



Pine Views

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PVA's Python 5K



Python 5K Brings Together Runners Young and Old

PVA's Python 5K was once again a huge success, netting more than \$11,000 for the school and bringing together both the school community and the regional running community on a near-perfect day for a run.

Among the 408 runners who tackled the 5K course or the one-mile fun run was a notable group of 10 – notable not for setting any records, but for racing for the first time – at the ages of 73 to 96 years old!

Sharon Parker is a physical therapist and runner, with her clinic (Sparker Physical Therapy and Wellness) based in the Seaside Springs independent living community, near Pine View. She's also the mother of two Pine View students.

She knows that the residents of Seaside Springs love to support young people, and that Pine View supports them in turn – several Pine View students work in the dining room at Seaside, and more are welcome. With that connection, and the convenience of Pine View to the community, Parker had an idea.

In January she started a training group with the goal of preparing Seaside Springs residents for the Python



Bob Kotch crosses the finish line.

Run. They met twice a week with Parker, and once a week without her.

“The idea was to get to know the residents, to bring them together doing something active outdoors and to challenge them outside of their comfort zone,” she said. “I love to instill in others the belief that ‘You can do hard things!’ and I always tell them that even if they are going slow they are beating everyone who is at home sitting on the couch!”

As none of them had ever competed in any type of event like this they didn't really know what to expect. As it turned out, they had a blast.

“It was a great event and really brought everyone together,” said Jim Baird, the group's 96-year-old runner. Added fellow runner Bob Kotch: “A very worthy cause, great weather, good friends, and an outstanding coach and leader all adds up to one terrific event.”

Now Parker and her crew plan to make it an annual event — with many shooting for the full 5K run next year.



The Seaside Springs Running Group.



Jim Baird relaxes after his run.

About Pine Views

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About PVA

Pine View Association (PVA) Mission Statement

The Pine View Association is Pine View's own organization of parents, teachers, staff and friends.

The Pine View Association, working with the Pine View community, supports and advances the excellence of Pine View School.

The PVA encourages volunteerism, raises and disburses funds, promotes communication and cooperation with the school, provides input to the school on issues of concern to parents and supports gifted advocacy issues on a local and statewide basis.

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Dear Pine View Families,

With just two weeks remaining in the school year, I'm thrilled to bring you a recap of the fantastic PVA happenings from the past few months!

The Python 5K, which took place on March 23, welcomed 408 runners, which included the largest number of Pine View students ever to race! A huge thank you to Chairs **Silke Cuff** and **Kristy Ochsendorf** for running such a wonderful and successful event! (see pages 2 & 3)

We are so grateful for our generous supporters who gave during the 2024 Giving Challenge on April 9-10. Under the incredible leadership of **Dana Moretta**, and our donations generously matched by The Patterson Foundation, we raised over \$20,000 to help PVA continue its mission of supporting the school!

On April 12, over 200 parents, alumni and faculty gathered at stunning Selby Spanish Point to celebrate Pine View's 55th anniversary! Thank you so much to Chairs **Tanya Shaitanoff**, **Alinson Galian** and **Lilly Thomas**, as well as the Pine View Jazz Combo, for a truly spectacular evening that paid beautiful tribute to our beloved school! (see page 35)

Elementary students were thrilled that the Scholastic Book Fair was back from April 15-19! Thanks to an amazing effort by Chair **Lisa Cirka**, this year's Book Fair had over \$10,000 in sales!

In April, PVA's Community Service Committee implemented its second community service initiative of the year partnering with the Cinderella Project. Thanks to **Diana Cuellar's** fantastic coordination and leadership, we were able to collect 30 dresses to help young girls attend their proms regardless of their financial situation!

PVA celebrated Faculty & Staff Appreciation Week from April 29 - May 3, where our wonderful teachers, administrators and staff were pampered with meals, gift cards and treats all week long! Thank you so much to Chairs **Andrea Berke** and **Jill Izydor** for, once again, making this such a special week for our incredible Pine View faculty and staff!

