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Friday, November 17th started out cool and foggy...perfect conditions for an event that has been marked with heat and humidity the last several years. Students in grades 2 through 8 ran for an hour each on the track during three separate running times. DJ Jesse played music and took requests to maintain the excitement during each hour on the track while parents came to cheer, hand out water, and mark laps. Kids were rewarded with frozen popsicles at the end of their effort. This annual tradition was an overwhelming success.



Winners were recognized on December 6th!



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Hello Pine View Families,

I hope that the first quarter was wonderful for all of your children and cannot believe we are almost halfway through the school year! PVA has been incredibly busy since our last issue of Pine Views and I'm so grateful to be able to update you on all of our activities!

With many parents hoping to support specific teachers and their classrooms directly, we started off the school year with our Partners to Achieve Classroom Excellence (P.A.C.E.) program. Co-Chairs Lisa Stern and Wendy Teague helped to raise over \$65,000 that allows teachers and instructional staff to purchase additional classroom items such as: software, classroom books, visual aids, enrichment materials and so much more!

Our annual Read-A-Thon, a student-driven literacy fundraising event that helps kids get excited about reading while raising funds for Pine View, was held from September 22 - October 6. Under the leadership of Chair Christi Sparrow, Read-A-Thon raised \$28,000 to help support PVA's initiatives in Academic Support, College & Career and Community Building and students logged an impressive 141,334 minutes of "Total Minutes Read!"

The annual Pine View Fair occurred on October 21 and Chair of the Pine View Fair, Lilly Thomas, was able to create a spectacular Fall Festival for our kids while also raising nearly \$30,000 to go directly back to Pine View's clubs and organizations! (See page 39 for pictures from the Pine View Fair.)

Peramathon, Pine View's annual jog-a-thon fundraiser Co-Chaired by Silke Cuff and Katie Padgett, had the inspiring theme of "Our School, Our World" that embraced Pine View's diverse and international community. Once again, this fantastic Pine View tradition that was held on November 17 was able to create the same buzz and excitement for our kids that it has for so many previous Pine View generations! (See page 2 for pictures from Peramathon.)

In addition to all of the aforementioned events, PVA has been excited to utilize the funds it has raised to grant funding requests that support its mission. A few of the funding requests that we have supported just this school year include, the Veterans Day Celebration, Jungle Robotics, Speech & Debate, Senior Breakfast, Ping Pong Club, Entrepreneurship Club and Rocketry Club. In addition, we are thrilled that the turf for the Elementary School playground area is complete! (See page 38 and back cover.)

With respect to our Community Building Initiatives, we were excited to introduce our new Grade Representative Committee with a welcome session on October 5 led by Grade Representative Chairs Gaby Lodeiro, Tanya Shaitanoff and Wendy Teague. They have done an amazing job coordinating the class by class grade

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representatives who are now able to connect with each other and parents in their respective grades to plan events for our kids in each of the grade-levels outside of school hours.

After having over 200 members of the Pine View family at our first PVA Social on September 23, we kicked off the holiday season with over 80 members of our Pine View family at our PVA Sunset Social on December 8 at Evie's at Spanish Point.

And, we are thrilled to announce that our "Fire & Ice" Pinnacle Gala will be held on February 10, 2024 at the Westin! (Please see pages 20-23 for additional details!)

Finally, as we approach this season of togetherness, I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt wishes to each of you for a joyous and a wonderful holiday season. Your dedication and involvement in our school community through PVA makes a significant difference in creating a nurturing and supportive environment for our children. Thank you for being an integral part of the Pine View family and wishing you all the happiness and peace this holiday season brings!

Warmest regards,

Puja Dhanraj

PVA Social

More than 200 members of the Pine View family — parents, alumni and faculty — turned out for the first PVA Social on September 23.



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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News from the Board Room

The Pine View Association Board of Directors met in October and November, planning upcoming events, hearing reports on the progress of many ongoing projects, and approving fundraising requests.

November meeting highlights:

The PVA Board heard progress reports from several committees. The Garden Committee, chaired by Lesley Sachs, said there are three educational gardens on campus, the gardens are open three days a week for students, and University of Florida is a research partner.

