

THE VIKING TIMES



CLASS OF 2023 DANCE
FEB. 10TH, 2022



BIG CITY LIGHTS DANCE

On Friday, Feb. 10th we celebrated our Viking Class of 2023 with a Big City Lights Dance at Reception Palace Ballroom. Our 8th grade Vikings enjoyed a special night. The 8th grade Class of 2023 had a fabulous time dancing the night away. A special thank you to all the teachers and PTSA for organizing and making this day such a memorable one for our 8th grade class. Class of 2023, you will be missed, but we are proud of you and know you will make us proud as you move on to high school. #onceavikingalwaysaviking



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Arvida Awarded Magnet School of America Distinction



We are beyond excited to announce that Arvida Middle has been awarded the Magnet School of America Distinction Award once again. We have earned this award for 6 consecutive years! This award is a testament of the top notch caliber of administrators, teachers, students, and community

MDCPS Values Matter



MDCPS Values Matter for January: **Pursuit of Excellence**
The pursuit of excellence” means a striving, a struggle to achieve some goal which is not necessarily specified and may be, in fact, unknown. Excellence is a mindset rather than an outcome. After all, anyone can produce excellent content but not everyone has the drive and determination to work toward excellence in everything they do.



MDCPS Values Matter for February: **Kindness**
Kindness can mean different things to different people. The meaning is in how YOU choose to show it. Be it through empathy, acceptance, kind gestures, thoughtfulness, the possibilities are entirely up to you. Kindness might look like being helpful or showing empathy. It may mean doing nice things without expecting nice things in return.



HELLO... JANUARY

Welcome 2023



Arvida Middle School January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
School Hours: 9:10 AM – 3: 50 PM A Day: Periods 1, 3, 5 B Day: Periods 2, 4, 6 Arvidamiddle.net Instagram: @arvidavikings @arvidaglobalacademy @arvidaforensics @arvidamiddle_ptsa				PTSA sales: 8 th grade Dance – last day to purchase: 1/31 Every Monday: Snack Sales after school benefitting Arvida Cheer Every Wed. & Fri.: Snack Sales after school benefitting Arvida Vikettes		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	FFEA Meeting Girls B-ball tryouts-6 th	Faculty Meeting Girls B-ball tryouts-7 th Miami Heat Family Night (PTSA)	Winter Wonderland Dance (\$11 on OSP) SEL Strong Japanese Club Girls B-ball tryouts-8 th	Kona Ice (PTSA) NJHS Meeting	7 th Grade Field Day Kona Ice (Cheer)	Vikettes Dance Championship
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	LEGAL HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL		Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser (PTSA)	Casual Shirt Day (PTSA) Viking Council Tikiz 305 (PTSA)	Global Epcot FT END OF 2 nd QUARTER	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	FFEA Meeting	Faculty Meeting BEQ. OF 3 rd QUARTER		Global Frost Museum FT EESAC NJHS Afterschool snack sales	6 th Grade Picnic State Dance Competition	State Dance Competition
29	30	31	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4
	6 th gr Global Zoo FT	IREADY AP2 1-31 – 2/3				
			SEL Strong	Kona Ice (PTSA) Viking Council Meeting	MOST VALUABLE VIKINGS DAY!	



In January we had so many fun activities and events for our amazing students.

SO MUCH FUN

- Miami Heat Family Night
- Winter Wonderland Dance
- 7th Grade Field Day
- Vikettes Dance Championship
- Global Epcot Field Trip
- Global Frost Museum Field Trip
- 6th Grade Picnic
- Global Zoo Field Trip
- Most Valuable Vikings Day



