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Mr. B.'s HOMECOMING CONCERT

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Kenneth Bowermeister Auditorium
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After an absence of 23 years, Mr. Bowermeister will be returning to Pine View School to conduct a concert with Strings Con Brio, the more than 60-member community string orchestra which he has directed for nearly five years. Musical selections will be drawn from both the classical and popular repertoire and will include the J.S. Bach Piano Concerto No. 5 in F Minor, with Pine View fifth grade student Leo Chen as soloist. Questions? Please call (941) 677-3291.

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In the year 2000, when Mr. Bowermeister retired from Pine View School, the administration named the auditorium in his honor. After 23 years, he will be returning to conduct a concert in the Kenneth Bowermeister Auditorium on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

For the past four and a half years, he has been conducting a community string orchestra called Strings Con Brio, which will present the concert. Pine View orchestra alumni who were students of "Mr. B", and who are currently playing their instruments, are invited to perform with Strings Con Brio in the concert.

If you would be interested in performing, please send your name and which instrument you play to stringsconbriofl@gmail.com by March 9, 2023 and music will be sent to you. Rehearsal information will be forthcoming.

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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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Hello Pine View Families!

As your newly elected PVA President, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Puja Dhanraj and I am a proud Pine View parent and alumna (Class of 1998). I started at Pine View in 4th grade at the old campus - we moved to the current campus when I was in 8th grade.

After Pine View, I went to the University of Pennsylvania / Wharton School for my undergraduate education, where I met my husband, Chris, and also completed my MBA at Wharton immediately after college. I had a 10+ year career at a private equity firm in New York City and lived in Westport, CT for 10 years. Our family moved back to Sarasota in 2020 and I joined the PVA Board in February 2021. Our two children, Alexander and Annabelle, are both students at Pine View in 7th grade and 4th grade, respectively, and I couldn't be happier that they both now have the opportunity to experience the magic of Pine View for themselves!

Over the past number of weeks, I have engaged with many parents about the various ways that the PVA has supported the school in the past and how we can best support the school going forward. Given this dialogue, PVA plans to focus its initiatives on three distinct areas: Academic Support & Partnerships, College & Career Counseling and Community & Culture Building.

With respect to Academic Support and Partnerships, PVA has supported clubs and organizations on campus, sponsored Faculty and Staff Appreciation events, provided Agenda Books to our students and much more. In addition to continuing to support these kinds of endeavors, we are also hoping to invest in STEM initiatives across all three schools and help renovate the elementary school playground area in the future.

In the College & Career Counseling area, PVA helped to fund our College & Career Advisor for grades 8-11 and funded a "boot camp" for the PSAT last fall. Going forward, we hope to expand the "boot camps" for standardized testing to include all of the PSAT, SAT and ACT and continue to offer it free of charge to students. Additionally, we hope to bring in speakers to help parents and students understand the nuances of the college application process.

Finally, and arguably, most importantly, we want to work with parents to continue to build the Pine View community and culture. We hope, together, that we can figure out ways for our kids to foster relationships with their peers outside of the classroom. The Pine View family is truly unique and incredibly special - the amazing faculty, staff, administrators, parents and students that have come before us have given us an incredible foundation on which we can continue to build. My years as a student at Pine View gave me some of the greatest friends and memories in my life, while the skills and education I gained helped me to take on new challenges with confidence. I hope that all of your children come away from their Pine View experience saying the same thing.

I am looking forward to working with all of you to find ways to support our Pine View community and continuing its long-standing tradition of excellence! I would also encourage you to please reach out to me if you are interested in helping in any capacity. Thank you all for your dedication to our wonderful school!

Warmest regards,
Puja Dhanraj

PVA Elects New Leadership Team

At its February meeting, the Pine View Association's Board of Directors elected a new slate of officers: President, Puja Dhanraj; Vice President of School Support, Jaime Heath; Vice President of Sponsorship, Silke Cuff; Vice President of Communications, Debbi Wolfinger; Treasurer, Gretchen Lovewell; Secretary, Dave Gulliver.

The new officers begin in their roles immediately and serve until February 2024. The terms reflect a recent change in PVA bylaws intended to let the new officers get "on the job" guidance from their predecessors.

Dhanraj, the new president, said she hoped to see PVA focus on building more support of academic programs and college and career counseling, and do more to foster Pine View culture and a sense of community in each grade level. (See President's Letter, page 9)

Dhanraj is a Pine View graduate (1998) who started at the school in fourth grade on the original campus. She and her husband Chris are the parents of two Pine View students, Alexander (seventh grade) and Annabelle (fourth grade). She is an elementary school parent representative and most recently served as vice president of school support.

Heath and her husband, Dennis Pinna, are the parents of a sixth grader and fourth grader at Pine View and a two-year-old at Forty Carrots. She is an elementary school parent representative and also serves as PVA's technology administrator.

Cuff is an elementary school parent representative. She and her husband Derek are parents of a son in fifth grade and a daughter in third grade. She has served as the vice president of sponsorship for the past year and has served as chair or co-chair of PVA's Peramathon and Python 5K events.

Wolfinger has been connected to Pine View for 26 years, when her husband Scott, a high school history teacher, began teaching here. They are the parents of Brooke (tenth grade) and Tyler (seventh grade). She is a high school parent representative and is continuing in the role of Communications vice president, after previously serving as secretary.

Lovewell and Chad are parents of seventh grader Raleigh. She joined PVA in 2020 and is a middle school parent representative. She is continuing her role as the chair of the Funding Request Committee in addition to serving as treasurer.

Gulliver and his wife Darla are parents of eleventh graders Devin and Quinn. He is a high school parent representative, editor of *Pine Views* magazine and previously served as chair of the Governance committee.

All of the officers were elected unanimously by the full PVA board. Together, the officers compose PVA's executive board, which oversees PVA operations and reports to the membership at the annual meeting in April.

News from Pine View Association

PVA To Hold General Membership Meeting and Board Elections

Pine View Association will have its annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, in the Student Union. PVA's officers and committee chairs will present reports on the year's activities, and the Governance Committee will conduct an election of new members.

The election will fill seven open parent representative seats on the PVA Board of Directors. PVA's bylaws require the Board to try to achieve balanced representation of five parent directors for each level of the school. For this election, PVA seeks to fill two open seats for elementary school, two for middle school, and three for high school. One elementary position and one middle school position are to fill unexpired one-year portions of terms created by resignations of Board members. All other positions are for three-year terms.