Read-a-Thon, chaired by Christi Sparrow, raised \$28,000 for the school, thanks to students reading for an incredible 141,334 minutes. Venice Island Bookstore and the Stanley family were sponsors of the event.

Pine View Fair, chaired by Lilly Thomas, featured more than 70 booths and raise nearly \$30,000 for student clubs and organizations.

The Board approved the following grants:

\$4,000 for the Ping Pong Club, covering the cost of four tables, equipment and tournament fees.

The tables will be stored in the Gym lobby area, and PE classes can utilize the tables.

\$1,000 for the Rocketry Club, to provide funds to build rockets and enter contests. The funding would also allow the club to recoup money it has already spent.

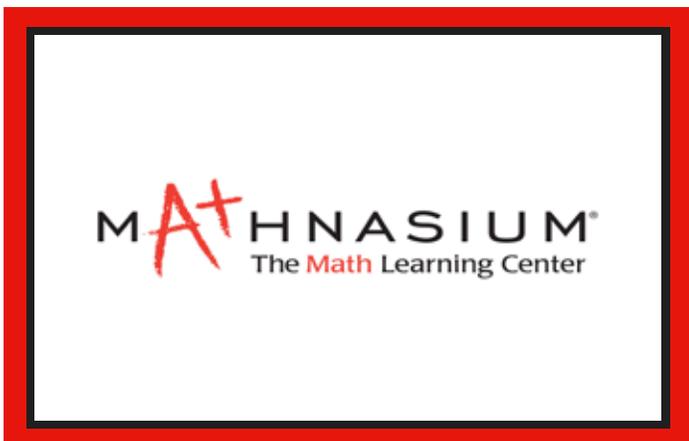
\$750 for the Entrepreneurship Club, which will fund a “Shark Tank” simulation. The award would be a match for \$750 the club already has raised.

October meeting highlights:

President Puja Dhanraj reported that there are now 930 PVA members approved and activated in the school system, thanks to PVA’s revision of its membership renewal process and lots of work by PVA and school staff. She also said the grade-level community building teams had a welcome session and training, and that the first PVA Social drew more than 200 attendees.

Vice President of Sponsorship Silke Cuff reported that sponsorships had raised more than \$95,000. Vice President of School Support Jaime Heath reported that the PACE program had raised more than \$65,000 for classrooms, nearly double last year’s total.

PVA approved a funding request of \$1,254 to pay the cost of the annual Senior Class Breakfast.




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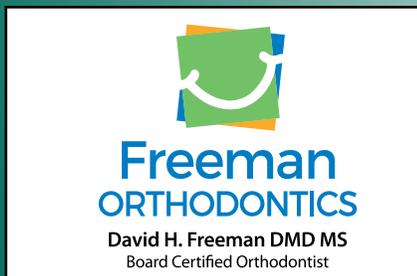
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Dear Pine View School Parents and Community:

It seems like the year just began, and we already just held the annual Fall Parade, the Pine View Fair, and Winter Break is right around the corner! The Pine View Fair was a huge success and we thank everyone who came out to support our student clubs and organizations! It was a wonderful day of fun and food for the entire family, so thank you to everyone who came out. Also, thank you to PVA Fall Fair Chair, Lilly Thomas, and the entire PVA Fall Fair Committee for their work in organizing, planning, collaborating with teachers, planning the booths, and making it such a successful day! Also, a huge thank you to Peramathon

Committee Chair, Silke Cuff, and everyone who volunteered to make the annual Peramathon event a smashing success!

We recently had another Astronomy Night which was incredibly well-attended, and thank you to Dr. Bell for coordinating and organizing these events- more to come as we schedule more nights! We also had the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program (SSEP) launch to the International Space Station scheduled for November 9th. We can't thank our student scientists who participated in the competition, the students who planned the winning experiment that went into space to the International Space Station, Marie Rosander, Dr. Dylan Bell, and David Yotsuda, as well as PVA, and an incredibly generous anonymous family foundation for making this project a success! We also thank our elementary students for participating in the SSEP shoulder patch competition- bravo to all! Ms. Marcotte and I travelled to Washington, D.C. to accept the 2023 National Blue Ribbon School Award from the US Secretary of Education, Dr. Miguel Cardona, and it was an amazing honor to do this on behalf of the entire Pine View community! The new National Blue Ribbon School flag is flying beneath our PV school flag, and we have a wonderful plaque recognizing PV and this achievement which will be on display in the Main Office. Congratulations!