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FUN FEBRUARY

Kindness, Love, & Friendship



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		Mission Hope Hygiene Drive 1/24-2/10	SEL Strong PTSA Valentine's day shop open! (2/1-2/14)	Jazz Band/Ensemble Fest (2/2-2/4) Girls Flag Football v. McMillan Viking Council Food Truck sales (PTSA) PTSA Gen Mtg @ 6 pm	Most Valuable Vikings Day Q2 Cheer competition (2/3 – 2/5)	February is Kindness Month
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Counselor Appreciation Week 2/6 - 2/10	6 th grade Health Screenings MAC Club	6 th Grade Health Screenings US History MA2/ACCESS for ELL/8 th gr Science MYA testing 2/6-2/10	FT-Holocaust Museum-(8 th gr Forensics)	NJHS Meeting Kona Ice (PTSA)	FT-Deering Estates-(6 th gr Forensics) Fave Lit Character Dress Up Day 8 th Gr Dance	Track & Field
12	13	Valentine's Day 14	15	16	17	18
	Varela Articulation (8 th gr) FFEA	V-day T-shirt Day (PTSA) V-day Sundae Funday FFEA Faculty Meeting	FT-Super Wheels (Explorers) SRO Day	Viking Council Snack sales (PTSA)	FT-Math Counts Q3 Progress Reports	
	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Presidents' Day No school	PTSA Chipotle Night	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day	EESAC FT-Busch Gardens (8 th gr Forensics) NJHS Snack Sales (PTSA)	PTSA Scholastic Book Fair (2/24-3/3)	
26	27	28	3/1	3/2	3	
	Killian Articulation (8 th gr) Pokemon Shirt Day-PTSA			Dance Nationals (3/2-3/5) Viking Council		



Every Monday: Snack Sales after school benefitting Arvida Cheer
Every Friday: Snack Sales after school benefitting Arvida Vikings



Let's take a look at what February had to offer:

- Mission Hope Hygiene
- Valuable Vikings Day
- Forensics Holocaust Museum Field Trip
- Forensics Deering Estate Field Trip
- Global Epcot Field Trip
- Sundae Funday
- Explorers Super Wheels Field Trip
- Math Counts Competition
- Black History Month



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FUN STUDENT ACTIVITIES

YAY!

6TH GRADE PICNIC

On January 27th, the 6th grade Vikings had the bet time at their 6th grade class picnic hosted by our fantastic PTSA. The students had a blast completing obstacle courses, music, and even a foam party. Our Class of 2025 enjoyed yummy pizza and cotton candy. Way to go 6th Grade Vikings! Today e celebrate you all!



GREAT



7TH GRADE FIELD DAY

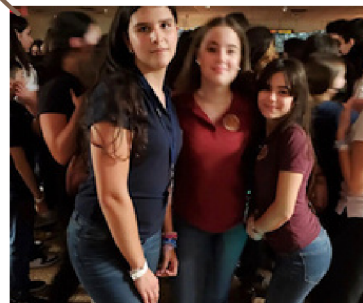
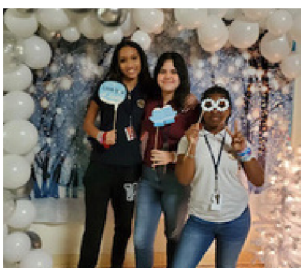
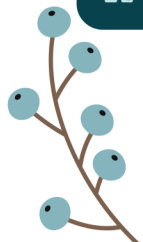
7th grades, your turn!!!! Our 7th grade Vikings had their annual field day on January 13th. The PTSA surprised our students with bounce houses, an outdoor music party, outdoor mini golf and so much more. Students enjoyed snow cones, outdoor giant Jenga and Connect 4. This 7th grade class sure knows how to have fun!



OMG



WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE





SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S WEEK

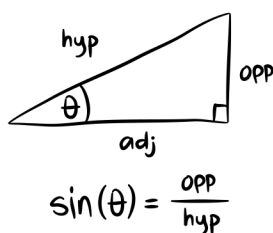


Arvida Counselors are the BEST! We are the luckiest school to have Mr. Jimenez, Ms. Richardson, Mrs. Ziegler, and Mr. Reyes supporting our students. They are remarkable! Our counselors are available to our students 24/7, they provide guidance and support and always with a smile.