I also wanted to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to **ALL** of our PVA Committee Chairs and volunteers for their hard work and dedication this past school year. Their tireless efforts have been instrumental in making PVA successful and impactful. We were thrilled to be able to honor the Volunteers of the Year, as well as our Committee Chairs, at the Volunteer Breakfast on April

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25 (see page 20). Thank you so much, in particular, to **Andrea Berke, Lisa Cirka, Diana Cuellar, Silke Cuff, Lauren Fineman, Renata Gaertner, Alinson Galian, Jaime Heath, Jill Izydor, Cindy Jaramillo, Gaby Lodeiro, Skye Mata, Dana Moretta, Kristy Ochsendorf, Katie Padgett, Nikki Pietryka, Mihaela Raicu, Elena Reuter, Susan Rigopulos, Lesley Sachs, Liz Sandburg, Tanya Shaitanoff, Christi Sparrow, Lisa Stern, Christina Suh, Lindsay Sweeting, Wendy Teague, Lilly Thomas, Diane Thompson and Debbi Wolfinger!**

It has been an extraordinary year for PVA, highlighted by enthusiastic participation, successful events and a strengthened sense of community among our families and that is because of every one of you. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in enabling PVA to launch and sustain significant initiatives that have greatly enhanced the educational experiences of our children. Whether you have volunteered your time, contributed financially or supported us by attending our events, your commitment has made a profound and lasting impact on our students. I deeply appreciate your dedication to our school and the positive difference it makes - I thank each of you for being such a vital and inspiring part of our community.

And, while I wish everyone a wonderful end to the school year, I want to extend a very special **Congratulations to the Class of 2024!** We are all so proud of each and every one of you as you prepare to embark on your next adventure. We know that you will continue Pine View's tradition of excellence in all that you do! Congratulations again!

Warmest regards,
Puja Dhanraj



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Principal's Perspective



May 2024

Dear Pine View School Parents and Community:

What an amazingly busy and exciting time of year at Pine View School! We recently celebrated our Pine View 55th anniversary in partnership with PVA, and it was a truly magical evening at Selby Gardens' Historic Spanish Point across from Pine View. PV55 was a wonderful celebration- thank you to our PV Jazz Ensemble for the music, and thank you to PVA members, Tanya Shaitanoff, Alinson Galian, Lilly Thomas, Jaime Heath and Puja Dhanraj for their coordination and hosting this wonderful occasion! During the day, students received a happy birthday/anniversary message from me on the morning announcements, and then we celebrated with special Blue and Gold cookies during the day.

Another wonderful tradition is our annual Cobalt, which was held last Saturday evening at The Carlisle Inn. Kudos to our faculty and class sponsors who helped make it a huge success, and our juniors and seniors looked incredible dressed for our prom. Also, seniors throughout the state participate in GradBash, and it is the time of year when we begin recognizing and applauding our hard-working students. For our elementary students, we recently also engaged in an exciting and memorable instructional activity called "Immigration Day," which is also a longstanding tradition. Students simulate what it was like to arrive as a newcomer to this country, go through a simulated Ellis Island, and experience the process of naturalization and learn about civics. Kudos to our parents who joined us and thank you to the teachers for putting this wonderful activity on for our elementary school students.

You may have noticed that Sarasota County schools has a new website, including new aligned websites for every school in the district. Please visit the website and familiarize yourself with all the features and where "tabs" are located so in the event you need to access something quickly, you will know where it is. If you have any questions about the functionality of the website or how to access information, just reach out to us and we are happy to help.

As I write this letter, testing is in full swing at Pine View School: AP mock exams, End-of-Course exams, FAST Writing, FAST assessments, AP exams, and so on. The full list of dates and times for each assessment is on our new school website, and feel free to reach out to our Testing Coordinator Stephanie White (stephanie.white@sarasotacountyschools.net) if you have any questions. We also provided (via email and posted on our website) a handout from our SAP, Anna Crosthwaite, on testing prep suggestions for parents, sleep, eating, how to de-stress, etc., and we encourage all families to review it with your child(ren) for a successful testing season!

Our Spring Choral Concert with elementary, middle, and high school groups was an amazing success – thank you to our students and to faculty members Alyssa Adamson and Sarah Mayer for working with these outstanding students and putting on a wonderful Spring Concert! Our PV Bands held their annual Encore event on Sunday, April 7, with solos, ensembles, and a wonderful set from our PV Jazz enjoyed by all! Elementary Music Night was combined with an Elementary Art Night, and kudos to Alyssa Adamson and Sharon Salamon for putting together this opportunity for our artists! The Orchestra Spring Concert is upcoming; please visit the events calendar on the website for dates and times.

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Thank you to everyone who participated in the Giving Challenge— because of you, it was a huge success! This helps PVA, our PV Orchestra Boosters, and PV Band Boosters. We cheered our organizations on and know that your support made a difference in charitable giving for our students! Thank you to PVA's Giving Challenge Team for leading this overall effort!

In addition to myriad academic achievements across all curricula, our students and teachers are continuing the tradition of excellence at Pine View *and consistently going 212*. The latest example is in the Sarasota County Schools' Academic Olympic tournament, where two Pine View students were selected for the district team, which took 2nd place overall at the state competition! Pine View is so proud of their success, and the successes of all of our students this year.