Our Pine View students, in grades 2 through 12, have been taking beginning of the year assessments, and many students have come home sharing their reactions to the STAR, or FAST assessments, or even the PSAT, SAT, or ACT they may have taken recently. We post our testing calendars on our website, so if you want to see information relevant to your student- take a minute a look at the calendar. We also sent home copies of the assessment results, and for both STAR and FAST, specifically shared that these should not be interpreted as achievement results. All students at Pine View are likely to test extremely well, and likely demonstrate above grade level competency. Our students outperformed everyone in the district and the state, and are exactly where we would expect them to be. Our teachers are using these data points simply as a check-in for where the students are, and Progress Monitoring will continue throughout the year.

It is an honor and privilege to lead such an amazing school, and we are very fortunate that we were able to have recognized our National Merit Semi-finalists and National Merit Commended Scholars, partnered with the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee in presenting a vocal concert by a descendent of a Holocaust survivor, and honoring Holocaust Education Week at Pine View, and creating and sharing resource materials and videos for teachers throughout Sarasota County. Now more than ever, remembering that we cannot allow hate to prevail is incredibly important in our support of civil discourse, dialogue, and civic engagement. We also proudly partnered with our School Advisory Council (SAC), for our annual Veterans' Day celebration. Congratulations to Pine View for being recognized by the College Board as a Platinum Level award winner, as well as earning the Access Award by ensuring that our students are prepared *(continued on page 13)*

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for success in taking college level courses at Pine View and far surpass achievement levels in Florida and the world mean scores. Also, Ms. Marcotte and I traveled to Washington, D.C. to receive the 2023 National Blue Ribbon Award on behalf of our school from the United States Secretary of Education, the Honorable Miguel Cardona- a true testament to the amazing education our children receive at Pine View thanks to our teachers and our supportive parents! These are just a few of the almost endless list of amazing programs and initiatives that serve to create a special place where we nurture the growth of gifted learners- in partnership with you. Oftentimes, “the negative” or “the noise” is what gets talked about or what we may see on social media- but the reality is that we have amazing teachers who pour their hearts and souls into lifting up and preparing our students, incredibly supportive parents and community members, and absolutely wonderful students for whom we all dedicate everything we do! We encourage all Pine View parents, and community members to be the stronger, heard, share your voices, and to share the messages of success and achievement- “Working as One for the Success of All!”

Happy Fall and Winter Breaks, Pine View!

Stephen P. Covert, Ph.D.

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Pine View Team's Lab Goes To Space

Pine View is now in space. An experiment designed by Pine View students Rugan Suresh, Felix Ratner, Rishik Yellu, and Yatharth Kakkad launched the night of November 9, bound for the International Space Station on a SpaceX Dragon rocket.

The students traveled to Cape Canaveral to watch the launch and gave a presentation on their project at NASA. "It was absolutely amazing! We are tired but so happy!" said Marie Rosander, sixth grade science team leader, who with fellow science teacher Dr. Dylan Bell accompanied the students to the launch.



The experiment, part of the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program (SSEP) Mission 17, is testing the effect of microgravity on the ability of microalga *Chlorella vulgaris* to remove phosphates and nitrates from wastewater. If microalgae can remove contaminants from synthetic wastewater in microgravity, then they could play a key role in self-sustained life support systems which are essential for long term space missions.

