

# VIERA CHARTER SCHOOL



# PANTHERS

**March 2020**

**TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE**

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## **Principal's Message**

What a change a month can make. No one could have imagined a month ago the world we live in today.

Thank goodness, with the help of Charter School Associates, we were able to continue our students' education virtually. It warms my heart to see the children's smiling faces on my computer screen. The best part of this new life is knowing that they can see their teacher's smiles and share a laugh with their classmates as everyone remains safe at home.

As many of our parents have expressed, it really brings a sense of "normalcy" to their children's lives in these uncertain times. I look forward to when we will be together again in person.

In the meantime, students and families, enjoy being with your teachers online as they host a plethora of educational activities for enhanced wellness of mind, body, and spirit.

Warmest regards,

*Dr. Julie Cady*

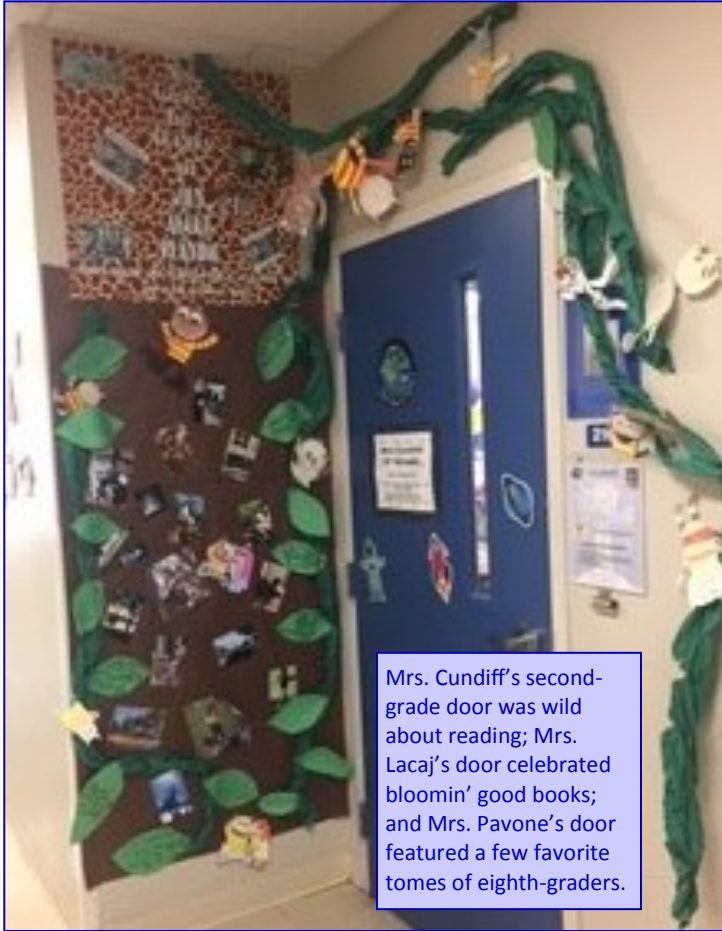


*Dr. Cady celebrates St. Patrick's Day, Spring, and all things green during the Dress Down Day Friday, March 13, the last day of school before the start of Spring Break. Students started virtual classes March 24.*



## Literacy Week Opens Many 'Doors'

Dr. Seuss ruled the K-1 hallway, while favorite books ran the age-appropriate gamut through the eighth-grade hallway. Dress down days and a Book Character celebration made learning fun all week. Dr. Cady selected winning literacy-themed door decorations from primary K-2, intermediate 3-5, and secondary 6-8, based heavily on student input.



Mrs. Cundiff's second-grade door was wild about reading; Mrs. Lacaj's door celebrated bloomin' good books; and Mrs. Pavone's door featured a few favorite tomes of eighth-graders.



## Students are Quite the (Literary) Characters

All it took was a book to go with a character to allow dress down fun. A full week of events were devoted to favorite books and authors the first week of March.





## Dress Down Day has Students Seeing Green

Friday, March 13 has become a special day. Little did anyone know that the COVID-19 pandemic would make this the last day of coming to school for the year. Students and staff enjoy dressing for Spring, St. Patrick's Day and all things green.