It is an honor and privilege to serve our amazing students, teachers, and community, and we wish everyone an outstanding spring!

Stephen P. Covert, Ph.D.
Principal

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PVA Elects New Board Members at Annual Membership Meeting

The Pine View Association held its general membership meeting on April 16, with its many committees presenting their annual reports on activities and fundraising, and members electing seven parents and one alumnus to seats on the PVA Board of Directors.

New parent members elected to the board were Ariana Haxhijaj, Lindsay Sweeting, Kyla Weiner and Wendy Williams. Current parent representatives Puja Dhanraj, Jaime Heath and Gretchen Lovewell were re-elected to the board. Alumnus Dr. Manav Malik also was re-elected to the board.

Weiner and Sweeting will serve as elementary school representatives. Dhanraj, Heath, Lovewell and Williams will serve as middle school representatives. Haxhijaj will serve as a high school representative. Dhanraj and Lovewell were elected to one-year terms, to complete terms vacated by board members who resigned before their term ended. All others were elected to three year terms. (A full list of representatives can be found in the left-hand column of page 6.)

Meeting attendees heard reports from all major PVA committees. Highlights include:

The Pine View Garden, led by Lesley Sachs, continued to host the weekly garden club for high school and classroom visits by elementary students and daily visits by middle school students. Volunteers added new pollinator and flower beds, composted plant waste from the school cafeteria (diverting approx. 200 gallons of waste from landfills). The garden continued its partnership with University of Florida- IFAS, and updated its irrigation system – all well within its \$3,000 in PVA funding.

The School Store, led by Diane Thompson, had nearly \$20,500 in sales through mid-April, with its highest totals and average daily sales in at least three

years. The store operates as a non-profit service to Pine View students and turns a slight profit on operations.

The Pine View Fair, led by Lilly Thomas, had more than 70 booths, 10 food booths, six inflatables and a pumpkin booth hosted by the seniors (class of 2024), and raised \$26,489 for Pine View student organizations and classrooms.

Read-A-Thon, directed by Christi Sparrow, had 992 participating students, who logged 141,344 minutes of reading – over 2,355 hours. Sponsored by The Island Bookshop in Venice, the event raised \$28,005 for Pine View.

Peramathon raised \$56,669 for Pine View, with its expenses of \$9,087 well below its \$12,000 budget from PVA.

The Python 5K continues to grow and spotlight Pine View in the community, bringing 408 runners to the campus (see related story and photos on pages 2-3) and taking in \$21,436 in revenue on \$9,994 in expenses. Race directors were Silke Cuff, Kristy Ochsendorf, Cindy Wozniak and Liz Shallenberger.

Pinnacle, PVA's annual gala, is PVA's single biggest fundraising event. It had gross income of about \$240,000 from ticket sales, sponsorship and auction purchases while staying under its budget with about \$87,000 in expenses. Cindy Jaramillo was event chair, with help from scores of volunteers.

Parents' donations to the P.A.C.E program, led by Lisa Stern and Wendy Teague, raised \$70,185 for Pine View teachers' classrooms. Every Pine View teacher at our school received donations, and money was donated to departments including art, computer lab, foreign languages, music, physical education, library/media, nursing, guidance counselors and ESE.

REMEMBERING PINE VIEW TEACHER JACK FRANCIS

Jack Francis taught at Pine View for just five years, but his sense of humor and deep compassion for his students made him one of the school's most memorable and popular teachers. He recently passed away at the age of 64.

Francis primarily taught English and civics to Pine View's Grade 7 students, known for being open-minded in how he taught and how he aided students in their learning process.

"He was flexible in his methods of teaching and tailored it to whatever would help his students be most successful," eighth-grader Blake Lechiter told *The Torch* when Francis retired in 2018. "He was one of the greatest teachers I've ever had."



View Principal Dr. Stephen Covert said, "He was extremely caring, understanding, engaged, and flexible for whatever was in the student's best interest to learn and show progress. Jack got to know his students, and cared about each of them as individuals, and would reach out to them and their parents if he sensed there might be a challenge or a struggle for that student."

In the 2018 interview with *The Torch*, Francis said his students were always a source of joy.

"I really do love my students, the days go by quickly, and I never dread going to work," he said. "We always have interesting discussions. I always loved the back and forth the students and I have. I mean I had the best kids you could want."