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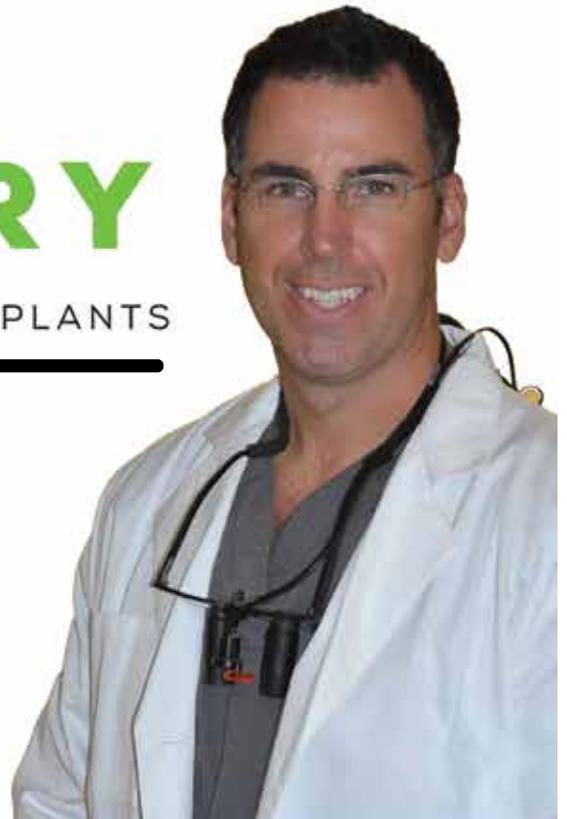
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The roughly 15 members of the Pine View Weightlifting Club are using the equipment at their twice-weekly meetings under the supervision of Coach Mark Thorp, who said students in PE class will be using it soon. Several faculty members are regulars as well!

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As a public school, Pine View relies heavily upon community support for their progressively diverse educational opportunities. Pine View spends close to \$200,000 every year on student needs such as funded learning platforms, Pine View clubs, as well as several events for teachers and students including teacher appreciation, senior graduation, eighth grade celebration, fifth grade celebration, PV Fair, and Pine View Pride honoring AB and A honor roll students. In addition, money raised at our fundraiser events is used to improve the infrastructure of our school and learning environment of our teachers and students.

Would you please consider donating one of your items or services? No donation would be too big or too small and it is tax deductible. In addition, there are several Sponsorships and Underwriting Packages available. As a sponsor or underwriter you gain additional exposure through not only our online auction, but all the event's marketing materials, the Pine View newsletter, as well as a prominent display of your business at the gala. As an added bonus, our internet based auction is open to the public and can be viewed at: www.pvagala.com/ which allows to further reach the community for even greater exposure for your business.

We certainly hope that you would consider getting involved in this event. Your contribution and support will be greatly appreciated by all students, faculty, administrators, and parents.

Please do not hesitate to contact **Cindy Jaramillo at (646) 420-7857** or **Mihaela Trent at (484) 515-6603** should you have any questions. Alternatively, you can email us at Pinnacledonations@yourpva.org. We would be happy to retrieve your items or please feel free to mail them to:

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- Early access to preview live auction items

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- 4 Fire & Ice Gala tickets including VIP cocktail hour
- Early access to preview live auction items

DECORATIONS UNDERWRITER | \$5,000

- Recognition onstage as decorations underwriter
- Recognition on 1,720 event invitations
- Recognition on all printed materials including program and "step and repeat" banner
- Business Logo/Family name featured on digital loop screens
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AUCTIONEER UNDERWRITER | \$2,500

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ICE SCULPTURE UNDERWRITER | \$2,500

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- Recognition before both performances
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EVENT PROGRAM UNDERWRITER | \$2,000

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PHOTO BOOTH UNDERWRITER | \$1,500

- Business Logo/Family name featured at Photobooth and photo printouts
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- Business Logo/Family name displayed in event program
- 2 Fire & Ice Gala tickets including VIP cocktail hour
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REGISTRATION TABLE UNDERWRITER | \$1,000

- Business Logo/Family name featured on registration table upon entering the event
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Your Legacy in contributing to educational excellence at Pine View School

WALL OF FAME — OCTOBER



Grade 2: With a heart full of kindness and a mind eager for knowledge, **Harvey Sklar** embodies the spirit of an outstanding student, making him a deserving recipient of the 212 award. His enthusiasm is contagious, inspiring his peers to approach challenges with a positive mindset. His commitment to learning and his fairness make him a role model for his peers.



Grade 3: **Lauryn Luangphakdy** displays the extra degree in the classroom as a quiet leader. Her positive qualities of attention to detail in her schoolwork, trustworthiness and proven responsibility are demonstrated daily. She is always on task, participates regularly in classroom lessons and activities, and is not afraid to ask questions. In addition this student is active in run club and school choir. Lauren continuously goes the extra degree and is a joy to have in the classroom.



