutoring in all subjects, including math, on Wednesdays during lunch in room 6-116. Spanish tutoring is also held on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. in room 50-203, with French tutoring upon request in room 50-202.

Thank you for staying connected with us in Cobra Country!

Dr. Enrique Vela
Principal




Dr. Vela Named Administrator of the Year



Park Vista Principal, Dr. Enrique Vela, was recently awarded the Palm Beach School Counselor Association Site Based Administrator of the Year for his support of our amazing school counseling team. Congratulations!

Scholarship Winner



A Scholarship Winner at Park Vista Community High School

Help more students win.

BigFuture Scholarships



Congratulations to student **Sophia Arrue**, who completed steps on her BigFuture dashboard and won a \$500 scholarship! Sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to earn entries in to monthly scholarship drawings. Learn how to play by playing the latest Kahoot, **How to Win a \$40,000 Scholarship from BigFuture!**

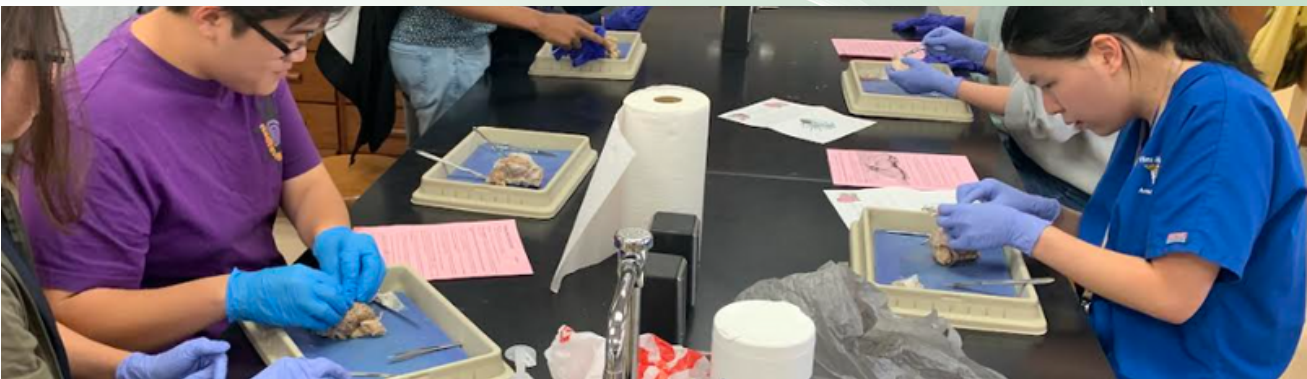
Tennis Volunteers



Mr. Arnie Rich, the Park Vista Volunteer Coordinator, and some amazing volunteers spend time regularly with a group of Park Vista students teaching them how to play tennis. This is a fun time for all involved. Thank you to our amazing volunteers!

Everything Psychological is Biological

Ms. Gilbert's Mpower Psychology Club conducted a sheep brain dissection to help learn the concept that "everything psychological is biological." A special thank you to Ms. Pokabla for letting the club use her room and lab equipment and setting them up!



Cobras Saving Lives

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On February 6, 2024 the Park Vista **Medical Academy** hosted its 3rd blood drive of the school year, and it was an amazing success. Once again Cobras came through and saved lives. There were 130 students who came to donate blood and we were able to collect 93 units of blood and **save 279 lives!** We also earned an additional **\$1860** towards the senior scholarship fund. A special thanks to the Blood Drive committee of **Jacob Glick, Rebecca Brunner, Haley Flanagan and Sayuri Segura** for scheduling all of these students. Our next blood drive is April 11th. **Seniors, be on the lookout for the Park Vista/One Blood Scholarship application coming out in March.**

National Technical Honor Society Makes a Difference

The National Technical Honor Society, with the sponsorship of Ms. Weinhouse, did a service project for some frontline heroes in our community. The NTHS members made “I care, thank you for all you do” goodie bags and thank you notes for Park Vista's local fire station #46. **President Jacob Glick** delivered the goodie bags and thank you notes in person to the firefighters at Station #46. Jacob said the firemen were grateful for his deliveries. Good job NTHS!