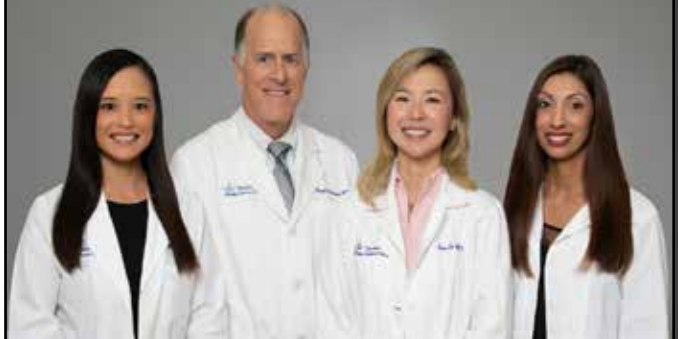
Francis had endless praise for his Pine View students, his son told *Pine Views*, and would often talk about how intelligent they were and marvel at how they immediately set upon even the most daunting assignments he set them with earnest enthusiasm. He took great pride in his students' achievements, and was always glad to tell stories to his friends and family about what graduates of his classes had gone on to do with their lives, or about how Pine View's basketball team was faring in a given year.

"He was such a caring man who was beloved by his students. I can't tell you how many times kids would light up when they heard his name," said fellow teacher Scott Wolfinger. "Anyone who had his class remarked about how he was the funniest and most caring teacher they had. I know that my basketball team was so excited when he came to games. It was like having a celebrity in the stands. He impacted so many kids and we were all lucky to know him."

"As both principal and father of Pine View students, I was fortunate enough to get to know Jack, and to see his teaching first hand with one of my sons," Pine

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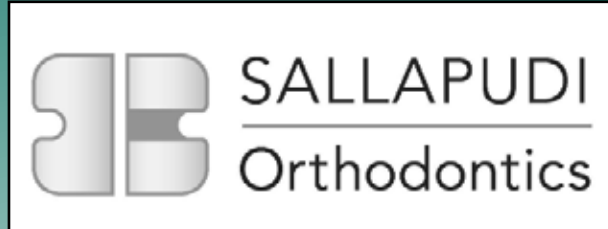
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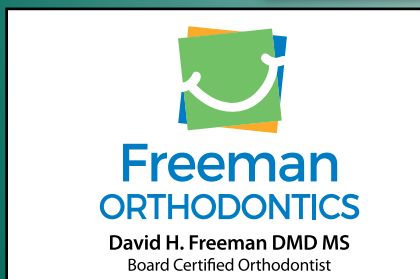


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Pine View's Jungle Robotics Goes to World Championship



PV's Jungle Robotics Team Captains

From left: Ethan Kim, media captain; Matthew Bury-Lugo, scouting captain; Eli Juckett-Malone, drive team captain; Allen Lin, programming captain; Natalie Hoffman, safety/spirit/facilities captain; Jack Scarlett, CAD captain; Massimo Checcone, mechanical captain; Hamza Memon, team captain; and Kai Sprunger, vice/business captain.

Pine View's Jungle Robotics 3627 closed a successful year by traveling to Houston for the FIRST Robotics World Championship — its first trip to the national event since 2013.

The 12 team members who traveled for the event had an exciting experience, coming together with thousands of other young people passionate about engineering for four days filled with innovation and competition.

The venue was colorful, with team flags and robots on display and students from around the world (51 countries represented on 600 teams). Teams had spent countless hours designing, building, and programming their robots for the challenge. Each robot showcased the ingenuity and dedication of its creators.

“Beyond the competition, what really stood out was the sense of community and togetherness,” said the team’s coach, Pine View teacher Drew Wormington. “Despite the fierceness of the competitions, the teams supported each other with gracious professionalism, lending resources, offering advice, and encouraged their opponents to victory.”

The team faced a tough draw in Houston, in a division with a former national champion, but still managed to win two contests and was narrowly defeated in a few others. Team Captain Hamza Memon attributed their success to their disciplined approach to design and construction.

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Pine View's Jungle Robo



“We focused on our time management w
process but making sure to not take up

Kai Sprunger, the team’s business ca

“What makes our team so special is
together perfectly. Unlike a lot of othe
hours, we are all friends and know each

The team also focused on FIRST Robotics’ Engineering Insp
team’s lab and recruited members, expanded STEM involve
STEM field, and mentored kids throughout the county.

Their efforts were recognized in March at the FIRST Roboti
team received the Engineering Inspiration award, recognizing
appreciation for engineering within a team’s school or organ

In addition, Mr. Wormington was the regional winner of FIR
mentors for “motivating and inspiring students to achieve gr
robotics professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Sprunger said that while the awards are nice to receive, wha

“Regardless of whether we received the Engineering Inspira
proud of our efforts and dedication this year,” she said. “All
a fact, it just wouldn’t have been possible if we were missin
that if someone failed in their role on the team, it’d affect o
respective tasks.”



Robotics Goes to World Championship

...way more, after issues in previous years, following the design
...too much time on one certain portion,” he said.