Grade 4: **Ishaan Sheshani** is a remarkable student who consistently demonstrates qualities of leadership, compassion and dedication that set him apart as a shining example within our school community. In every class he attends Ishaan consistently attains high marks, displaying an unwavering commitment to his education. His diligence, thirst for knowledge, and passion for learning make him a true scholar. Ishaan's academic success is a source of inspiration to both his peers and educators, serving as a role model for excellence in the classroom. Outside the classroom, Ishaan is passionate about basketball. He cherishes the time he spends competing and nurturing the bonds he shares with his teammates, demonstrating the importance of recreation and the value of genuine connections. He also has a brown belt in Taekwondo and uses his skills to help younger students. Ishaan's service heart extends beyond athletics to his neighborhood where he walks his neighbors' dogs when needed. Ishaan's commitment to personal growth, community service, and his unwavering support for his peers exemplify the essence of the 212 award.



Grade 5: Empathy means showing an ability to understand and share the feelings of another. It is a building block of morality and a key ingredient of successful relationships in school and beyond. **Elliot Hollen's** high degree of understanding of other people's emotions allows her to connect and relate to others in a beautiful way. Elliot's empathy has had a positive impact on those around her. From her peers to her teachers, she is spreading kindness one interaction at a time.



Grade 6: **Aidan Egeland** has been chosen for Pine View's 6th grade 212 Award because he goes above and beyond showing respect inside and outside the classroom. Being respectful is one of the key ingredients to being the best person you can be. During 6th grade lunch, he is always a model student thinking of others, being kind and considerate, and offering to help when needed! The true trait of going the extra degree for the 212 philosophy is to do what is right even outside of our classrooms, and Aidan is doing just that! Aidan is always ready with his positive attitude to be nice and kind to his peers, teachers and all school personnel. Aidan demonstrates great leadership skills in any given setting, follows directions, and acts as a role model for his peers. He is a true team player. It is our pleasure to nominate Aidan for this honor.

WALL OF FAME — OCTOBER



Grade 7: Ian Min's teachers agree that he is consistent in his effort to go the extra degree. Every team project is better with Ian on board; he is a true team player and always lifts everyone's spirits. Ian's dedication and passion for learning is truly inspiring. He is conscientious and polite and serves as a role model for other students.



Grade 8: All of Athena Erbe's teachers describe her as a joy to have in class, a student who is bright, engaging, kind, diligent, respectful of her classmates, and always willing to share in class discussions. In U.S. history, she recently designed a series of Quizlets to help her classmates study for a very difficult unit test. Clearly an academic leader, the other students remarked on how much it helped them prepare; this is just one example of how Athena thinks of others in a selfless way. In math, she is very attentive, asks a lot of clarifying questions, and always comes prepared with homework and for assessments. In Chinese, Athena is ambitious in her goal for higher achievement in the language; however, she is also flexible in shifting the proverbial goalposts when necessary. Finally, she is a beautiful artist who is developing the start of a lovely portfolio. Athena is a very focused worker that is evident in her attention to detail and planning.



Grade 9: Polite, kind, and motivated, Harry Xu serves as a role model for others. He always maintains a positive and engaging attitude, hallmarks of the 212 philosophy. Harry always lends a helping hand and works well with everyone. He is an excellent group member in class, considers the thoughts and feelings of others, and strives for excellence in everything that he does."



Grade 10: Evan Lian is always positive, engaging, and kind. He works well with his fellow classmates and selflessly helps others. A talented student in all of his classes, he excels in English and World Languages. His teachers note that he "raises the bar" with the quality of his work in class, and he is also strong at debate. Whether an adult or a student, Evan is bound to brighten your day and truly embodies the 212 philosophy.



Grade 11: Xinyi Liu is a passionate human rights activist and founder of the Pine View Human Rights Youth Advocacy Club which has a website, a literary newsletter, has been registered as a charity organization, and has over six hundred volunteers around the world. The club has donated tens of thousands of hygiene products to hundreds of people in need around the globe. Xinyi's compassion and consideration of others is also evidenced in her mindful approach to others on a daily basis, in and out of the classroom setting.



