



Viera Charter School

HOME OF THE MIGHTY PANTHERS

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Message From Our Principal

Hello Panther Families!

I am happy to announce Viera Charter School's Emerging Teacher of the Year Mr. David Mendez and Rookie Teacher of the Year Ms. Kelsey Lord. Both are exceptional teachers who go above and beyond to ensure the academic success of our children. Congratulations!

Make sure you checkout page 4 of our newsletter to see the great news that VCS Weight Lifting Team broke Florida State records on March 6th. Excellent job Mighty Panthers!

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Julie Cady

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Rookie and Emerging Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Kelsey Lord (Kindergarten) and David Mendez (6th Grade History) for being awarded Rookie and Emerging Teacher of the Year!



David Mendez
6th Grade

Kelsey Lord
Kindergarten



VCS Is Wild About Reading

VCS celebrated Literacy Week with classic storybook themes. The week began with teachers reading a fairytale with their class dressed in their favorite fairytale character then celebrated Dr. Suess's birthday with a lot of rhyming fun. Superheroes united as students listened to stories of real-life heroes dressed as their favorite superhero (secret identity or not). Thursday was dress

as your favorite storybook character which brought out some of the best, from "Harry Potter" to Roderick from "Diary of a Wimpy Kid". The week concluded with a "Wild About Reading" theme as students read stories and dressed as their favorite storybook animals. The week was enjoyed by all.



FAVORITE FAIRYTALE DAY!

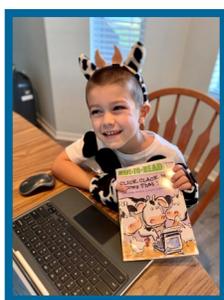
SUPERHERO THEME DAY!



WILD ABOUT READING!



STORY CHARACTER DAY!



ABOVE: E-Learners joined in the fun too!

VCS Middle School Soccer



ABOVE: Avery Canlas, VCS A Team, springs into action.

The VCS Middle School Co-ed Soccer Program had an excellent season. It all started with 49 Middle School Student-Athletes trying out and the selection of 28 players on two teams. The A Team included 5 sixth graders, 6 seventh graders, and 3 eighth graders. The B Team included 2 sixth graders, 10 seventh graders, 2 eighth graders. In the regular SCCAA season The A Team had 3 wins and 2 losses while the B Team had 5 wins and no losses. In the SCCAA Championship Tournament the A Team had a great run winning their quarterfinal and semi-final

matches before losing a heartbreaker in the championship game on penalty kicks after tying the score in regulation play. The B Team earned the first seed and a quarterfinal bye with the best regular season record. The B Team lost a hard-fought battle in their semi-final match closing out a stellar season. Both Teams represented VCS well, putting in the time and effort to produce entertaining team play and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout the season.



ABOVE: Jayden Brewer, VCS A Team Mid-Field General, providing service to a teammate.



Samantha Rhoades and Catherine Orr, VCS A Team, showing their defensive stalwarts.



Max Mercado Major, stellar performer for VCS B Team, punts the ball out of danger to start the attack.



Alyssa Negron, VCS A Team, prepares to send the ball up the flank.



FRONT ROW: Avery Canlas, Mallory Johnson, Alyssa Negron, Emily Kruse, Samantha Rhoads, Sophie Ann Miles, Addy Elwell, Landon Quiroga, Cathryn Orr, Sebastian Roman, Victor Amoury. MIDDLE ROW: Kai Betts, Gabriel Goncalves, Tyler Campbell, Jayden Brewer, Joshua Ellis, Rafael Silva. BACK ROW (STANDING): Coach Jordan, Coach Hock, Andrew Elwell, Rachel Gleckel, Kabir Otaal, McKenna Coris, Vishal Kommoju, David Itaborahy, Alex Mabee, Blaze Mercado Major, Malia Parker, Max Mercado Major, Sophia Polvino, Coach Mendez.

VCS Weight Lifting Team



ABOVE: Lacey Pittman, 3rd grade, performing a dead lift with perfect form.

The VCS Weight Lifting Team hosted the Girls Gone Strong Women’s Open on March 6. Coach Tshontikidis said, “The girls did an outstanding job on Saturday, breaking 40 Florida State records and placing first in the team division. We also had two boys compete, and both broke four state records apiece as well, setting the stage for our boy’s program which will kick off after Spring Break. The kids are now training for the 2021 Florida State

Championships that we will be hosting at VCS on May 14-16.” Laura Pittman, mom of 3rd grader, Lacey Pittman, said “I love to watch the kids at the competitions because you can see that they have a sense of accomplishment and pride as they lift weights and reach goals. As a parent it’s a great reminder of just how strong my child is in so many ways.” Congratulations to the Team!



