

JANUARY 2025

The Cobra Courier

“Together We Will”

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Park Vista Families,

Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued commitment to our school and for your support of our educators. January brings a very special recognition ceremony on Saturday the 11th for our original faculty members as we celebrate our 20th anniversary as a stellar high school center here in western Lake Worth.

There is even more to look forward to in 2025! Our students, faculty, and staff have been working hard in the classrooms, athletic fields, on stage, and throughout the community and this hard work is paying off. Our students are displaying beliefs, values and principles that will serve them well into the future in addition to earning top-notch grades. Our graduation date has been set for Monday, May 19, 2025 at the South Florida Fairgrounds, and we look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with our student graduates and their families.

I am very happy to announce that the following teachers have been selected by their peers as the Park Vista nominees for the prestigious William T. Dwyer Awards for Excellence in Education:

General Education (Senior High): Lisa Gilbert

ESE/Special Programs: James Donahue

Student Support and Advancement/Career: James McDonough

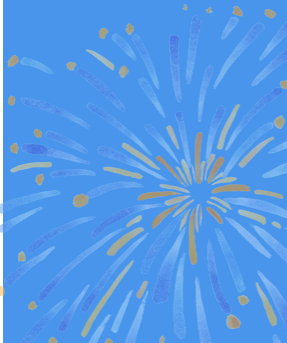
STEM: Glenn Brown

Each year the District seeks input from the entire school community. The School Effectiveness Questionnaire (SEQ) will be available to teachers, staff, students and parents from January 6th through February 28th. This short survey will provide us with valuable input to be used for future district-wide planning. More information will be provided to you soon regarding the SEQ survey.

School safety awareness is proactively practiced daily here at Park Vista. Please remind your students that the motto “See something, say something” is a priority for us, as well as following our school dress code, tardy and attendance rules. There are consequences for multiple tardies, so please be aware of how many your student may have accumulated and support us in our endeavor to enforce the rules here at our school.

We wish you and yours all of the best during this new year. Thank you for being an active member of our school community and for staying connected with us in Cobra Country as we celebrate our 20th anniversary!

Dr. Enrique Vela
Principal





LITERACY-BASED COMMUNITY SERVICE

Members of the **Quill and Scroll Honor Society** volunteered their time assisting Little Free Libraries (LFL) during the Nov. 2 the Day of the Dead celebration in downtown Lake Worth Beach. Members worked in 2-3 hour shifts between the hours of 3pm and 9pm. Duties included: staffing the booth decorated by Mary Lindsey, founder of the Lake Worth LFL Project, which was designed to honor Todd Bol, the late founder and creator of the **Little Free Library**, telling the tale of Bol's passion, handing out free books and reading to children. By approximately 8:30 pm, they ran out of books, so their time was well spent. Quill & Scroll members will volunteer for LFL again at the Lake Worth Beach BiblioArte Festival March 8, 2025, where more free books will be handed out/read to children, and the illustrator of one of the books they passed out in November will be on hand to do free signings.



Pictured: Secretary Haley Sneller(left) & Treasurer Lauren Polerecky(right)

RHO KAPPA SOCIAL STUDIES NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

DECEMBER 2024

As 2024 comes to a close, there is no better way to make sure everyone has a wonderful holiday season than by participating in the Park Vista Food Drive! Just Rho Kappa alone collected 220 cans for Feeding South Florida, with more on the way which will be donated to other local food banks. We love to see such great participation! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Rho Kappa!



STAR STUDENT

Congratulations are in order for Park Vista senior **Maquea Grant**! Maquea received her **Associates Of Arts Degree** from Palm Beach State College last month! In addition to her courses at school, Maquea consistently took dual enrollment courses at Palm Beach State College. It's amazing that she has achieved this goal prior to receiving her high school diploma!

Congratulations



BAND WINNERS

The band has some amazing accomplishments to celebrate:

- **John-Louis Malczynski** has been named a **YoungArts Finalist for 2025**: Founded in 1981, YoungArts identifies exceptional young artists, amplifies their potential, and invests in their lifelong creative freedom. John Louis is one of 2 Florida musicians total to be selected for this incredible opportunity.
- Recently, members of the Park Vista Band competed in the District 14 All-County Band auditions. These auditions have students all over the School District of Palm Beach county competing for a spot in the 9-10 or 11-12 Honor Bands, and we are proud to announce that 24 students of ours qualified for the 9-10 and 11-12 bands! Besides Dreyfoos school of the Arts, we tied for having the most number of students qualify for these honor bands. This is a huge honor for the whole program!

Congratulations!!! D14 All-County

11-12:

Ruth T - flute
 Jaila R - clarinet
 *John Louis M - alto
 Gianni N - alto sax
 Ryan S - tenor sax
 Aiden A - trumpet
 Aaron W - trumpet
 Jacob S - trombone

*denotes 1st Chair

9-10:

Ava R - alto sax
 Sabiya R - tenor sax
 Ethan P - trumpet
 Emilee S - trumpet
 *Daniel K - horn
 Maya A - horn
 Kyle F - horn
 Meghan B - horn
 Tyler H - horn
 Fahed A - trombone
 *Gelila T - trombone
 *Maksim D - bass
 trombone
 Joel C - euphonium
 Rashell G - tuba
 Aras A - tuba -
 Jayden L - percussion





On behalf of Science NHS and Journalism NHS we would like to thank everyone that participated in the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We collected and donated over 1000lbs of Food Items to Feeding South Florida and with your help they were able to provide approximately 800 meals to families in need. You are all amazing! Thank you again!

BEACH CLEANUP

The French Honor Society, in collaboration with the Environmental Club volunteered to cleanup the beach at Ocean Front Park. They collected buckets full of trash to keep the beaches clean and safe for beachgoers and wildlife.