To run for a Board position, a person must be a registered member of PVA and submit the **self-nomination form** (***on the back of this page of Pine Views; also available in the school office)*** to the Pine View School office by the end of day on March 31. Candidates will be expected to give a three-minute talk at the election about why they are running for the Board and what their goals as a Board member would be.

All Pine View parents are invited to the meeting, and all registered members of PVA are eligible to vote in the election.

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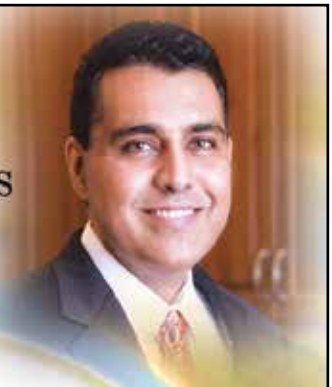

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Child 3: _____ Grade: _____

Briefly describe your background experience as it may pertain to your qualifications for serving on the PVA board. Please include activities you have been involved in at Pine View or a previous school.

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What do you think you have to offer the PVA board and/or why do you want to serve?

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Lisa Stern: A Treasure to Pine View School for the Gifted

By Camille Cline, PVA Board Member

Lisa Stern

Pine View Association President Emerita Lisa Stern, mother of Noah, Isabel, and Mia, greeted me with a smile like she always does, one that encompasses her entire face and makes her eyes shine. She enjoys people and I was lucky to be her friend first and then later worked with her as a leader of Pine View.

We started discussing how Lisa and her kids connected with Pine View School. She told me that when Noah was designated as gifted, they visited Fruitville Elementary's Gifted Program and Pine View's classes to observe. Noah didn't hesitate. He picked PVS. Its structured, nurturing atmosphere engaged him and he liked that he could feel independent and safe while on such big campus. He was excited to be on such a large campus exerting his independence.
Noah, who graduates from Pine View this May, began in Mrs. Magenheim's Second Grade class in 2012. Lisa was very involved in Mrs. Magenheim's class and would work with small groups on reading, math, and history discussion nearly every day.

When Isabel started at PVS two years later, Lisa served as Classroom Mom in Mrs. Herschberger's Second Grade class, a great transition to coming in from a different school. They found Mrs. Herschberger very supportive and compassionate.

A year later, Mia also had Mrs. Herschberger for Second Grade. Lisa taught the Junior Achievement module, covering career choices and basic financial literacy, like handling and counting money. With three kids all in PV Elementary—Noah in 5th, Isabel in 3rd, and Mia in 2nd—Lisa was busy! She chaperoned trips throughout their elementary years including St. Augustine, Kennedy Space Center, Riverview Planetarium, Myakka River State Park and Biz Town.

It was when Isabel was in Fifth Grade that Lisa decided she wanted to learn more about Pinnacle, PVA's largest fundraising gala of the year. A PVA Board Member connected her with the Pinnacle Chair, who encouraged Lisa to create artwork with Isabel's class to auction off at Pinnacle. They made a bowl with every student's thumbprint transformed into little people representing each child in the class. The bowl was auctioned off and made money to support the classroom.

Around that time, PVA, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization—not a PTO—needed a new Treasurer. President Emerita Isa Chauhan and her board elected Lisa to serve as Board Member and Treasurer in November 2018. As Treasurer, Lisa worked closely with Pine View Bookkeeper Teri Fisher, business partners, sponsors, major donors, and our board accountant in maintaining the accuracy and integrity of PVA's financials. It was a big job, but Lisa was up to the challenge. The board always had faith in her ability to juggle so many accounts and payments to vendors, clubs, and organizations.

By February of 2020, Lisa had taken on the dual role of Treasurer and Vice-President of School Support, due to a transition the board was making to the timing of Executive Committee elections. In May 2020, Lisa Stern was elected President. All PVA Board positions are unpaid. Lisa, who also worked full-time while raising three kids, gave it her all. Her attention to detail and care for the school is unparalleled.

Lisa says that the accomplishments she is proudest of are the relationships she has helped to foster through the pandemic and post-pandemic, rebuilding PVA to its strongest board yet, growing programs despite so many setbacks thanks to COVID, and working closely with Pine View Principal Dr. Stephen *(continued on page 15)*

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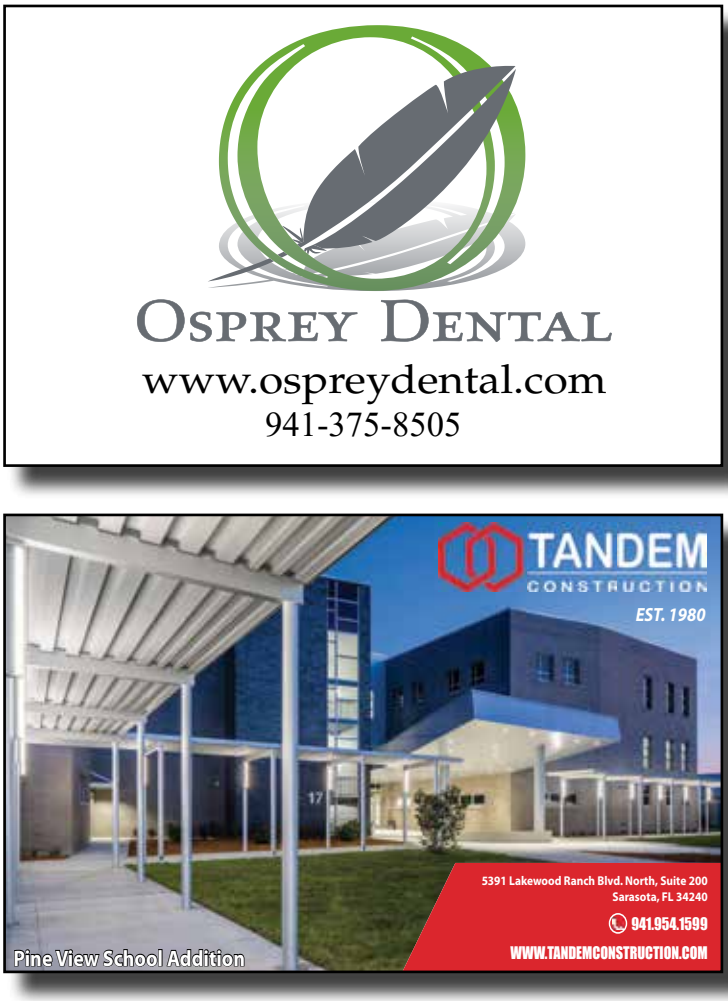
Covert. I have had a front-row seat to Lisa's drive, decision making, and dedication and can say unequivocally that she has a real knack for identifying, cultivating, training, and managing terrific volunteers, committee chairs, and board members. She has also worked hard to open gateways for parents to communicate with her and the PVA board.