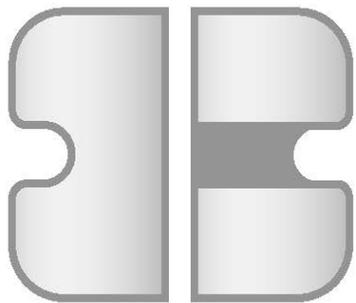
Grade 12: One of Samantha Fineman's foundational values is her desire to make the world a better place. She has a genuine concern for people and has participated in multiple outreach and community programs that align with her altruism. Samantha is the Pine View Club President and local founder for the Save a Child's Heart organization. She continues to host events that help fundraise for children's medical care. Samantha is also highly involved as a research assistant and volunteer with Sarasota Memorial, is an active member of the Pine View HOSA club, and continues to lead her rowing team to championships in her role as coxswain. Happy, Helpful, and Honest, Samantha epitomizes Pine View's commitment to excellence.

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WALL OF FAME — NOVEMBER



Grade 2: Elim Zhou is a delightful Pine View 2nd grader. She is kind and respectful to everyone around her. She always does her best work and goes above and beyond to learn as much as she can. She helps whenever needed and can be depended on by other students and teachers. She never complains; she does exactly what she is told with a wonderful attitude and a smile. Elim is a good friend and classmate with a heart of gold. She is truly a 212 Pine View Student!



Grade 3: Danica Plotkin goes above and beyond in the classroom to help support her peers. She takes her classroom job seriously and performs her roles of “Study Buddy” thoroughly ensuring that her absent classmates have everything recorded and are prepared to catch up upon their return to our classroom. Additionally, she helps other students perform their jobs when needed. She never misses a beat! Danica is also very driven outside of the classroom participating in tennis clinics and practicing with extra lessons to meet her goal of winning tennis tournaments.



Grade 4: Evan Dailey is exemplary in all ways, and we are honored to present the 212 Award to him. His constant kindness is displayed with a positive attitude and genuine smile that light up everyone’s day. His unwavering attention in class is truly admirable, and he has a gift for asking questions that provoke thought and challenge us to think deeper! A true role model, Evan leads by example, showing the importance of curiosity and respect. He makes learning a wonderful experience for everyone.



Grade 5: Author Tyler Gregson said, “There is no need to go looking for the light when you bring it with you.” Andrew Yang shares his light wherever he goes. Andrew is a student who always is eager to help in a quiet way and is a good friend to others. He enjoys playing basketball and tennis outside of school. He is a wonderful teammate and a person who exemplifies good sportsmanship. Andrew shines brightly inside and out.



Grade 6: Suzy Mata is an amazing young lady who truly exemplifies the Pine View 212 philosophy. Suzy’s teachers state that she is an exemplar student who is kind, thoughtful and creative! Suzy consistently demonstrates dedication to her studies; she goes above and beyond in completing assignments and actively participating in class. Suzy is always willing to help her peers by displaying excellent teamwork. Your teachers are so proud of you, Suzy! It is our pleasure to nominate Suzy for this honor.



Grade 7: Varshini Ganesh goes over and above athletically and scholastically exemplifying the 212 philosophy. Even when keeping up with a rigorous schedule, she never “takes her eye off the ball.” Varshini consistently displays high linguistic intelligence readily identifying patterns, comparing new terms with what she knows, and communicating clarity of understanding. Varshini takes on independent research with participation in STEM, but she always generously helps others in class with a smile on her face. Her commitment to excellence is always on display.

WALL OF FAME — NOVEMBER



Grade 8: Blake Wood's presence here at Pine View has not only elevated the academic atmosphere but has also enriched the school community with his leadership, academic ability, and care for others. Blake's contributions go beyond the classroom. He is a leader on the basketball court and baseball fields, where his hard work, innate skills, and knowledge of the game provide his teammates with someone they know they can always count on. He always puts his teammates first. What truly distinguishes Blake is the genuine care and concern he shows for others. Blake's selflessness and willingness to put the needs of his classmates before his own exemplify the true spirit of teamwork and compassion. His acts have created a positive and supportive environment, whether in the classroom or on the field. We are proud to have Blake Wood as a member of our community.



