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HOME OF THE MIGHTY PANTHERS

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Message From Our Principal

Hello Panther Families!

We sure are enjoying our superhero theme this school year. This newsletter features some of our local superheroes. On page 4, you will read about Corporal Ivan Swenson our Viera Charter School Resource Officer. He is a wonderful addition to our Panther Family and we are so grateful to have him here. Students also enjoyed meeting our local Firefighters. Our Kindergarten students talked about it for weeks. They loved being able to use the firehose. Perhaps, this type of career will be in some of their futures.

Warmest Regards,

Dr Julie Cady



ABOVE: Dr. Cady with Kindergarten Students Kai Dulmage and Valentina Corral-Molina in front of Brevard County Fire Truck #47.



ABOVE: Fourth grader, Mason Feliciano, proudly shows off his original design, superhero "Monkey Man."

Student Spotlight

Mason Feliciano, has been writing creative stories since he was in Mrs. Cundiff's second grade class at Viera Charter School. Now in Ms. Dedrick's fourth grade class, Mason has grown his stories into several chapter books titled "Monkey Man." He even created a figurine of the main character. Awesome job Mason!





Lady Panthers Volleyball



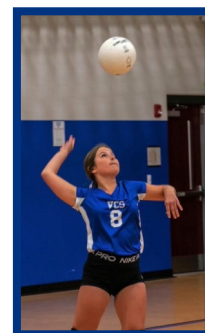
ABOVE: A Squad wears pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

The girls played at Odyssey Charter, wearing pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. Both A and B squad won their game! They are now getting prepared for tournament week. A squad plays against the winner of the first bracket round (Odyssey Charter vs. Calvary).

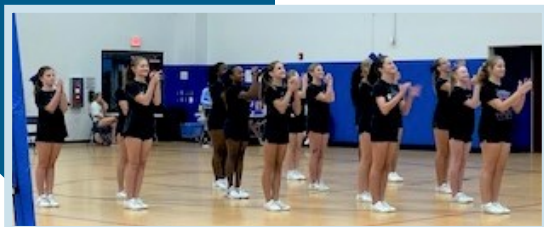
B squad will play against the winner of first bracket rounds (PCCA WM vs. Trinity Lutheran). Winners of each game will move on to the semi finals on at VCS. The winner will then move on to the championship.



ABOVE: The 8th grade Lady Panthers were celebrated during their last game on 9/29, against Holy Trinity.



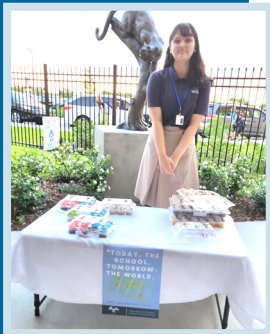
VCS Cheer Squad



Middle School Student Council



ABOVE: Ari Camejo gives a speech to his constituents.



ABOVE: Sharika Kazi handed out cupcakes as a part of her campaign.

Viera Charter School held its annual elections for their Student Council in September. Students who would like to run for an office must fill out a questionnaire and get teacher recommendations to qualify to run. Once selected to run the students may campaign, advertise with posters, and try to convince their classmates to vote for them. Voting takes place during Social Studies classes and all students in 8th grade are allowed to vote. The Student Council will facilitate many events this year such as Basket Brigade, middle school winter and spring

dances, and other community service projects. It is an honor to be part of the Student Council and a leader in the school in your eighth-grade year. Congratulations to the following students who were elected for the 2021-2022 VCS Student Council.

President – Ari Camejo

Vice President – Casey Taylor

Secretary – Alexandra Guevara

Treasurer – Sebastian Cordova

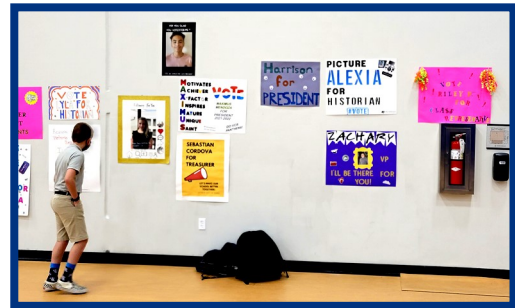
Historian – Kaetlyn Fackler

Class Representative – Victoria Wolfe

Written by: Kaetlyn Fackler, Historian



ABOVE: The Student Council winners gather for their first official meeting.



ABOVE: Students campaigned with creative posters hung around the middle school and gymnasium.

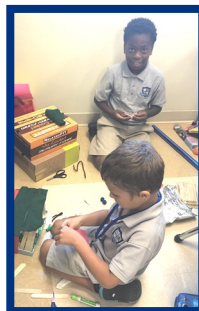


Third Grade Spotlight



Third grade students are discovering animals, what they need to live, and what makes a habitat suitable for the animal who lives there. Ms. Basirico and Ms. Filipowicz' classes worked on a culminating project which consisted of students creating a diorama of an

animal and its habitat, after researching and writing about their animal over the last 3 weeks. The Research and Writing were done in Ms. Basirico's class, and then students created the dioramas in Science class with Ms. Filipowicz.





Meet Our New SRO



ABOVE: Cpl. Swenson stands next to the VCS "First Class" Panther Statue.