As Noah graduates in May and Mia starts her Ninth Grade year in fall 2023, Lisa looks forward to helping with Pinnacle, which she has supported for many years, culminating in receiving the highest honor PVA bestows on its Pinnacle Chairs—the Silver Pinecone. Thanks to the energy and efforts of a fantastic team, Lisa said that Pinnacle raised close to $200,000 in February 2023.

A PVA President will see more than half a million dollars roll through the organization's coffers in a year. With these gifts of generosity from all of you, Lisa envisions more opportunities for students in the classrooms. She wants Pine View School for the Gifted to remain the Number-One School in Florida and stay competitive which can be a challenge at times due to budget constraint, but a goal that PVA can help the school achieve.

Pine View School and PVA are both stronger thanks to Lisa Stern. We thank her for her incredible service as president and look forward to her continued involvement at Pine View School.



News from the Board Room

January Meeting (1/10/2023)

Lilly Thomas, chair of the Pine View Fair, presented her report on the November 12 event, which raised $28,000 overall; after expenses (inflatables, dunk tank, sno-cones, etc.), more than $22,000 was distributed to clubs and teachers. A survey on Fair planning and execution received an overall positive response and included some areas for improvement.

Principal Dr. Stephen Covert presented his report, which included:
Pine View will add a new Advanced Placement class next year, AP Pre-Calculus.
All classrooms now have a four-button panel that allow teachers (or students, if instructed) to use in case of various emergencies.
Enrollment is currently at 1,689 and is near capacity in the high school. Overall capacity is 2,250 total. Applications have increased sharply.

Puja Dhanraj, an alumna and PVA vice president, and PVA Alumni Rep Manav Malik reported that 40 attended an alumni event, featuring an archives and Building 17 tour, with a Jazz Band performance. The event connected alums with current students.

VP of Sponsorship Silke Cuff said sponsorships had raised $104,000 to date and that she was working on plans for Peramathon (March 10) and Python 5K Run (April 15).

VP of Communications Debbi Wolfinger sent an e-blast to PVA members, with a calendar of upcoming events, including Pinnacle, and a survey about communications.

The PVA Board heard three funding requests:
Sara Kolsky, third grade teacher, with students Shay Sachs, Brady Rigopoulos and Logan Stanley, asked for $3,000 to support the Third Grade Showcase drama and writing program (total cost, $4,800). The students shared their favorite aspects of the show planning and execution.

Teacher Jym Froelich, coach of Pine View Speech and Debate club, and club President Rafeh Khan presented a request for $10,000 to support coaching and tournament expenses (total club budget $68,000). The club has been highly successful, with members winning local, regional, state and national competitions. It also has grown exponentially, from 31 members pre-pandemic to more than 200 now.

Garden Chair Lesley Sachs and PV Middle School Art Teacher Haley Brown asked for funds for an Artist Garden that would also honor the late eighth grade student Lilly Glaubach. The garden would be outside Ms. Solomon and Ms. Brown's classrooms and would include flowers, sculpture and be a site for both art classes and relaxation. They requested $3,000 (of $8,000 total cost, with $3,000 already raised).

The PVA Board voted unanimously to fund all three proposals at the full amount requested.

News from the Board Room

February Meeting (2/13/23)

The Volunteer Breakfast will be held in April to thank all our volunteers.
Pinnacle's four-minute video was shared with the board. IT Chair Jaime Heath was encouraged to add it to the website.
Survey by Board Member and Faculty & Staff co-Chair Jill Izydor received 92 responses (40 viewable).
55% would like to receive targeted information. 82% prefer email over text or phone and prefer to receive monthly communications.

President Lisa Stern shared the Pinnacle report. Early figures of $227,000 raised from ticket sales, auctions and the paddle raise, with costs of about $75,000 for the venue and decorations, for a total of $152,000 raised for Pine View.

Lisa Stern thanked several people for contributions to the event: VP Sponsorship Silke Cuff for the incredible paper flower sculptures; Pine View teachers for the artwork contributed by students; PVA Board Member Ben Turoff for behind-the-scenes work.

Faculty & Staff Appreciation co-Chair Jill Izydor shared that Faculty & Staff Appreciation Week will be the week of April 24. The days' offerings will include a taco bar, a Thai food bar, a Chick-fil-A bar and an ice cream bar. Faculty & Staff Appreciation co-Chair Andrea Berke said that various other food trucks will be available. She will be recruiting volunteers.

VP Sponsorship Chair Silke Cuff said that Peramathon fundraising is starting, and that top prizes will include an Apple watch, a 3D printer and an electric bike. Python 5K will also have funds raised from sponsors, and some 400 runners are expected.

Alumni Rep Manav Malik shared that on March 30 Mr. Bowermeister will be coming back after 23 years to conduct a performance, followed by an alumni event in the Student Union. Mr. Bowermeister pioneered all the musical groups at Pine View. (See advertisement on pages 2-3)

The PVA Board held an election for its new Executive Board officers. Board members voted by secret ballot and unanimously elected the following: Secretary, David Gulliver;
Treasurer, Gretchen Lovewell; Vice President of Communications, Debbi Wolfinger; Vice President of School Support, Jaime Heath; Vice President of Sponsorships, Silke Cuff; President, Puja Dhanraj

Governance chair Camille Cline presented President Emerita Lisa Stern with a "PVA President" gavel on behalf of a grateful PVA Board for her leadership over the past 18 months.

Next PVA meeting at 6:00 PM Tuesday, April 11

SAP Info Corner: Food, Mood, and Attitude

Sarah Workman, J.D., MSW (2023) is the Student Assistance Program Specialist at Pine View School. She assists students with stress-coping, social connectedness, time management and other issues. Contact her at sarah.workman@sarasotacountyschools.net

We know our Pine View students are extraordinary, and often have extraordinary expectations and pressures to navigate in the tricky and taxing teen years. Though gifted students are not more likely to experience anxiety and depression, gifted kids do tend to experience the world with greater intensity, which may mean the symptoms of anxiety, such as a content of the anxious thoughts may be experienced at a deeper intensity.

While there are many approaches to managing these conditions, such as medication and therapy, in the face of hectic schedules, hardened habits, and (in all honesty) exhaustion and convenience, the role of diet in managing depression and anxiety can be easily overlooked. However, recent research has shown and continues to make the case that the food we eat can have a significant impact on our mental health.