ABOVE: VCS Weight Lifting Team after their win. LEFT: Third grade student, Lacey Pittman, proudly poses with her trophy in front of the Panthers logo.

Elementary Athletics

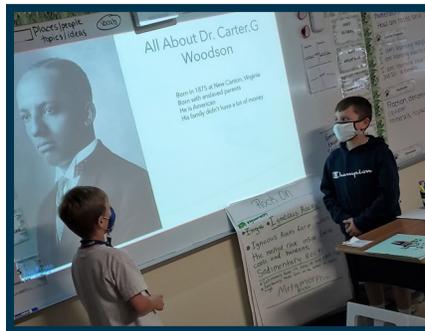
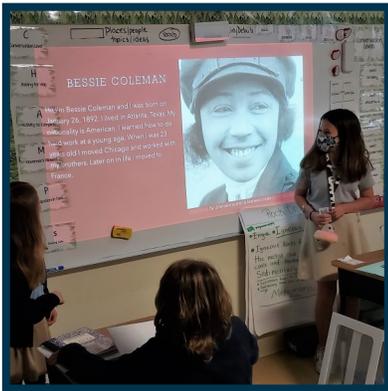
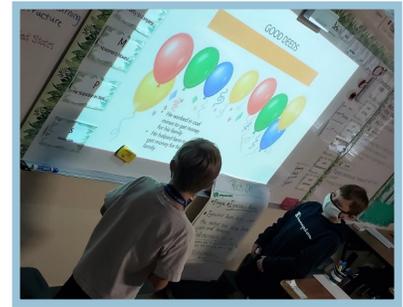


Fourth Grade Studies Black History



Mrs. Finnell's 4th grade students practiced their speaking and listening skills while presenting their choice for Black History month presentations. Students were given a list of lesser known African Americans who contributed greatly to the life we know and love today. They collaborated with partners on four individuals they would like to

learn more about. The students were given a structured research packet, materials to record information and a story map to plan out their research. Over the course of several weeks they became experts on their four selected individuals and are now presenting their creations to the class.



Mrs. Finnell's students present to their class.

Middle School Debate

Students in Ms. Wilson's 6th grade Language Arts class were working on a debate project arguing for the guilt or innocence of Goldilocks.



Malia Santos and Ethan Carillo



Wesley Jacobson and Milaan Roppa



Seth Wilbur, Aiden Germain, Vienna Passabile

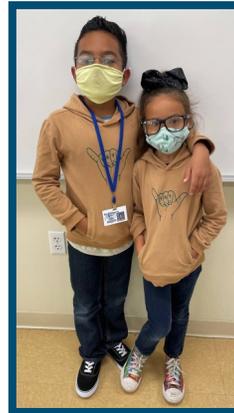


Kristin Suzzi, Addison Earle, Ashley Otero



What's Happening Around Campus

**TWIN
DRESS
DOWN
DAY!**



VCS PTSD NEWS

Volunteers Needed

The PTSD Elections Committee needs a few volunteers to run the upcoming PTSD election! This is a low time (10 hours or less) commitment that entails collecting candidate information, posting election information, conducting the election survey, and reporting the results. Please contact vcspsto@gmail.com if interested in serving on this committee.

Nominations for the 21-22 PTSD Executive board will be accepted between March 15 and March 31. Nominations can be submitted using the following link: <https://forms.gle/Qza7ygvPD5ycAyBbA>

Activity Spotlight



Last week during Ms. Calixto's Cambridge activity, second graders made their own Instruments and their own band.

Teacher Appreciation Week

We are WILD about our teachers! VCS PTSD was able to show our amazing teachers just how wild we are about them during Teacher Appreciation Week. Our teachers were able to enjoy a Grab and Go Breakfast Buffet, Coffee and Smoothies, an extensive Grab and Go snack bar, and a welcome sign by the entrance letting them know we think they are fantastic!

PTSD also held a Raffle for our teachers and, through the generous donations of area businesses and our Panther Families, every teacher was able to receive a gift! Beautiful gift baskets were also donated and made the day of a few lucky recipients!

On top of that, students were able to treat their teachers to individual pampering through special notes, treats, and

classroom donations. Thank you to all the wonderful families and local businesses as well as the Viera Company for making this week a success! All of our amazing supporters can be found on our facebook page (VCS PTSD) - be sure to look for them out and about in our community!



Upcoming and Ongoing Events:

- * Spirit Night at Blaze Pizza on March 24 - this is an all day event
- * Twins Car Wash - Use code "999999" now through April 30 to earn 30% back for VCS
- * Boosterthon Dance Fit - registration going on now, the event kicks off in the classrooms on 3/22
- * more info can be found at www.vcspto.com or VCS PTSD page on Facebook