Park Vista Community High School
2024 - 2025 SECOND SEMESTER SCHOOL CALENDAR

JANUARY					FEBRUARY					MARCH				
M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F
30	31	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	3	4	5	6	7
6	7 <small>3rd Nine Weeks</small>	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	14	10	11	12 <small>SAT</small>	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21	17	18	19	20	21 <small>Pep Rally</small>
20	21	22	23	24	24 <small>LTM</small>	25	26	27	28	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30	31						31				

APRIL					MAY					June				
M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F
	1 <small>4th Nine Weeks</small>	2 <small>ELA Write 9th</small>	3 <small>ELA Write 10th</small>	4				1	2	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14 <small>Super Test Day</small>	15	16 <small>Super Test Day</small>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	19 <small>Graduation Placeholder</small>	20	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30			26	27	28	29	30 <small>Last Day of School Make-up Testing only</small>	30				

7 PERIOD DAY	
Period 1	7:30 - 8:24
<small>Announcements</small>	7:30-7:34
Period 2	8:30 - 9:20
Period 3	9:26 - 10:16
Period 4	10:22 - 11:12
Period 5	11:18 - 12:08
<small>Lunch</small>	12:08 - 12:53
Period 6	12:59 - 1:49
Period 7	1:55 - 2:45

BLOCK DAY	
Period 1/2	7:30 - 9:22
<small>Announcements</small>	7:30 - 7:37
Period 3/4	9:28 - 11:12
Period 5	11:18 - 12:10
<small>Lunch</small>	12:10 - 12:55
Period 6/7	1:01-2:45

COLOR KEY	
7 PERIOD	TEACHER WORK DAY
ODD DAY	HOLIDAY
EVEN DAY	EXAM
TESTING DAY	Modified Testing Bell Scheule
LTM (LEARNING TEAM MEETING DAY) and GRADUATION	



GIRLS BEACH VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

for SY2024-2025



**FEBRUARY 3-6, 3 PM TO 5 PM
BOYNTON BEACH REC CENTER**

Before you can tryout:

- Aktivate - Create account, upload all documents
- \$10 Tryout Fee - School Cash Online

Please bring your water bottle and wear appropriate beach volleyball attire to tryouts and practice.

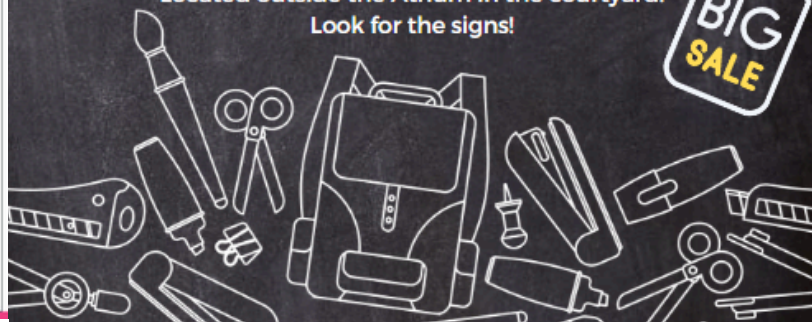
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MRS. LANIER AT NIKKILANIER@PALMBEACHSCHOOLS.ORG

School Store

NOW OPEN

Mondays and Thursdays
during lunch only
Come get your school supplies, Cobra gear and other fun items!

Located outside the Atrium in the courtyard.
Look for the signs!



Park Vista's Blood Drive

Wednesday, February 5, 2025



Earn potential SCHOLARSHIP \$\$\$

Must be at least 16 to donate

Up 6 Hours Community Service



Scan QR Code to sign up:

IF YOU ARE 16, TURN IN PARENT PERMISSION SLIPS TO RED BOXES IN GUIDANCE, MEDIA CENTER OR IN THE MEDICAL ACADEMY

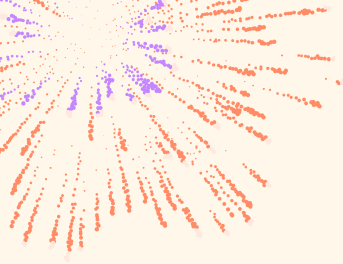
STUDENT SERVICES CORNER

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✓ Students are reminded to have their student **identification cards** visible and displayed everyday.
- ✓ **Bullying of any kind is not tolerated.** If you or someone you know is a target of bullying at Park Vista High School, let us know by using one of the reporting methods below:
 - Call the School District's **Bullying Hotline** at (561) 434-8200.
 - Complete and submit the **online form**: <https://sites.google.com/palmbeachschools.org/bully>.
 - Stop by **Student Services**.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

from PTSO

It's 2025. Let's finish out this school year strong! If you have not had time to join PTSO please take a minute to do so with the link below. We are now at 244 Members! This is amazing, however, this year's goal is 300 members. You do not have to attend meetings or volunteer, but it is very helpful if you can.

We will have a meeting in January so please be on the lookout for that date!

Our Park Vista blanket is dated for this school year and so soft! Our next order is on the way. This makes a perfect gift for that cold Florida weather coming and it's only \$25; order one today! They will be sent home with students or you can make arrangements to pick up in the main office.

If you were able to participate in our See's Candies fundraiser, thank you very much! We were able to raise almost \$200! If you loved this fundraiser and have more you'd like to see, please let us know.

TO JOIN PTSO, ORDER BLANKETS OR OTHER PV MERCH - HERE IS THE LINK: [HTTPS://PARK-VISTA-PTSO.SQUARE.SITE/](https://park-vista-ptso.square.site/)



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



Suspicious Activity Reporting App

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