## Student of the Month for March: Perseverance

Emily Castellano has a special reason why perseverance is an important character quality, and it's not just because she was chosen as Student of the Month for all of sixth grade for this important character quality. "Even if you are the smartest person in the world, you can still fail if you give up," Emily said. "But if you stay at it, keep trying, there is no limit to what you can accomplish. This is probably the number one thing I tell my friends when they get discouraged from going after what they believe in. Just keep going."



According to her homeroom teacher Mrs. Marrero and lead sixth-grade teacher Mrs. Hoffman, this is one of the qualities that earned her the vote among teachers, and classmates who weighed in on the choice. "It's not just something she possesses, but the fact that she shares this encouragement with others," Mrs. Hoffman said.





## Famous Americans Inspire All

It's one of the most anticipated events of the year. All second grade students researched a favorite American character, then went to great lengths to portray that character on a poster board, and put their own face inside the poster to become that character. They then paraded around the entire school Feb. 27, inspiring students in all grades. The activity is coordinated by second grade teachers, Ms. Grant, bottom, Ms. Cundiff, right, Ms. Pittman, Ms. Kane, Ms. Power, and Ms. Moore.





## AVID Students Research, Visit Possible College 'Candidates'

AVID students completed a college research project where they researched a two-year or four-year public or private college/university. Students used the College Board website to learn about the various majors offered by their chosen school and learned information about the housing options, financial aid options, student-to-teacher ratios, class size, school size, and activities and academic resources offered to enrolled students.

This research opportunity allowed students to see what is available to them as they set their goals for the future. By collaboratively discussing the information they found, students learned about the many schools that offer wonderful programs for our future workers and leaders.

In addition to these projects, AVID students in sixth grade visited Eastern Florida State College to tour a local college campus and seventh and eighth grade AVID students visited the University of South Florida and the University of Tampa to see what larger private and public colleges in Florida offer their students. Students were able to 'feel' what being on a college campus was like! They also enjoyed fun activities.





## PTSO: New Dance Glows with Excitement

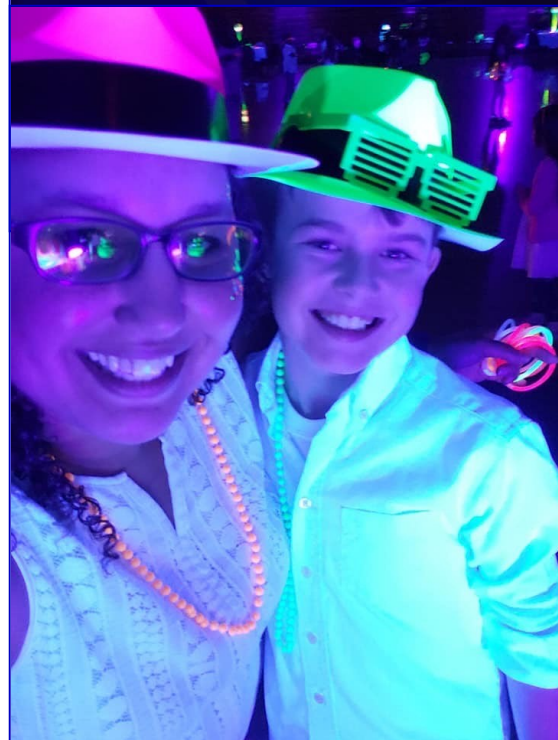
This year, two popular dances, Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance and Mother/Son Night, were combined into one big event for the whole family: Glow Crazy Family Dance Party at Viera High's Gymnasium Feb. 29.

What a fantastic night for Panther Families! We had more than 250 students, rising kinders, parents, grandparents, teachers, and special adult guests partying with us! We thank you for your support and we hope you had as much fun as we did!

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with set up, clean up and manning the food table during the party. A HUGE thank you to Amanda Rost, Leslie Riley, Katie Diaz and April Lorvick for your thoughtful planning and beautiful execution of the event. We'd also like to thank DJ Dustin, Shan at the photo booth, Thrifty Specialty Produce of Melbourne for donating all of our delicious fruit, and Cheerioo Grams Entertainment for the glow face painting!

## All Events Cancelled

PantherPalooza May 2, 2020 is cancelled along with all other events and activities through the end of the school year or until further notice by email.



## Favorite College Sports Teams Were Celebrated on Dress Down Day Feb. 24