...ptain, said another key was the closeness of the team.

...how we have this sort of harmony that allows us to work
...er organizations, we aren’t just colleagues — beyond robotics
...other incredibly well.”

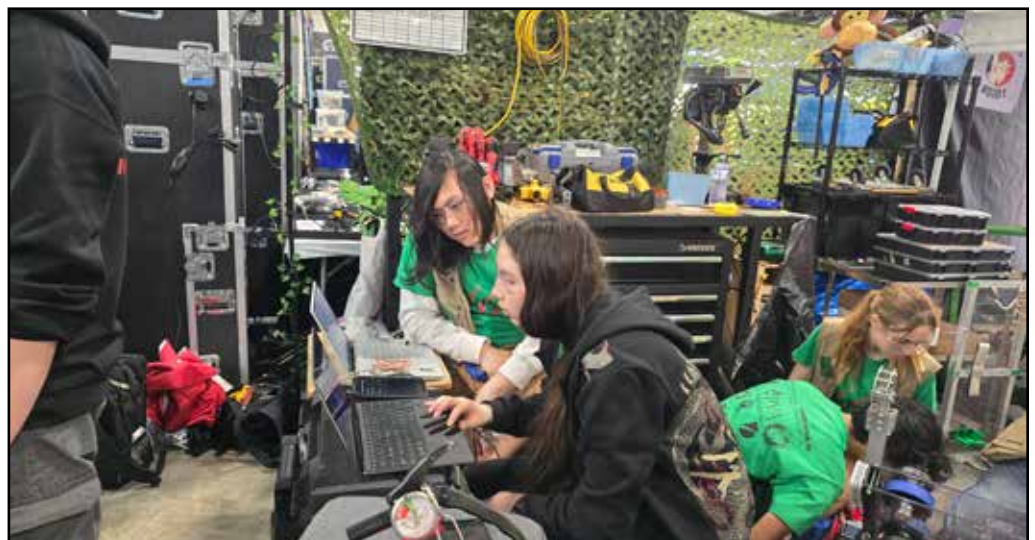
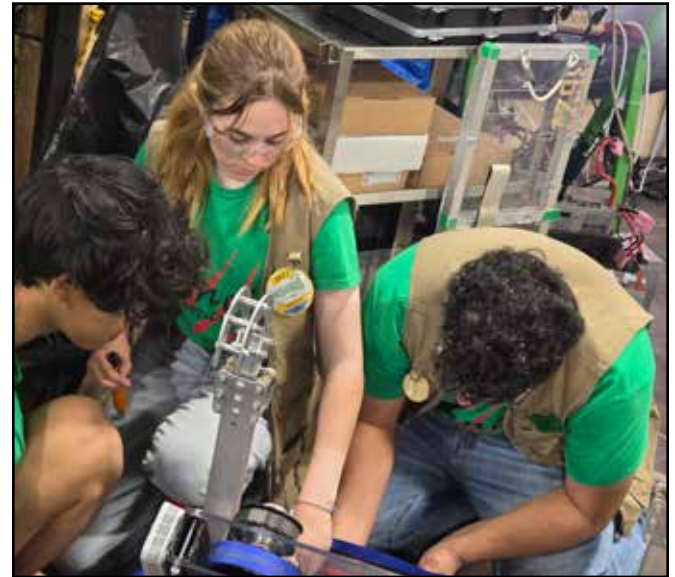
...piration award category, Memon said. They expanded the
...ment within Sarasota to inspire young children into the

...cs South Florida Regional Competition, where Pine View’s
...ng a team’s “outstanding success in advancing respect and
...nization, and community.”

...RST Robotics’ Woodie Flowers Award, which celebrates
...reatness.” The award is named for Dr. Woodie Flowers, a
...who co-founded FIRST Robotics.

...t the team is most proud of this year is their teamwork.

...tion Award or not, I would’ve still been so overwhelmingly
...of us played a role in the success of this team and I know for
...g a single person. We all had this unspoken understanding
...hers’ roles, so we were sure to do our best in our own



Pine View Recognizes Volunteers of the Year

On April 25, Pine View honored all of the many people who volunteer at the school and in the community at the annual Volunteer Breakfast, with more than 60 people in attendance.

Principal Dr. Stephen Covert presented the following awards: Outstanding School Adult Volunteer, Silke Cuff; Outstanding School Senior Volunteer, Constance O’Gorman; Outstanding School Business Partner, Sarasota Dentistry, Dr. Hank Michael; Outstanding School Youth Volunteer, Aliciana Harvey-Lopez.

Dr. Covert and PVA President Puja Dhanraj also recognized the parents who volunteer to chair and serve on the many PVA committees who plan and run events throughout the year.



