

# **VIERA CHARTER SCHOOL**

HOME OF THE MIGHTY PANTHERS

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### Message from our Principal

Hello Panther Families!

As we welcome our students back to the 2021-2022 school year, we celebrate our accomplishments and look forward to the exciting school year ahead of us. I am especially excited that this year marks the 9<sup>th</sup> year of education for our inaugural year of kindergarten students. Viera Charter School is a powerful community of teachers, staff, students, administrators, parents, and community leaders. Over the last 9 years, we have created unbreakable bonds and have developed flexibility, resiliency, and strength to work through the challenges that we face. It is through these efforts that we, the Mighty Panthers, have provided a pillar of support for our students. Please enjoy this month's newsletter. It is filled with the wonderful activities and events happening at Viera Charter School.





Most Sincerely,

Julie Cady

ABOVE: Dr. Cady with first grade student, Ayla Dixon, dressed up as Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg for career hero day.

### New VCS Character Kids Show Respect



New VCS students and sisters, Everley Carver (Ms. Lord's kindergarten class) and Presley Carver (Mrs. Allarding's fifth grade class) were both chosen by their teachers as Character Kid of the Month for September. The girls were chosen for showing respect. Being respectful runs in the family. Congratulations girls and welcome to VCS!



**ABOVE:** Cathryn **Orr**, Celina **Coryell and** Addison Elwell after their win with Coach Splain.

## VCS Cross Country

The Viera Charter School Panthers 23.25, followed by Celina Coryell's The Panthers were led by Addison ladies and Coach Curtis Splain. Elwell with a first place time of

recently competed in the 2021 Vero 2nd place time of 23.58, and Beach Invitational. The Panthers finishing in third place Cathryn Orr had a very strong showing where with a time of 24.26. These they had three female runners wonderful young ladies all received finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Girls medals and represented Viera 5K JV Division. Only in 8th grade, Charter School to the best of their these young ladies competed abilities keeping with the winning against ten different high schools tradition of Viera Charter School. and girls two to three years older. Congratulations to these young

**Go Mighty Panthers!** 



# VCS Girls Volleyball

The Lady Panthers A and B Volleyball Squads are off to a great start this season. VCS B Team defeated Merritt Island Christian 25-15 and 26-24 and VCS A Team defeated Merritt Island Christian 25-7 and 25-10. Go Lady Panthers!



ABOVE: Coach **Finnell meets** with players before the game.







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## Safety Patrol is Back!



Viera Charter School students<br/>and parents are greeted<br/>enthusiastically each morning<br/>by our welcoming Safety<br/>Patrol Officers! Students in<br/>the National Elementary<br/>Honor Society began this<br/>service and leadership project<br/>as a school-wide initiative<br/>this year and it has grown to<br/>include students in gradesSafety Patrol volunteers<br/>assist our littlest Panther<br/>finding their classrooms<br/>help make the start to the<br/>day a cheerful one by<br/>engaging them in<br/>conversation about their<br/>classroom and learning<br/>experiences while giving<br/>them a helping, and ofte<br/>comforting, hand in getti<br/>class on time. Safety Patrol



ABOVE: Morning safety patrol students greet students with a smile.

assist our littlest Panthers in finding their classrooms or help make the start to their day a cheerful one by engaging them in conversation about their experiences while giving them a helping, and often comforting, hand in getting to class on time. Safety Patrol students also assist teachers with escorting students to and from cars to aide in the efficiency of the car loop. Viera Charter School's Safety Patrol is committed to keeping their peers safe and happy as they get to and from VCS! Go Panthers!



Sixth Grade Spotlight



Mrs. Honeycutt's 6th grade science students are learning about independent/dependent variables and control groups.







ABOVE: Students from Mrs. Honeycutt's class watch as their classmates experiment with variables.

ABOVE: Afternoon safety patrol students give a thumbs up to helping students.



# VCS Teacher of the Year



ABOVE: Staci Wallace (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher) and Dr. Julie Cady (Principal).

Congratulations to our amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Staci Wallace, for being awarded Viera Charter School Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Wallace is one of the original teachers that started when VCS opened 9 years ago. The summer before opening, she was an integral part of the interview process that brought together many of the teachers that created our awesome Panther Family! This is her 24<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, with 22 of them being in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Mrs. Wallace enjoys the age and how fun they are to spend her days with. She loves working

with her amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team and is so happy to co-teach with Mrs. Peluso, who she brought on board to VCS six years ago. Mrs. Wallace is excited and honored to represent VCS as Teacher of the Year for 2021!



ABOVE: Doreen Coryell, Julie Joseph, Dr. Julie Cady, Staci Wallace, Chenistique Goizueta, Dr. Lynn Spadaccini.

# VCS Employee of the Year

Congratulations to our office assistant, Angie Bambach, for being awarded Viera Charter School Employee of the Year. Angie, a retired teacher, can be seen running all around VCS, making copies for teachers, laminating posters for classrooms and much, much, more. Thank you for all that





ABOVE: Dr. Julie Cady, Julie Joseph, Angie Bambach, Chenistique Goizueta, Doreen Coryell, Dr. Lynn Spadaccini.

### VCS Volunteer of the Year

you do Angie!

"First Class" parent, Ashley Hardee, was awarded Viera Charter School Volunteer of the Year. Ashley, parent of 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, Harrison Buck, has been pivotal in the fundraising for the new panther statue located outside the middle school. Thank you Mrs. Hardee for making the "First Class's" last year at VCS extra special!



ABOVE: Julie Joseph, Dr. Lynn Spadaccini, Chenistique Goizueta, Doreen Coryell, Ashley Hardee, and Dr. Julie Cady.

Viera Charter School's "First Class" of kindergarten students are now 8<sup>th</sup> graders and will graduate this spring. To commemorate their 9 years at VCS they have unveiled a stunning bronze panther statue outside of the middle school. Dr. Cady and a group of first class students got together to landscape around the statue. What a way to leave your mark!



ABOVE: First class students pose with Dr. Cady after landscaping around their new panther statue.



ABOVE: VCS eighth graders and parents dig holes and prepare flowering shrubs for planting.



ABOVE: Dr. Cady and several first class students after landscaping around the new panther statue.



ABOVE: The 300 pound, 4 foot bronze statue of a Florida Panther unveiled by the first class of students to attend VCS from Kindergarten through 8th grade.

### Upcoming and Ongoing Events:

- September 22: College Dress Down Day
- September 20 24: Bookfair
- October 11: Teacher Planning /No Students
- October 12: PTSO Meeting 6pm
- October 19: Spirit Night—Texas Roadhouse
- October 29: Character Book Parade & Trunk Or Treat
- PTSO info can be found at <u>www.vcsptso.com</u> or VCS PTSO page on Facebook.