Corporal Ivan Swenson with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office is the School Resource Officer assigned to Viera Charter School this year. He is a Melbourne native and attended Melbourne High School. He went on to complete his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from UCF before returning to Melbourne to pursue a career in law enforcement. Corporal Swenson values the importance of a quality education and is grateful to be assigned to Viera Charter School.

Corporal Swenson has 7 years of law enforcement experience,

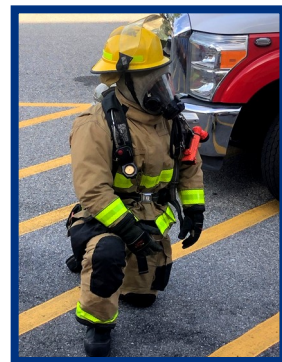
primarily working on patrol throughout various parts of the county, however, has worked other special assignments including handling a dual-purpose police K-9 for several years, working as a traffic homicide investigator, and serving on Governor DeSantis' protection detail.

When not working at the school, Corporal Swenson enjoys staying active and being outdoors. He loves dogs and has two German Shepherds at home, including his retired K-9. Please feel free to reach out to him as needed.

Kindergarteners Learn About Fire Safety



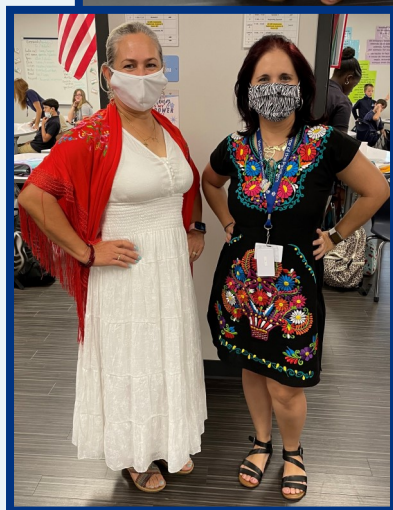
VCS Kindergarten students had a visit from the local Brevard County Fire Department. Students learned about the importance of fire safety, toured a real fire truck, and got an up-close view of a fireman in a full suit. Each student received their very own fireman's hat and even had the opportunity to use a fire hose!



VCS Honors Hispanic Heritage Month

VCS honored Hispanic Heritage Month in many different ways. Middle school students in Ms. Marrero's beginning Spanish, studied the history of Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States. They also learned about the 21 different Spanish-speaking countries with activities integrating art and music. In Ms. Johnson's elementary art class,

K-2 grade students studied Lourdes Villagomez and her beautiful butterfly paintings. They also learned about monarch butterflies, and their amazing migration to Mexico, then created their own butterfly artwork inspired by Ms. Villagomez.



ABOVE: Ms. Gonzalez And Ms. Marrero dress for Hispanic Heritage Month.



ABOVE: Ms. Johnson created a beautiful bulletin board outside of the elementary art room displaying the students artwork inspired by Lourdes Villagomez.



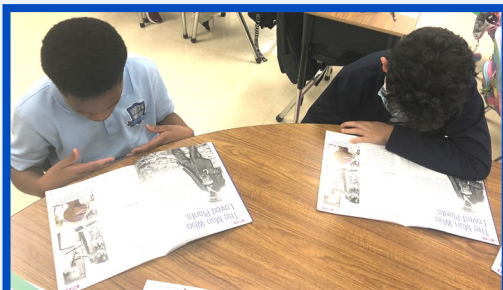
Upcoming and Ongoing Events:

- October 21 - Individual Picture Day
- October 25-29 - Red Ribbon Week
- October 29—Trunk or Treat
- November 10 - Military Hero Dress Down Day
- November 11 - Veterans Day Holiday - No School
- PTSO info can be found at www.vcsptso.com or VCS PTSO page on Facebook.

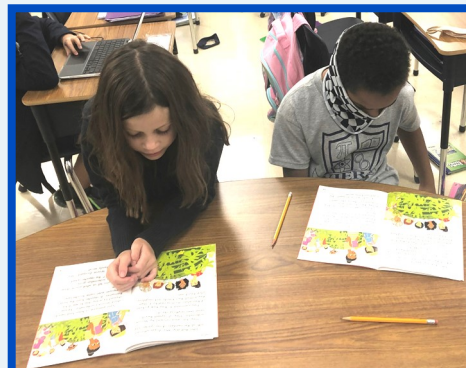




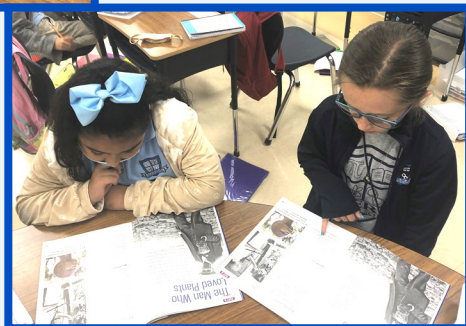
What's Happening Around Campus



Third grade students worked in small groups with their new reading materials from the Benchmarks Reading curriculum. These new texts are engaging, colorful, and students are loving them!



Ms. Kasdaglas's elementary Spanish class were studying "All About Me" or "Todo Sobre Mi".



Mr. Lindstrom's elementary music students were in tune as they sang along to "Canoe Song", written by Margaret Embers McGee in 1918, while he played the guitar.