Many studies have found that people who consume a diet that is high in processed and refined foods, such as sugary snacks, fast food, and processed meats, are more likely to experience symptoms of depression and anxiety. On the other hand, those who consume a diet that is rich in whole foods, such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein, are less likely to experience these symptoms.

Why? Because the food we eat affects the chemical balance in our brains, which can impact our mood and emotions. For example, across the general population, research has shown that a diet that is high in sugar and processed foods can lead to inflammation in the body. This internal inflammation has been linked to an increased risk of depression and anxiety. On the other hand, a diet rich in anti-inflammatory foods, such as leafy greens and berries, can help reduce inflammation and improve mood, concentration, and focus in kids, teens, and adults alike.

Further, for our Pine View students who may be living with dual exceptionality, such as giftedness and ASD or giftedness and ADD/ADHD (or the trifecta!), foods which would typically be considered “anti-inflammatory,” such as whole grain breads and yogurts, may actually be inflammatory due to gluten and casein sensitivities often experienced by students with the above expressions of neurodiversity. The resulting discomfort makes self-regulation, focus, concentration, social skills, and memory that much more challenging.

This chain of catalysts and consequences can be challenging to relate to if we’ve not experienced it. Many of us reason, “physiology is physiology and feelings are feelings.” However, if we think back to the last time we had a fever and think about how we felt - our energy, our interest-level, our mood, our social engagement... wasn’t our peak performance, right? Exactly - our bodies didn’t feel comfortable, and it affected our emotional and mental state. For young people who regularly eat foods that cause inflammation, their bodies may unpredictably feel funny or uncomfortable, but it’s *(continued on page 19)*

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so familiar it seems normal. These students may be trying to cope with the impact of this invisible inflammation, and unable to articulate why their mood and school performance varies so much from day to day.

Now, parents often get a bit uneasy at this point as our middle memory turns with questioning inward eyes toward the heap of frozen pizza boxes in the recycling (or is that just my house?), and, as a result, any interest in a new or resurgent approach to mental health support in the shape of nourishment may be quietly yet quickly crushed under a pile of overwhelm with a dash of guilt. Whoa, team and fear not! The time for looking backward and allowing our (potential) anxiety over past choices, or even present choices (such as supporting local ice cream vendors... again, just me?) obstruct us from bringing awareness, consciousness, and intentionality to the fuel we are using to power our and our students' internal engines.

Which brings us to the challenge - the challenge to change! As so much of what we do is unconscious already and thus feels deeply entrenched, thinking about making a dietary change can feel overwhelming and the returns not worth the effort. Now who does that sound like... hmmm... oh yes! Our students! This is how they feel about schoolwork at times. What do we tell them? Calm down, relax... take it one assignment at a time (or perhaps some say, "quit complaining and get it done already!" - either way, these are words of inspiration!). Thus, we are powered by our own advice when it comes to behavior change - we are always just one step from progress, and when we take that step we enact progress that cannot be taken from us.

We can help support our students' mental health with nutrition one plate, one snack, or even one bite at a time. Stay aware of how the body feels, resist the emotionally-fueled frenzy through the Publix aisles, find other things to laugh about with your teenager other than the amount of ice cream in your cart. I hear these "cat" videos are sweeping the nation.

In all seriousness and in conclusion, the food we eat, or the "fuel" we put in our engines, has a significant impact on our mental health. While there is no one-size-fits-all diet that is guaranteed to alleviate depression and anxiety, research has shown that consuming a diet that is rich in whole foods and low in processed foods can help manage these conditions for the general population, and for students and adults with neurodivergence, a more targeted and researched anti-inflammatory diet can make a powerfully positive impact. Bringing consciousness and intentionality to our fueling process, such as increasing the availability of omega-3 rich proteins and leafy greens, and reducing the intake of refined sugars, and empty starches, we make powerful progress toward improving our students' (and our own!) mental health and wellbeing.

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And the nearly 50 members of the Wind Ensemble performed at the Florida Bandmasters Association's regional Music Performance Assessments at Riverview High School. Under the direction of Band teacher Victor Mongillo, the Wind Ensemble, Pine View's highest-level band, was judged as Superior – the association's highest rating – in every category. It was at least the third consecutive year the Wind Ensemble has received perfect scores.

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Our Mission:

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

Principal's Perspective

March 2023
Dear Pine View School Parents and Community:

March and April are such beautiful months in Florida, and Spring is quickly turning into what feels like Summer! It is almost testing season, as well, and the fast pace of school, instruction, testing, concerts, celebrations, and graduations is definitely upon us! This is a wonderful time of year, and we have so many exciting activities *in all grades!* We hope that you are able to celebrate the many achievements of our students during the many awards and culminating events in the coming weeks and months ahead. Many of these special and traditional PV events would not be possible without the direct support and critical involvement of our amazing Pine View parents- *thank you for going the extra degree for our students!*_

I want to thank Lisa Stern for her service as PVA President from the bottom of my heart- she has done an amazing job in bringing all the committees and functions within PVA focused on their mission of supporting our students and school! I also want to thank the other members of the executive board of PVA for their service, as well; a truly amazing team. Congratulations to the incoming PVA President, *and Pine View alumna*, Puja Dhanraj, and the new executive board. PVA has many exciting plans and ways in which they will be supporting Pine View and our amazing students over the next year, so please, get involved, and support PVA *as they support our teachers and students*!

We recently held our PVA Peramathon, and it was a huge success! Thank you to PVA, Silke Cuff, and her team of amazing volunteers who put on this special PV tradition, and I believe the students had a wonderful time raising funds for their school.

On the school website, you will find information about assessment schedules, Advanced Placement (AP) mock schedules, Advanced Placement (AP) exam schedules, End of Course (EOC) exam schedules and end-of-year activities. We will soon be celebrating "grad bash" in Orlando with our seniors and know that we will have a wonderful time. Our students continue to impress me daily, and through their scholarship, their behavior, and their commitment to sharing their gifts with others, Pine View students truly distinguish themselves.

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*- continuing our tradition of excellence in the Sarasota County Schools' Academic Olympic tournament, and will be competing at the state competition. Pine View is so proud of the incredible success of our students, and we thank PVA and all our parents for your support!