*Ena Michael
(for Dr. Michael)*



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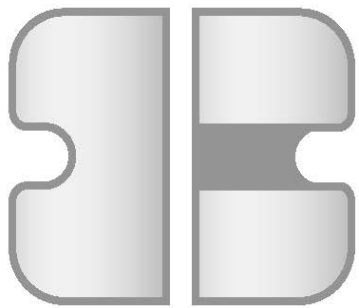


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Regular Class Schedule

Period 1	7:21 AM - 8:13 AM
Period 2	8:18 AM - 9:10 AM
Moment of Silence	9:15 AM
Period 3	9:15 AM - 10:10 AM
Period 4	10:15 AM - 11:07 AM
Period 5	11:12 AM - 12:04 PM
Period 6	12:09 PM - 1:01 PM
Period 7	1:06 PM - 1:58 PM
Period 8	2:03 PM - 2:55 PM
Period 9	3:00 PM - 3:52 PM

Advisory Day Class Schedule

Period 1	7:21 AM - 8:13 AM
Period 2	8:18 AM - 9:10 AM
Moment of Silence	9:15 AM
Advisory	9:15 AM - 10:01 AM
Period 3	10:05 AM - 10:46 AM
Period 4	10:50 AM - 11:31 AM
Period 5	11:35 AM - 12:16 PM
Period 6	12:20 PM - 1:01 PM
Period 7	1:06 PM - 1:58 PM
Period 8	2:03 PM - 2:55 PM
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Pine View School Mission Statement

The mission of Pine View School is to provide a qualitatively different learning environment that nurtures a passion for intellectual curiosity, encourages risk-taking, independence and innovation, and is committed to a tradition of academic excellence and social responsibility.

ABSENCE EXCUSE FORMS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On the following page is a blank, absence request form for future use. This form includes all the necessary information that attendance needs should your child be late to school, is absent or requires an early dismissal. (High school students with a driver's license, a registered parking space and a signed note from a parent may leave early and drive themselves.) The 'other' category can be used to request a Passport for a future full-day absence.

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Please feel free to detach and copy this form for use throughout the school year - more copies can be obtained in the front office. This form is not required to excuse an absence but is simple to complete and will help assure that you've included all the necessary information for your child. Handwritten, signed notes are still accepted and doctor notes are always strongly recommended when available.

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Reason for early dismissal _____

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Purpose of early dismissal _____

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Reason for absence _____

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Purpose of absence _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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WALL OF FAME — MARCH



Grade 2: Dominick Todorov is a Pine View 212 student every day at Pine View. He strives for perfection on every assignment. Dominick works to learn beyond the curriculum. He also attends Tae Kwon Do and has become a master belt student. He uses lots of commitment and discipline to improve his daily life skills and to work towards helping others. Staying focused and eager while pushing his limits to achieve his best everyday certainly describes this 212 student, Dominick Todorov.



Grade 3: Anton Logvinov It is an honor to recommend Anton for the 212 award. This young man has the work ethic, kindness toward others, and the sweetest spirit that his teachers have witnessed in a long time. Anton is friends with all the students in the classroom because he has a good relationship with everyone. Each day he walks into the classroom with a smile ready for the day. His work ethic is endless. Doing his best on assignments is an everyday routine for him. A friend in need, he is there. We had a student who was in an accident and needed help while he was required to use a walker. Anton was on it! He held doors, carried backpacks, and talked and played with him at recess when this student was not able to play on the playground for six weeks. The kindness Anton shows to everyone is special; the grace and patience he demonstrates each day is a lesson to all. He is undoubtedly a wonderful addition to our classroom and Pine View.



Grade 4: Olive (Oli) Earnest is a remarkable student who embodies the core values of the Pine View 212 philosophy. She is a dedicated, responsible, and diligent student who excels in all academic areas. She approaches each task with a sense of responsibility and meticulous focus, which leads to exceptional quality work. Whether tackling challenging assignments or contributing to group projects, Oli's dedication shines through earning her respect and admiration from her peers and teachers. She not only excels academically, but she is also a kind and thoughtful student who supports her classmates. Her dedication to academic achievement and her willingness to help those around her exemplify what it means to go the extra degree. We are fortunate to have Oli as a valued member of the Pine View community and appreciate her outstanding contributions!



Grade 5: Adel Pekker demonstrates the characteristics of kindness, tenacity, and growth. Adel is kind to others and always willing to lend a helping hand. Additionally, she thanks her teachers daily for helping her along her educational journey. Adel is tenacious because she never gives up. She has a strong desire to succeed and always tries her best. Even though she puts forth her best effort, no one is perfect. Adel never lets this get her down though. She remains cheerful, as she knows that she can grow through her mistakes. Adel exemplifies what it means to go the extra degree and is a wonderful addition to our Pine View community.