Grade 9: Alex Lieberman is a wonderful student and person in several ways both inside and outside the classroom. Alex demonstrates exemplary character traits like commitment to academics and kindness towards fellow students. Alex's teachers remark that it is an honor to have Alex in class. Alex's bravery in facing challenges and embracing new opportunities has not gone unnoticed. Whether it's tackling difficult academic concepts, stepping up as a leader in extracurricular activities, or championing important causes within our community, Alex's courage is both commendable and inspiring. Alex's fearlessness in the pursuit of growth and positive change is a testament of character. Alex's genuine concern for the well-being of others is a source of inspiration for everyone.



Grade 10: Sophia Zhang is a wonderful addition to Pine View. She is academically talented, always inquisitive, and a kindhearted person who seeks not only to better herself but to share her gifts with others. Sophia qualified for the US physics team last year, in which she earned a gold in the Physics Olympiad and scored among the top students in the USA. This year Sophia has given back by spearheading the "F=ma" training program. Sophia has also demonstrated remarkable ability in the study of Chinese. She is an excellent student; however, it's not just Sophia's academic achievements that make her exceptional. Her caring nature and willingness to lend a helping hand to her peers help create a positive and supportive atmosphere within her classes. Sophia's kindness does not go unnoticed. Her combination of academic strength, kindness, and helpfulness makes her a truly exceptional human being. Sophia's future is bright, and we all look forward to witnessing the positive impact she will make in the years to come.



Grade 11: Ellie Levy is an excellent writer and a big thinker. She has the ability to capture the attention of her peers through presentation or classroom discussion because her ideas are always thought out, interesting, and considerate. Ellie is an accomplished speaker and commands a room with her quiet confidence and ready smile. She participates in the Neuroscience Club and Mu Alpha Theta, and takes pride in representing Pine View School.



Grade 12: Adriana Maiotti is a prodigious student: one who consistently puts forth her best effort in all that she pursues. She flourishes in her highly rigorous academic arena and puts forth boundless energy in her intensely robust world of extracurricular activities. Adriana has a passion for Chemistry and Physics and enjoys the time she spends with fellow club members at Neuroscience Club. The world is her oyster.



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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

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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
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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.

Elementary School Report

Compiled by Andy Vitkus

In second grade, students researched regions of the United States and then presented reports to the class. Second and third grades kept up the fall holiday tradition of costumes, with the second-graders in a costume parade and third-graders dressing up as idioms.



Second Grades Regions 1&2



Second Grade Costumes

Parents and students love the interactions between the young ones, and the nostalgia over what they dressed up as so many years ago.

Second and third graders also attended the Sarasota Children’s Opera with Ms. Adamson, teachers, and parent chaperones.



Veterans Day RWB

Elementary grades celebrated Veterans Day and showed their patriotic spirit by going red, white and blue for the morning assembly.

Students in fourth and fifth grades were busy with book activities, with fourth-graders presenting their “hidden books” and fifth graders going the extra degree with their book reports.

Fourth graders also participated in Holocaust Remembrance by watching the movie “Paper Clips,” about students at a Tennessee school creating a project to help them learn about the Holocaust. Fifth graders combined English and art by making watercolor leaf painting mixed with acrostic poems.



Book Report and Leaf Art

Middle School Report

Compiled by Edwin Stumpf

In October, students in Earth and Space Science studied Weather and Climate, learning about severe weather, greenhouse gases, greenhouse effect, the human impact on our climate and more. They also escaped from a fun Spooktacular Escape room!

Eighth grade ELA classes began the quarter with a debate unit. Students researched a topic and debated their position.



Students completed an argumentative essay to round out the unit.

Sixth grade World History classes have been studying the earliest of civilizations that emerged in the Fertile Crescent. They started by exploring Ancient Mesopotamia and considering if it has the elements which classify it a civilization. We learned about Sir Leonard Woolley and his excavation of the city-state Ur. One of the finds was a special triangular box called *The Standard of Ur*. It is a mosaic inlaid with shell, red limestone and lapis lazuli. One panel depicts a time of war and the other a time of peace. Students analyzed this primary source and made claims about the civilization using evidence to support those.