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

All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.
--Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Period 4	10:30 AM - 11:22 AM
Period 5	11:27 AM - 12:19 PM
Period 6	12:24 PM - 1:16 PM
Period 7	1:21 PM - 2:13 PM
Period 8	2:18 PM - 3:10 PM
Period 9	3:15 PM - 4:07 PM

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Period 2	8:33 AM - 9:25 AM
Advisory	9:30 AM - 10:16 AM
Period 3	10:20 AM - 11:01 AM
Period 4	11:05 AM - 11:46 AM
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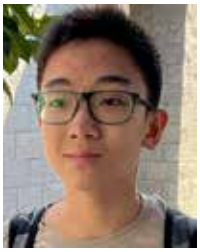
GRADE 3: Anastasia Shaitanoff is new to Pine View, but she has shown a true 212 spirit from day one. She quickly made friends in the class by sharing her materials and offering to be a great study buddy. During her first hurricane when she was most likely concerned and worried, her family offered a safe place for other classmates who lived in south county who were struggling. Anastasia loves to bring people together and with the help of another classmate created a wonderfully choreographed dance for Santa Claus is Coming to town. Anastasia led rehearsals during recess time. She invited everyone to participate, and it was a joy to see. She is kind, giving, and always goes the extra degree in her academics as well as her friendships. She is a true Python treasure.

GRADE 4: Annabelle Dhanraj has a discreet demeanor, but underneath her quiet exterior is a young lady that is taking her world and exploring it with gusto. She works hard in class and does an excellent job with all her tasks. She does not give up and she studies hard. She always strives to do her best and does it willingly and with a smile. She is kind to her peers and always there to help them if they are stuck. This positive attitude carries over to home where she helps her family members. She is empathetic and goes out of her way to help. In her spare time, she plays tennis and the piano. Annabelle deserves the 212 award because she goes the extra degree.

GRADE 5: This fifth grade 212 award is presented to **Anamika Eapen** for her acts of kindness and her outstanding efforts on her schoolwork. Anamika contributes to the productivity of the PV garden by volunteering three times a week in the garden. She regularly maintains a high GPA. Anamika is friendly and helpful to all she meets. Anamika always goes the extra degree!

GRADE 6: For Pine View's 6th grade 212 Student of the Month, we have selected **Sofia Szczypek**. Sofia has been chosen because she always goes above and beyond in being respectful in all our classrooms. Being respectful is one of the key ingredients to be the best person you can be, and Sofia always thinks of others and is thoughtful and considerate. Sofia is an outstanding student as well as an enthusiastic learner with a strong sense of curiosity, she always gives 212% and takes advantage of every opportunity to shine in all academic areas. She has a wonderful attitude about learning new things, her vibrant, energetic personality brings enthusiasm about learning to those around her. She makes class fun because she sees a learning opportunity in every new task. It is our pleasure to nominate Sofia for this honor.

GRADE 7: Raul Fernandez-Calienes has been a great addition to Pine View. His prior school experiences in Miami provide an opportunity for him to add new thoughts to class discussions. He is a dedicated and hard-working student who does all assignments with a positive attitude. Raul is kind to his peers and teachers and shows respect for all. During class projects, Raul shows leadership by brainstorming ideas and keeping the group moving forward.



GRADE 8: David Ma is an exceptionally engaged student. Not only does he always submit top-quality work, but he is deeply curious and continually surprises me with the topics he investigates on his own. As a result, he increases the discussion level in most classroom discussions. David is an exuberant student who consistently displays his enthusiasm for school with his classmates and teachers. He is quick to offer answers and explanations and always willing to support his classmates. He has a wonderful sense of humor and positive attitude that enhances the classroom. David thinks fast, talks quickly, and is a joy to have in class.

GRADE 9: What can we say about **Joseph Tricarico**?! He was PHENOMENAL as Gomez Addams in the school production of The Addams Family Musical! When he is on stage, he is all business. He takes his acting roles very seriously and as a result, he portrays characters in unique and memorable ways. Joey has had a passion for theater for many years and has dedicated countless hours to plays and musicals outside of school. We were so lucky to hear him as Gomez on the announcements for several days in a row, as his persona brought a certain spiritedness to the school day. Aside from acting, Joey is also an amazing student. He comes to class every day with a smile on his face and a great sense of humor. He is the kind of kid who brings liveliness and joy to those around him. Joey deserves the 212 award, as he leaves his heart on the stage with every performance he does.

GRADE 10: Riya Greenberg was new to PV in 9th grade, which is never an easy experience. Ninth grade is hard enough with the transition to high school, but to do that AND be at a new school is even harder! Although, you really wouldn't know it by talking to Riya. She seamlessly transitioned to PV last school year and quickly became known to teachers and peers for her bubbly personality. You will never see Riya without a smile on her face! She is kind and accepting of others and always willing to lend a hand. She has taken on a leadership role in several school events, which is amazing to see because she is so natural in that position. Her leadership qualities shine, as she brings an energy to her peer groups and is able to encourage and inspire them. She gives so much of herself to other people and activities, and she does it all while maintaining excellent grades. We love having Riya in our classes and can't wait to see what she does in the future!

GRADE 11: Abigail Pereira is a devout student who always presents herself with level-headedness and grace. She is a highly accomplished student with a flair for music as well as technology. Abigail is a leader in her musical section at Pine View and enjoys performing with the Sarasota Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. Abigail donates many hours to both "Growing Strong Stems" and "Fab Lab" and enjoys guiding younger students through activities that involve technology. Abigail brings a great attitude, a ready smile, and a wonderful sense of humor with her wherever she goes.

GRADE 12: Jacob Slipak is a global learner, with an earnest passion for all subjects. He constantly seeks deeper understanding and interacts daily as a centerpiece of any class he takes. He is known for his kindness, compassion for others, and for his willingness to lend a hand to anyone in need. Jacob lights up a room with his kindness and warm sense of humor.

STAFF: I would like to nominate **Judit Pauling** for the 212 award. Each year she coordinates the Foster Angels program for Pine View during the busiest time of the year. She recruits staff to participate, goes shopping for the students her own family adopts, and personally oversees the school's collection, as well as the transportation of gifts. Because of Judit's passion for this cause and her leadership, 75 foster children will have a much happier holiday!

Through Forums with Dr. Covert and grade level Guidance Counselors, students are being introduced to the concept of "212" and "going the extra degree".

Opportunities to compare and contrast examples of going the extra degree in various settings are provided. Grade level recognition of students who have demonstrated that extra degree of effort through moral character or performance character are being showcased on the Pine View "Wall of Fame" proudly displayed in the Student Union. The 212 "Wall of Fame" recognizes students who demonstrate going the extra degree.

Nominations are received from grade level and/or classroom teachers. This recognition may highlight Moral Character (Citizenship, Gratitude, Kindness, Responsibility, Honesty, Respect, Good Sportsmanship) or Performance Character (Personal Improvement, Risk-taking, Diligence, Independent Learning, or Enthusiasm). Students may be recognized for a specific action or for demonstrating the 212 "Everyday – Every way" spirit. As Dr. Covert points out when he addresses students, "the true measure of success is not to outdo others but rather to outdo ourselves". The 212 message certainly reinforces that important notion for Pine View students.

