



Strength in Numbers

Community Updates this October

Welcome to this month's issue of The Viking Village! Time is flying, and our students have officially finished their first quarter of the year. Between the energy of fall sports, a memorable senior sunrise, the incredible student talent show, and our recent Homecoming festivities, the school year is speeding by in the best way possible.

I can't thank our Viking community enough for showing up for each other at every opportunity. Read on to see event highlights and learn about upcoming volunteer and donation opportunities. Please consider joining the PTO if you haven't already (it's free with no commitments!) and email us with your ideas. All are welcome and appreciated!

RACHEL DAVIS, PTO PRESIDENT



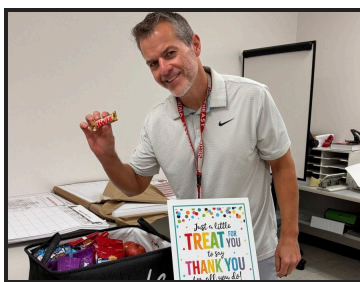
FLEX NOW, NAP LATER: VALHALLA AWAITS!



Odin Watches, PTO Judges · SGA and Mr. Havelka planned a new and novel Valhalla with games run and judged by PTO volunteers.

PTO IN ACTION

Fall (So Far) in Photos



Snack Attack!

September snack selection based on PTO teacher/staff members' "favorites."



Discovery Night Divas

PTO volunteers greeted and guided prospective families.



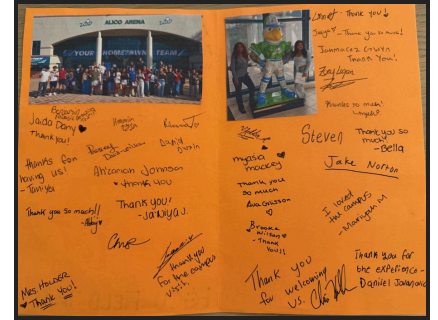
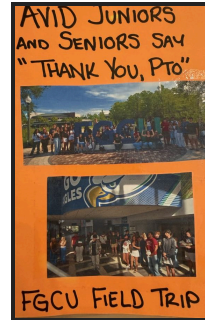
Waffle Fries & School Ties

Northeast "ate mor chikin" for a good cause during Spirit Night following Valhalla.

CLASSROOM GRANTS

Your Donations at Work

This month, a PTO grant helped Mrs. Holder take a group of AVID juniors and seniors on a college visit to Florida Gulf Coast University by covering a portion of transportation costs.



THIS MONTH'S GRANT · MRS. HOLDER · FGCU FIELD TRIP

Her AVID juniors and seniors sent this card to say "Thank you, PTO!"

ALSO APPROVED · COACHES ZACK & CADY · GOLF

A PTO grant will help pay for an end-of-season banquet and gifts for both the boys and girls golf teams. Look for photos in our next issue!



PTO GRANTS

Teachers & Staff: We Want to Fund Your Ideas!

Classroom supplies, technology, club and program needs, big projects or small ones — every request is welcome, and applying takes just a few minutes in Clever.

NEXT DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

Tuesday, November 10

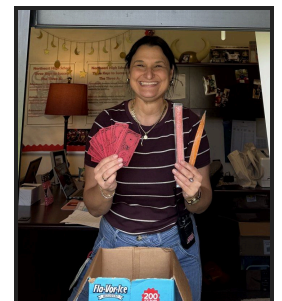
At the PTO meeting — can't make it in person? Join us on Zoom!

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

Snacks Support Spirit

Every week, your child has the opportunity to earn Viking bucks when they're "caught doing good" at school. These bucks buy rewards! Donate your child's favorite snacks to our PBIS WooHoo Wednesdays with this link.

DONATE TO WOOHOO WEDNESDAYS →



CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CHILD’S CLASSROOM

Requests From Our PTO Teacher Members

These PTO teacher members have told us what their rooms and programs need. Email a teacher directly, or use the TeacherLists link below to shop a room’s list. **Please note that more teachers have added their lists since our first newsletter!**



TEACHERS LIKE MS. FAJARDO
MAKE IT EASY TO GIVE.

Kristen Engle TEACHER, CLUB LEADER Theatre thespians, GSA Englek@pcsb.org	Hardware building supplies
Devon Porter TEACHER Band, guitar, orchestra, jazz, marching band Porterdev@pcsb.org	Repair & rewrap band trailer, golf cart for program, canopy for marching band
Carolyn Drinkard TEACHER Algebra 2 Honors & Algebra 1 Drinkardc@pcsb.org	Highlighters, graph paper, dry erase markers
Chef Curtis Serata TEACHER Culinary Arts / SkillsUSA seratacu@pcsb.org	A trailer to store and haul grills/supplies to competitions, supplies for culinary labs, and a SkillsUSA blazer
R. Byhanna TEACHER Honors Biology & A.P. Biology Byhannar@pcsb.org	Update: Ms. Byhanna has submitted a PTO grant request for November to cover her biology lab supplies. Thank you to everyone who has helped stock her lab so far!

What Our Classrooms Need

Teachers post their classroom wish lists on TeacherLists. Pick a teacher’s list, buy only what you want, and it ships straight to the school.