Grade 6: Kevin Slinko is our 6th grade 212 recipient because he always goes above and beyond in showing respect in all our classrooms - one of the key ingredients to being the best person you can be. He is always thoughtful, kind and considerate to both his peers and teachers. Kevin has a positive attitude and is an amazing collaborator! He demonstrates great leadership skills in any given setting, follows directions, and acts as a role model for his peers. He did an excellent job at Pine View Preview explaining involvement in intramural sports to our incoming 6th graders. Kevin is a true team player. It is our pleasure to nominate Kevin for this honor!

WALL OF FAME — MARCH



Grade 7: Nicholas Shaitanoff always goes above and beyond! He wants his work to be completed at the highest level possible, and his teachers appreciate his willingness to research and share ideas in class to further his understanding of all topics. Nicholas makes valuable contributions to class and small group discussions. He is a remarkable student who never minds helping a friend and works well with any classmate. Nicholas leads by example, and his consideration of teachers and classmates alike is an attribute to be admired.



Grade 8: Claire Xia is a joy to have in class! She is bright, creative, and kind. She consistently goes the extra degree in her writing and approach to projects, demonstrating an exceptional commitment to her quest for knowledge. She is an excellent student in her world language class. She always enjoys challenging herself and possesses a bright and happy character. Claire is a role model amongst fellow students, embodying the 212 philosophy in everything she does.



Grade 9: Krish Gandhi embodies excellence in all his endeavors, continuously striving to exceed expectations and uplift those around him. His commitment to personal and academic growth shines through in his approach to every assignment and his interactions with others. Krish epitomizes the 212 philosophy, consistently going above and beyond to achieve his goals and support his peers. His preparedness and willingness to assist others reflect his dedication to academic success and to fostering a collaborative learning environment. Moreover, Krish's efforts in mastering Spanish demonstrate his commendable work ethic. Krish's character serves as an inspiration. He is an essential part of the Pine View community!



Grade 10: Matthew Gries is an extraordinary student, embodying the 212 philosophy in every aspect of his school life. In AP World History, his insightful contributions and willingness to support classmates highlight his exceptional character and dedication to learning. Likewise, in English Honors II, his meticulous work and thoughtful contributions set a high standard for his peers. In mathematics, Matthew not only excels academically but also extends kindness and assistance to his fellow students, fostering a supportive learning environment. Beyond academics, his involvement in tennis, the French Honor Society, and volunteer work with organizations like Selby Gardens and All Faiths Food Bank showcase his leadership and altruism. Matthew's remarkable achievements, coupled with his genuine love of learning and commitment to service, make him a true asset to our Pine View Community!



Grade 11: Sienna Steiner brings a positive attitude to class every day and is very supportive of her peers. Sienna is currently enrolled in the AP Research class and is involved with research related to fitness programs. She tackles obstacles in the research process with grace and humor. Sienna has a natural tendency to encourage those around her and is an enthusiastic advocate for the physical well-being of others as well.



Grade 12: Isabella Kulawik's sound judgement and uplifting demeanor as well as her exceptional organizational skills have made her an excellent editor-in-chief for the Torch newspaper. However, she does much more than just journalism. She is also a talented singer who performs with the jazz band (most recently at Jazz Under the Stars) and played the lead in the Drama Club's "Beauty and the Beast." She is a highly responsible and well-rounded student with a global perspective. The ceiling is extremely high when it comes to her potential.

Elementary School Report

Compiled by Andy Vitkus

For the Elementary Art and Music event on April 4, the Student Union was transformed into an exhibit space showing fabulous efforts of our students in grades 2 through 5.



Ms. Kolsky and Mrs. Stanley guided their third-graders through all sorts of STEM challenges and investigations. Students made and tested their own lava lamps and chalk.



Fourth-grade classes extensively study plants, and with adult help, they create paper mache models of their plants and exhibit their work for many to see.

Elementary School Report

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The Second Grade immigration project is another fabulous Pine View tradition. Students take on the roles of immigrants, dressed as closely as they can to represent the regions of the world, go through a simulation of the Ellis Island processing for people seeking to enter the United States. Students go from room to room, with teachers' classrooms serving as the various "stations" of Ellis Island. The project hits home for many people in the Pine View community, whether they are children of immigrants or teacher immigrants.

Ms. Tucak's room was the medical station, where students are "inspected" for any physical abnormalities before they are allowed to enter the United States.

In Ms. Stewart's room, students went through the interview process with an immigration official, asking "Why did you immigrate to America and what will you do for a living?"