Pine View Speech & Debate Storms Through Winter Events

Pine View Speech & Debate had a busy winter, excelling in events from Miami to Tampa – and for one weekend making Pine View's campus the center of the Florida Gulf Coast's Speech & Debate universe.

Over multiple tournaments, many Pine View students took top honors in various Speech and Debate events, and even qualified for national competitions later this year.

And once again, Pine View received top honors at the National Speech and Debate Association's National Qualifying tournament for the Florida Sunshine District, a 10-county region. PVSD was named Sweepstakes Winner both Overall and in the Speech division. And for the second straight year, Coach Froelich was named Coach of the Year.

"Pine View Speech and Debate's history of success, both over the past few decades and in recent years, can be attributed to a few common themes I've witnessed, from the varsity officers and leaders right on down to the brand new novice members," said Froelich, an Exceptional Student Education instructor at Pine View.

"In no particular order, our members share a collective drive for improving their craft, they push themselves and their peers toward excellence through many long hours of dedicated practice and research. And they structure their championship-caliber weekly curriculum around the unique practice of training, teaching, investing and believing in each other. Lately, some events have enjoyed the extended gift of outside, professional coaching; but nearly all the students' success comes from within our circle: it's a time-tested winning formula that I refuse to mess with!"

PVSD hosted a local competition on our campus on January 21.

The successful season even included the first "home turf" competition for Pine View in several years. In January, the campus hosted a local, monthly tournament for eleven member schools of the Florida Gulf Coast Catholic Forensic League. "I heard several compliments from our guests about the beautiful campus where we teach and learn, and enjoy coming to every day," Froelich said.

Froelich thanked everyone who assisted with the on-campus event: the parents who volunteered and supplied food and drinks, the Pine View Custodial staff, the two dozen teachers who offered their classrooms to the day's events, and the middle school PVSD members who assisted from dawn 'til dusk with some crucial, behind-the-scenes duties.

A recap of the club's events so far in 2023 follows:

Florida Forensic League, Varsity State tournament. March 4-5, Orlando

Members of PVSD at the FFL Varsity Tournament March 4-5.

This year's state qualifiers from PVSD were Shalini Nair (Original Oratory), Edden Levy (Lincoln-Douglas Debate), Shanika Farah (Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking), Terry Shen (International Extemporaneous Speaking), Stephen Fancher and Jack Zhou (Public Forum Debate), Krystal Tran and Rushi Patel (Student Congress), State Semifinalist Nathan Widjaja (After Dinner Speaking) and State Quarterfinalists Rafeh Khan and Shailan Patel (Public Forum Debate).

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FGCCFL Grand Finals, February 25, St. Petersburg High School
Eighteen Pine View students vied for the chance to qualify for the 2023 National Catholic Forensic League (NCFL) Grand National tournament, in Louisville over Memorial Day weekend. Seven novice members (in italics) qualified for or were named Alternates to the National Championship tournament, in their first year of competing!
Pine View's national qualifiers were *Ben Butakow* (Student Congress), Nat Claybaugh and *Joe Calleja* (Policy Debate), Terry Shen and *Rohan Dash* (Extemporaneous Speaking) *Aarya Sateesh* (Original Oratory).
Placing as 1st alternates were *Henry Mayne-Chang* (Student Congress), *Bowie Lee* (Lincoln-Douglas Debate).
Pine View Speech and Debate took second place for the sweepstakes award, and club President Rafeh Khan was the winner of the Sister Mary Patricia Plumb Honorarium.

NSDA National Qualifier, Sunshine District, February 11, Wharton High School, Tampa.
Pine View sent 24 students to the event, where they could qualify for the 2023 NSDA National Tournament in Phoenix in June.
Four students were named National Qualifiers: Nat Claybaugh (Informative Speaking), Rohan Dash (U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking) and Aashima Goswami (Original Oratory).
Several others qualified as alternates: Rushi Patel (1st Alternate, Congressional Debate - House), Tanvi Senthil (1st Alternate, Congressional Debate - Senate), Shanika Farah and Terry Shen (1st and 2nd Alternate, respectively, International Extemporaneous Speaking),
Joe Calleja and Niranjana Jayendran (1st and 2nd Alternate, respectively, U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking), Peter Deverdzic and Lily Lewis (1st Alternates, Public Forum Debate)

Florida Gulf Coast Catholic Forensic League local tournament, January 28, Riverview High School. Top finishers were:
Benjamin Butakow (second place, Congressional Debate), Stephen Fancher/Jack Zhou (second place, Public Forum Debate), Braden Cressell-Simmons/Chiwen Lo: third place, Public Forum Debate), Shanika Farah (second Place, Extemporaneous Speaking), and Aarya Sateesh (third Place, Original Oratory).
Florida Gulf Coast Catholic Forensic League local tournament, January 21, Pine View:
Pine View's top-placing competitors at the event were Aarya Sateesh (first place, Original Oratory), Adithi Amoes (second place, Original Oratory), Rushi Patel (second place, Congressional Debate) Niranjana Jayendran (second place, Extemporaneous Speaking) and Terry Shen (third Place, Extemporaneous Speaking).

Sunvite, January 5-7, Nova Southeastern University School, Davie, Florida
Pine View's 43 participants were among the 641 students from 96 schools in 22 states at the the Sunvitational Speech & Debate Tournament – the first time the event was held in person in three years.
"Some of our courageous and spirited middle schoolers were competing on this grand stage as first-time speakers and debaters. I couldn't feel more pride in this group of young men and women," Froelich said.
Top placements included Jack Wennen, finalist and second place overall, Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate; Bowie Lee, quarterfinalist, Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Aadi Bhensdadia and Selena Shen, semifinalists, Student Congress; Shalini Nair, quarterfinalist, Original Oratory; Tarik Pehlic/John Bizzaro, Sankalp Manjesh/Alex Stathis, and Braden Cressell-Simmons/Chiwen Lo, octofinalists, JV Public Forum Debate. In the category of Junior Varsity Public Forum Speaker, Sankalp Manjesh took third place and Tarik Pehlic took fifth place.

Coach Froelich said the team appreciated the support of the Pine View Association, Pine View School staff and administration, and the parents, who help as drivers, chaperones, tournament adjudicators, and cheerleaders. He also thanked Pine View alumnus Max Banach and team President, Rafeh Khan, for their help in preparing the Public Forum competitors.