Students tried their hand at writing like an ancient Sumerian, practicing cuneiform (or “wedge-shaped” writing) on clay tablets with a reed stylus. Ms. Molinaro thanks families for the playdoh donations that made the lesson both possible and fun.

We learned that in Ancient Mesopotamia, only wealthy males went to school and learned to read and write. So, Sumerians had individual cylinder seals carved from stone that they wore around their neck. It was unique to them and represented their signature so that those who could not write could sign their name to documents and receipts by rolling the seal across the clay tablet.

In class, students personalized their own cylinder seals.



High School Report

Compiled by David Mannino

Pine View Model UN Excels at KnightMUN



Model UN at UCF

Pine View Model United Nations competed at KnightMUN at University of Central Florida in Orlando on November 17-19. Pine View's team competed with more than 300 delegates in a record turnout for the event. Several members of Pine View's club received conference-wide awards, including the award for the top overall delegate at the event:

Verbal Commendation: Areeb Lalani, grade 10; Mira Carpenter, Grade 10, Quinn Gulliver, grade 10.

Honorable Mention: Natasha Antoniuk, grade 10; Chiwen Lo, grade 10; Ben Buurma, grade 11;

Tristan Rans, grade 12.

Best delegate: Haley Peace, grade 12

Pine View Music Students Named to Florida All-State

Four students in Pine View Orchestra were selected for the Florida All-State Orchestra, and were among the six total from the five counties in District 11, Orchestra Director Christopher Mink said. They are: Aadi Rao, guitar; Ethan Song, bass; Grayson Cicilioni, violin; and Selena Shen violin.

Three students in Pine View Band were named to the different sections of the Florida All-State Band, Band Director Victor Mongillo said. They are Mia Lang, clarinet, high school concert band; Ethan Nealis, trumpet, middle school jazz band; and Amelia Pavunko, flute, middle school concert band.



Physics Lab

AP Physics Airplane Lab

Dr. Dylan Bell's students in AP Physics 1 conducted an Airplane Lab, where they used force diagrams and Newton's Laws to calculate gravity on the surface of the Earth and compare their values with known values.

Pine View Speech And Debate Brings Record Group to Gainesville



Speech & Debate brought a record number to UF

Pine View Speech and Debate competed at the Florida Blue Key Speech and Debate Tournament at University of Florida in late October. The team brought 75 competitors, parents, and judges to The Swamp, the largest group the club has taken on the road since Coach Jym Froelich became coach in 2018.

and quarterfinalist Aashima Goswami, Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate, octofinalist and 2nd place speaker award Gabby Pina; Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate, octofinalist Edden Levy; Varsity Public Forum Debate, octofinalists John Bizzaro & Tarik Pehlic, Stephen Fancher & Jack Zhou, and Sankalp Manjesh & Zach Gibson.



Joe Calleja, Marin McLeod and Shalini Nair took home awards from the Florida Blue Key tournament

The following students advanced past the opening round, which qualifies them for the Tournament of Champions in Lexington, Kentucky, in April: Student Congress semifinalists Rushi Patel, Aadi Bhensdadia, Benjamin Butakow; Duo Interpretation, fifth place Marin McLeod and Joe Calleja; Extemporaneous Speaking, quarterfinalist Rohan Dash; Original Oratory, second place Shalini Nair,



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Pine View Opens New Artificial Turf Field



Pine View's third graders "opened" the Elementary School's new artificial turf field on December 6. PVA was proud to provide all the funding for this project, which will give students a safe, clean and fun place to play for years to come.



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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, Marisa Freedman, Ying Guo, David Mannino, Carol Pelletier, and Carmen Lopez.** All of our teachers in this category are currently enrolled in coursework that will address this "out-of-field" status.



Pine View Fair

PVA's Pine View Fair was one of the most successful in the long history of the event, with hundreds of people turning out on Saturday, Oct. 21 to visit the 70 student organization booths, play in bounce houses and other inflatables, and try to put Dr. Covert, Mr. Pauling and others in the dunk tank. The event raised nearly \$30,000 for student clubs and teacher classrooms. PVA thanks event sponsors including The Stanley Family, Anthony's Barber Shop and EDG Realty.

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