In Ms. Freedman's room, inspectors went through each student's "luggage" and questioned them about why they were bringing each item to America.

Ms. Germanio's classroom was the deportation room, where students were sent from other stations if one of the "inspectors" had a problem with an answer, or saw a medical abnormality.

Ms. Lengyel's room was where "immigrants" took the oath of citizenship. Students were asked questions about what it means to be a "citizen of Pine View School" – usually in a foreign language – and they had to answer correctly, then memorize an oath and repeat it back to the official.



After a student's passport has all four stamps, they are allowed to enter the United States. By that time, they're exhausted from standing in long lines and carrying their luggage around with them and answering a million questions – true to the immigrant experience.

Middle School Report

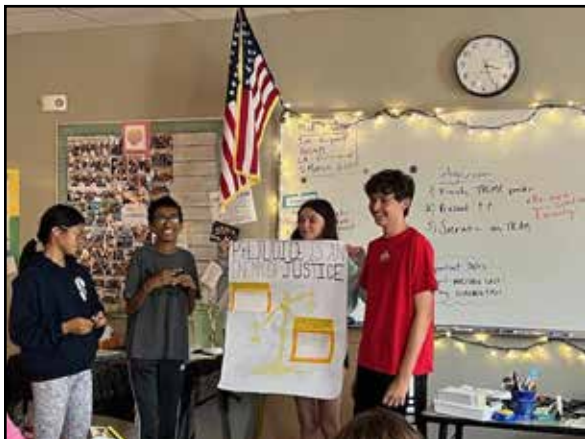
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Mrs. Rosander and Mr. Yotsuda report that in Earth and Space Science students worked on a Geology unit. Edible labs are always fun, so to show the different types of plate tectonics, we used Oreo cookies for convergent, divergent, and transform boundaries.



We also celebrated leap day with a fun scavenger hunt around our rock garden. We even saw our little garden snake gobble up a frog!

After finishing the Civil War unit in 8th Grade USH, Ms. Condiotte's students had the opportunity to see some actual Civil War memorabilia. Some of the items were her great grandfather's Civil War discharge paper from the Union's Minnesota's Company C Infantry, medal and photograph in dress uniform for Knights Pythias, a fraternal organization dedicated to Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.



Mrs. Hazlett and Mrs. Pelletier report that 8th grade ELA wrapped up their reading of "To Kill a Mockingbird" with a Socratic Seminar and theme posters. Students worked collaboratively to find text evidence, elaborate, and draw a visual representation of the original theme statements they generated.

Middle School Report

Compiled by Edwin Stumpf

Mrs. Molinaro's 6th Grade classes completed one of their favorite lessons in the Ancient Greece unit, the evolution of the Greek governments. Students are introduced to the fundamentals of each governing system through a simulation activity.

Students first experience life under the monarchy, where the rulers are male and have a lawful hereditary right to their power. They have a court of aristocrats that help advise (left) and the people had to do what the will of the king was – like give him their lunches (right).



The monarchs were overthrown by the aristocrats who felt they should have more power, however life under their rule was not great for the commoners. They were overworked and many were enslaved due to debt, while the aristocrats lived a life of luxury (left) – until the people overthrew them with the help of a tyrant! (right)



Would this tyrant lead judiciously or fall prey to corruption? We would soon find out: The tyrant seized control by force (left), trained the army (center) and fortified the city-state with a wall! (right)



Previously, Mrs. Molinaro's students concluded their China Unit with a two-day activity with Chinese Calligraphy and Ink Art, learning about the Scholar's Four Treasures: ink stick, ink stone, brush,

and paper, and the eight basic strokes for Chinese character writing. They made ink by grinding the ink stick on the ink stone and learned the bamboo, orchid, chrysanthemum, and cherry blossom techniques. After practice, students created a final picture on rice paper.



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Pine View Celebrates 55th Anniversary



More than 200 members of the Pine View School community – parents, alumni, faculty and staff – gathered at Selby Gardens Spanish Point on April 12 for PVA’s third informal social of the year, this time marking the 55th anniversary of the school’s founding.



The guests enjoyed a perfect evening, sunny and cool, overlooking the water, listening to the Pine View Jazz Combo and partaking of food and drinks. Principal Dr. Stephen Covert spoke to guests, and on campus he gave a happy birthday message during announcements. Students also were treated to custom blue and gold cookies to celebrate the day.

PVA thanks members and officers Tanya Shaitanoff, Alinson Galian, Lilly Thomas, Jaime Heath and Puja Dhanraj for coordinating and hosting the event, and thanks Pine View parent Jennifer Rominiecki, president and CEO of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, for her help in providing the beautiful venue.

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