Business Program Guest Speaker



On Feb 21 students in **Mr. Rott's Principles of Entrepreneurship** classes learned about business and market research from **Alan Levine** who is the Founder and Managing Director of LevineMarketResearch, Inc. (LMR) for 25 years. Their client list includes most of the Fortune 200 biggest companies in the world. LMR specializes in identifying the underlying emotions, psychology, imagery and motivations that encouraged consumers to behave and select the brands they use across a wide variety of product classes.

Upon retiring from his market research career, Alan started and currently manages Certified Therapy Dog, Inc. (CTD.) Since its inception in 2019, CTD has become one of the largest therapy dog training, certification and placement organizations in the country, with therapy dogs and their owner handlers operating daily throughout Palm Beach and Broward county libraries, schools, courthouses, hospitals, assisted living facilities and many other types of facilities. The combined empathy of a caring canine and a kind individual can help people get through an otherwise difficult time. If you would like to know more about Alan's work with therapy dogs, please go to www.certifiedtherapydog.com

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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.





¡Buen trabajo!

On February 3, the **Latinos in Action** volunteered with **Feeding South Florida**. Within three hours the students successfully sorted through and packed almost **4,000 pounds** of donated food that was to be given out to those in need. The event was a huge success and our Latinos In Action students made a positive impact on our community. *¡Felicidades!*

PTSO Updates

Hello Everyone!

Here are some upcoming events:

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 - Donations/Gifts greatly appreciated!!!

Monthly: Teacher of the Month

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 student's school life and allows additional funding for Staff and Student pop ups throughout the year.

Thanks again for all your support!

<https://park-vista-ptso.square.site/>



JOIN NOW



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

YBL and BSU news

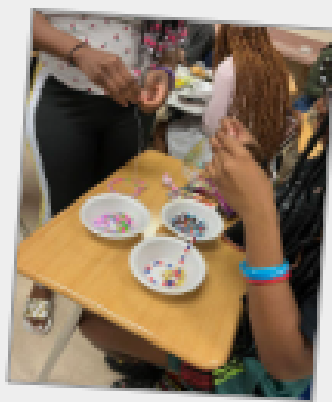


The Young Black Leader (YBL) class in collaboration with Black Student Union (BSU) has had an amazing Black History month packed with amazing events and fun activities.

The kick off was a trip to Florida International University (FIU). Students visited the campus while enjoying a bit of the college life. They asked many questions about classes and careers. A wonderful experience!

Art Class

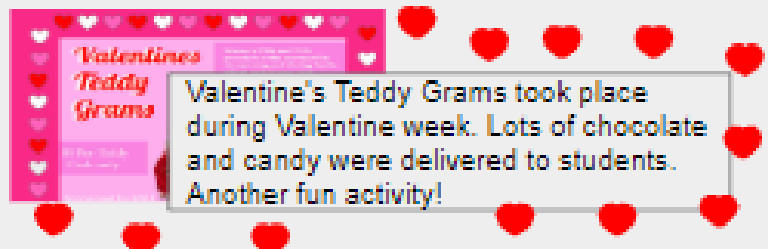
An art class was held to celebrate the paintings of Jacob Lawrence. Students and teachers were engaged throughout the process. They were all proud of their beautiful art pieces. So relaxing!



Waist bead Class

A waist bead class where students learn to make jewelry was another successful event. Necklaces and bracelets were among the most popular items students created, just in time for Valentine's Day.

Other school based activities consisted of spirit week, a step dance team, lunch rally and a wonderful luncheon.



Valentine's Teddy Grams took place during Valentine week. Lots of chocolate and candy were delivered to students. Another fun activity!

Step Team



Ms. Chrisphonte would like to thank BSU and YBL for a job well done this year! Shout out to those who helped decorate the atrium and organize these amazing events.

Luncheon



Congratulations Class of 2024 Scholastic Achievement



Monica Cruz



Jessica Dippolito



Lucy Eichler



Madison Konash



Zoe Lester



Kendall Longwater



Brady Norton



Isabella Simon



Carson Sullum



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

Additional Custom Sponsorship Options Available!

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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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
- 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 for assistance



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