Elementary School Report

Compiled by Andy Vitkus

Pine View's 2nd graders spent a day at Historic Spanish Point looking at middens and life at Spanish Point from the past.

Third graders made their own harmonicas out of popsicle sticks, rubber bands, and straws during our study of sound energy, and played with the position of straws to experience the change in pitch with shortened and lengthened sound waves.

In math, 3rd graders worked in groups to order fractions on a number line and used benchmark fractions and fraction equivalents to justify their answers. Third graders also visited Mote Marine to study sea life.

The annual Third Grade Showcase was a success, with students under Ms. Adamson learning and performing both dialogue and music to put on a show they wrote.

In science, last month 4th graders created thermal insulators using a variety of materials. Students chose their supplies from the "store," and some materials were conductors and some were insulators, so students had to choose appropriately. Then they tracked the temperature of ice cream in their insulators over three hours to see if it was successful.

Fourth graders continue the study of Florida History at Oscar Scherer State Park. Fourth grade also had the Immigration Buddy Brunch, where students interviewed an immigrant that they knew to learn about their immigration process. Then they invited them to brunch at Pine View to celebrate.

Most of Pine View's elementary students visited the Embracing Our Differences exhibit in February.

In the annual Valentine's Day Post Office event, students separated, delivered and enjoyed some 10,000 pieces of mail on February 14th.

High School Report

Compiled by Tammy Madden

Roma Jagdish's AP Human Geography class has been learning about chocolate as a way of understanding the world. Students first learn the history of chocolate, the different types of it worldwide, and the connection between chocolate and trade. The students also taste-tested four types of chocolate of varying cacao content and then filled out a rubric using a "Chocolate Wheel." The lesson brings attention to cacao as a plantation crop and raises awareness of child labor, deforestation, and slavery.

Haley Brown's high school level Theatre class are preparing for their spring show. This spring, they will perform "Minecraft the Musical," for which they wrote the dialogue, music and lyrics themselves.

In William Mancera's Spanish 5 class, students gave presentations requiring them to write a commercial for the radio, describing a specialty menu item and the restaurant. They also had to write an additional script, incorporating metaphors about the food and restaurant, then had to present their visual to the class. Finally, students were asked to create a recording that sounded like a real radio commercial, complete with background music and voice-over.

Drew Wormington told his Engineering students that when 90% of them passed the Autodesk: Fusion 360 industry certification, he would shave his head, and if 95% of them passed, he would color his beard. They did, and he did – cutting his hair and dyeing his beard green just in time for St. Patrick's Day.

Chris Pauling reports that the Pine View Poetry Out Loud competition was held on February 2, with 17 finalists from Pine View's high school English classes each reading aloud two poems they had memorized. Students were assessed on accuracy and delivery, and Samantha Fineman was named the champion but was unable to attend the regional competition at USF-St. Petersburg due to a prior commitment. Runner-up Molly Whipple represented Pine View as this magazine was going to press.

The Pine View Torch produced a special 16-page Holocaust Remembrance Day issue of the newspaper on January 27, and 25 Torch and Yearbook students were traveling to New York City in March for a student journalism conference at Columbia University.

Middle School Report

Compiled by Dean Ball

6th Grade had impressive participation in the Florida Mathematics League "Math Counts" contest. Students who love math and a good challenge took a 30-minute, 35-question test, assessing their ability to apply math concepts. Results from the state-wide competition will be posted in April. Students in 6th Grade Math are learning about percentages and will apply their understanding when they learn about simple interest, income, and savings. Pre-Algebra students are learning about triangles, angles, and how they relate to the construction and characteristics of polygons. – Megan Puaschunder

In 6th grade Earth and Space Science, students have been busy learning about Earth Surface Processes. They started with Topography, the mapping of Earth's surface, and used our knuckles as mountains and built more mountains out of model magic. They also learned about Earth's interior in the Starlab and did a cool "show us what you know" activity. – Marie Rosander

8th grade History classes just finished up Black History Month projects. They learned about the Ocoee massacre, Rosewood, Tulsa, Emmett Till, watched "Amistad," and delved into inventors and other black men and women whose contributions helped push American society forward. – Liz Ballard

8th grade ELA students continue to read Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Recently, we engaged in a Reader's Theater in which students acted out the poignant courtroom scene from the novel. Students loved having the opportunity to put themselves in a character's shoes and interact with the text on a deeper level. – Wendy Hazlett

Grade 8 Life Science students have been studying the human body system. They are currently learning about the digestive and excretory systems and how it extracts nutrients from food and excretes waste. To help students understand the processes, they worked on a Scat lab whereby they had to look at examples of faux mammal scat and match the sample with a mammal using a chart. Students provided evidence from the images of what the animals ate, digested, and excreted to further determine if the animal was an herbivore, carnivore, or omnivore. – Dave Yotsuda

Mrs. Molinaro's 6th grade World History classes recently completed their Ancient China Unit. They learned about Chinese Lunar New Year and celebrated with mandarins and red envelopes with money! They also learned all about the dynasties and their contributions. The classes held Socratic Seminars about the Chinese Philosophies and discussed with their families which Chinese Philosophy aligned with our family's own philosophy. Classes worked

Middle School Report continued ...

through their very first DBQ (Document Based Question) and worked on our essay writing. Students also made video commercial advertisements for Han Achievements they learned about in China's Golden Age.

They concluded their unit with Chinese Calligraphy, with students learning about the Scholars "Four Treasures" (Ink stick, Ink Stone, Brush, and Paper) practiced character writing, making our own ink on the grinding stone, and learned techniques of creating beautiful ink paintings of Asian motifs (bamboo, orchids, chrysanthemums, and cherry blossoms) on rice paper. Mrs. Molinaro and the students thank the moms who came in to help with the project. – Jenna Molinaro

The 6th grade Beginning Choir and Middle School Concert Choir (7th and 8th Grade) received Excellent ratings at the regional Music Performance Assessments. They were evaluated by three "on stage" judges who adjudicated their performance and awarded each choir two Excellent ratings and a Superior rating, with both choirs receiving a Superior in the challenging sight-reading assessment. – Seth Gardner

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Kindness Week at Pine View

Pine View celebrated Kindness Week on February 21-24. Each day featured a different theme and challenge designed to build school community and spread kindness. On Thursday, February 23, students and staff were encouraged to be kind to themselves by spending 10 minutes doing something they love. Pictures were sent to High School Assistant Principal Mrs. Lana Marcotte for a chance to be featured in this issue of *Pine Views*; these photos were selected at random.