LISTS YOU’LL FIND THERE

- [AVID teachers](#)
- [All Biology teachers](#)
- [Media Center](#)
- [Mrs. Holder](#)
- [Mr. Diaz](#)
- [Mrs. Aguilar](#)
- [General 9–12 teacher list](#)

[SEE THE TEACHERLISTS PAGE →](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON VIKING SPIRIT

New Viking Tradition Takes Off



THE NEHI VIKINGS SPIRIT STICK MAKES ITS DEBUT AT THE HOMECOMING PEP RALLY, OCTOBER 2026

From Idea to Oar

The Spirit Stick is officially here, and it has already made its first appearance at Northeast!

What started as an idea during the introduction of our new Viking Athletics Initiative Committee at a PTO meeting quickly turned into a new school tradition. PTO donated the blank oar, art teachers and students helped transform it into a Viking Spirit Stick, and its inaugural presentation took place at the Homecoming pep rally.

The Spirit Stick was awarded to the Valhalla-winning team, Team Trilly, and now resides in Mrs. Holder's room. The plan is to add future Valhalla winners to the oar each year.

Keep It Moving

The goal is for the Spirit Stick to keep moving, awarded for things like school spirit, class participation, themed days, pep rally energy, and other friendly competitions throughout the year.

We hope students will want to win it, carry it, photograph it, and earn the bragging rights that come with having it in their classroom.

This is only the beginning, and we're excited to keep building it into a tradition students look forward to year after year.



TEAM TRILLY TAKES VALHALLA 2026

“Win it, carry it, photograph it, and earn the bragging rights.”



PTO VOLUNTEERS HAND OUT THE MEDALS



SPOTLIGHT ON ATHLETICS

Viking Athletics Initiative: Progress, Priorities & How to Help

Viking Athletics Initiative (VAI) is a Northeast High School PTO committee focused on connecting coaches and athletic programs with families, alumni, businesses, and community support. We help identify team needs, organize priorities, promote fundraising and sponsorship opportunities, and move approved projects from ideas to action.



Progress

- Stadium grandstands are fully open
- Football is back in the field house
- New sit-in lockers are pending
- Coaches are beginning to submit needs, goals, and fundraising information
- **The VAI Google Site has launched!**

Current Priorities

- Stadium scoreboard refresh
- Golf program support
- Lacrosse helmet/equipment needs
- Continued field house improvements

Call to Action

We're currently looking for:

- Someone to quote or sponsor the scoreboard refresh
- Board members
- Committee members
- Alumni and community partners
- Coaches to submit needs, wants, fundraising links, and sponsorship opportunities



SCAN TO VISIT

Check out the NEW Viking Athletics Initiative Google Site

- View current priorities and team needs
- Sign up for an open board role
- Join the committee and receive updates or specific requests for help
- Submit a suggestion or need for a team
- Find information on donating or supporting a specific athletic program

Or contact Abigail Sanchez at AbSanch92@gmail.com



NEW THIS YEAR · SHOW YOUR VIKING PRIDE

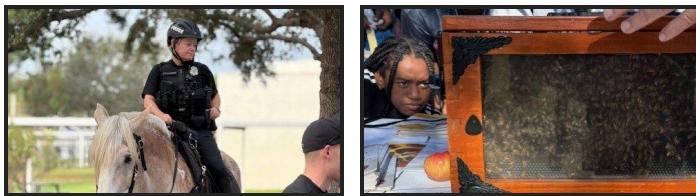
Viking Car Magnets — \$5

Our NEHI car magnets are on sale at every event where you find the PTO! Stop by our table to grab one for your car, fridge or locker. Every magnet supports our Northeast community.

VOLUNTEER

Great American Teach-In

Wednesday, November 18 · 7am-1pm



SCENES FROM PAST TEACH-INS

Guest speakers from our community bring their work to our classrooms. **Parents: look for SignUpGenius opportunities, coming in November, to donate your time as a parent volunteer during the Teach-In.**

SPONSORED BY PARENTS

Fall-Halla Thanksgiving Breakfast



On Thursday, November 19, parents are treating our teachers and staff to a Thanksgiving breakfast. **Look for the SignUpGenius food sign-up in November to contribute!**

For more opportunities to volunteer or mentor this year, email Mrs. Alvarez at alvarezsa@pcsb.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

Upcoming Events

- 10/20** Picture Retakes
- 10/21** In-school PSAT/SAT — all students automatically entered at no cost to families
- 10/22** NHS & NEHS Inductions
- 10/26** Senior Class Panoramic Photo
- 10/28** SPC Application Day
- 10/28** Pinellas Goes Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- 11/10** SAC (6:00) / PTO (6:30) Meetings — Media Center; grant deadline, Zoom available
- 11/18** Great American Teach-In — 7am-1pm
- 11/19** Fall-Halla Thanksgiving Breakfast — for teachers and staff
- 11/20** Student vs Faculty Volleyball Game — 1pm, Gym
- 11/21-29** Thanksgiving Break

BUSINESS PARTNERS

Would your business like to become a Viking partner?

Business partners choose where their donation goes:

Athletics

Student incentives

Teacher support

PTO events

INTERESTED?

Email

nehivikingspto@gmail.com for sponsorship levels and details.

MEET YOUR PTO BOARD · 2026-2027

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TREASURER /
SECRETARY

Cara Smith
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Abigail Sanchez
ATHLETICS INITIATIVE

Reach out at nehivikingspto@gmail.com! We love to hear your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas for ways we can work together to build and support our shared Viking community!



PARENTS JOIN



TEACHERS JOIN



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