Jin Huang, grade 4, loves ice skating and goes to the rink twice a week for lessons and practice.

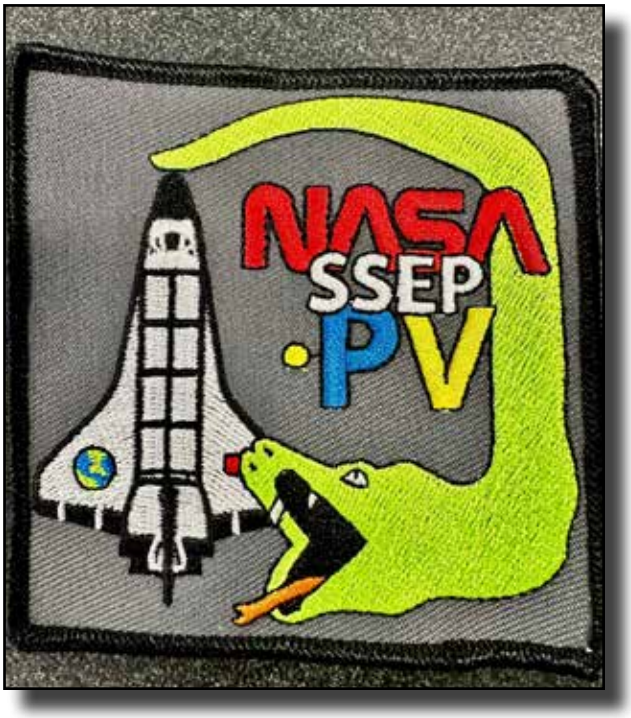
Ninth grade students, Ginger Kreithen and Liana Schlabach, grade 9, are kind to themselves by engaging in one of their favorite hobbies- making music!

Abijah Ramos, grade 7, solves one of his many Rubik's Cubes.

SSEP Update:
Mission Patches Selected, Experiment Progresses

Pine View's project for the International Space Station nears completion, with the selection of the "Mission Patch" Artwork. The selection committee chose two art patches that will travel with the experiment out of 412 submissions. The winner for Grades 2-6 was Varshini Ganesh (6th Grade) and the winner for Grades 7-12 was Alex Wade (10th Grade).

Meanwhile, the team of 7th graders Yatharth Kakkad, Felix Ratner, Rugan Suresh and Rishik Yellu continue to prepare their winning experiment proposal, and are now in the process of finalizing their experiment data. Both the experiment and the artwork are expected to travel to the launch site this summer.



The teaching team of Dr. Dylan Bell, David Yotsuda and Marie Rosander thank everyone who has helped make the project a reality, including Principal Covert, Denise Valentine for her support and gorgeous marquee displays, and PVA for funding the project. To see pictures from the ongoing project and learn much more, visit the teacher's Sway site: https://sway.office.com/U0GWroYaic4H81w2?ref=Link

Pine View Clubs and Special Events News

Pine View's four Odyssey of the Mind teams (one from high school, two from middle school, and one from elementary) competed in Fort Myers at the Sun Region competition and ALL FOUR TEAMS PLACED FIRST in their problem and division! The teams now move on to compete in Orlando at the state competition on April 8.
– *Pam Novak*

Congratulations to Pine View's MATHCOUNTS team, which dominated the chapter competition in February. Pine View's team of Benjamin Jiang (1st place overall winner), Harry Xu, Keith Chen, Kai Deng, and Om Patel scored first place in the Team and Ciphering round. Additionally, mathletes Justin Kim (2nd place overall winner), Athena Erbe, Christopher Kovacs, Aadi Bhenddadia, and Keiran Prather(3rd place overall winner) all placed in the top 10. Good luck to the team members and Justin and Keiran who were slated to represent Pine View at the state competition in March.
– *Kelly Vest*

The annual Mr. Pine View competition was held on February 17, featuring song, dance, comedy skits and general merriment. At show's end, the title of Mr. Pine View went to Cole Nebel, with runners-up Simon Valek and Nathan Widjaja. The People's Choice award went to Rafeh Khan. Landon Bertrand was named Mr. Congeniality. Other contestants were David Bayer, Patrick Enright, Colin Mason, Arvind Rajeev, Shane Schwarzenbach, Kenzie Tran and Joshua Worthington.

At the recent Sarasota County History Fair, two Pine View students were selected to move on and represent Sarasota County Schools at Florida's statewide History Day Contest in May.
Congratulations to sixth grader Sophia Raicu for her Individual Documentary and to high school sophomore Leon Chen for his Historical Paper. Congratulations to all participants this year for their hard work and dedication, and thank you to Tricia Allen, Carol Lavallee, and Robin Melton for being judges for Pine View student projects and helping guide the students on how to improve their projects. – *Alyssa Adamson*

The Pine View Business Professionals of America chapter traveled to the state leadership conference this past weekend in Orlando and club members excelled in their presentations.
Maya Frankowski received first place in Office Systems and Procedures and qualified for nationals. She also received second place in Business Meeting Management Concepts. Campbell Whapshire received first place in Personal Finance Management and qualified for nationals.
Other students' achievements were: Emily Fung, 2nd place Business Law and Ethics;
Niranjana Jayendran, Calista Ream, 2nd place Presentation Management Team; Parina Gandhi, 3rd place Health Administration Procedures; Rayna Parker, 3rd place Banking and Finance and 3rd place Graphic Design Promotion; Lisa Zalewski, 4th place Business Law and Ethics; Grace Chung, Colin Greise, and Rushi Patel, 4th place Broadcast News; Jack Suchora, 5th place Financial Math and Analysis Concepts; Iyaan Isani, 5th place Business Law and Ethics.
In addition, Rushi Patel is Newly Elected State Parliamentarian and Emily Fung is Newly Elected State Vice President.
– *Kathleen Suchora*

Out of Field Notification **8/31/22**

Guidelines from the Department of Education requires schools to inform parents if any teachers are "Out-of-Field". For teachers at Pine View, this typically means they are lacking the courses for gifted education endorsement and/or ESOL. The following teachers are listed as "out-of-field": **Jacquelyn Cetola, Ivonne Chaustre, Maureen Condiotte, Melody Elliott, Mackenzie Fox, Marisa Freedman, Ying Guo, Rebecca Kochenderfer, Boglarka Lengyel, Tammy Madden, Ashley McLeod, Kathleen Suchora.** All of our teachers in this category are currently enrolled in coursework that will address this "out-of-field" status. In addition to teachers, **Carmen Lopez** is a long-term sub for our World Language Department.

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The Addams Family Musical

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