Math Counts!!!

Arvida represents at our District Mathematics Competition. Our top notch mathematicians and our amazing math teacher, Mrs. Gutierrez show off amongst other middle schools.

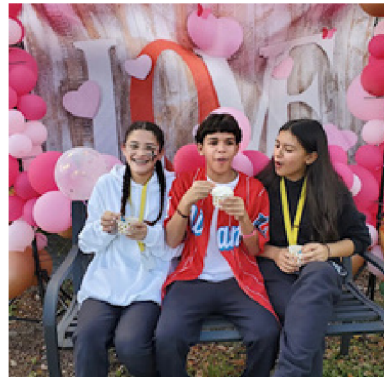


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NJHS and Viking Council



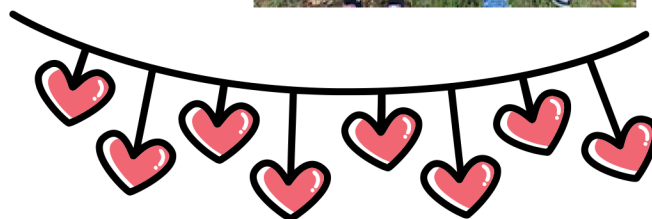
Arvida's National Junior Honor Society and Viking Council join forces to celebrate KINDNESS and spread joy. The two school clubs held several events to commemorating kindness, friendship, and positivity amongst students. We had the "Secret Admirer" table where students had the opportunity to exchange positive messages to each other. We had a hallway/door decorating contest as well.



**SUNDAE
FUNDAY!**

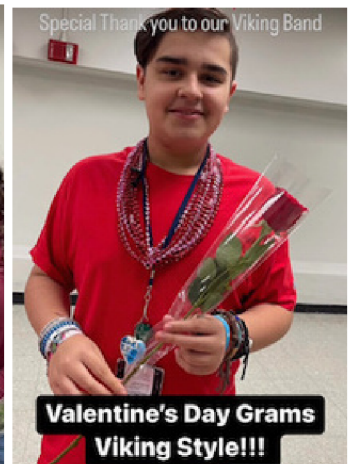


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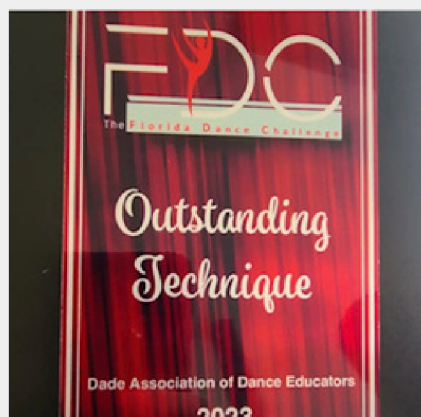


*Kindness
MATTERS*

**PTSA
Valentine
Grams**



Viking Pride



DANCE



Once again our amazing Vikettes and the one of a kind Mrs. Alvarez bring back the gold! Our Dance Team competed this past month at the Florida Dance Challenge. They did not only bring back top awards but the prestigious Outstanding Technique Award- only 1 given in the whole state!!!

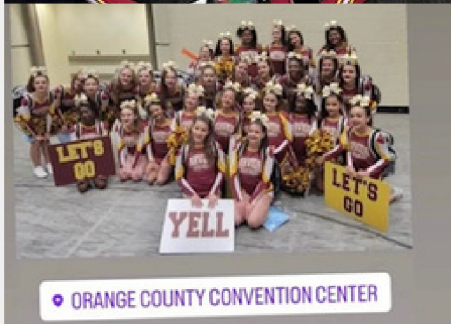
Cheer



Our Viking Cheerleaders headed out to the US Cheer Association competition and we are so proud of their CHAMPIONS title! These amazing young ladies work hard in school and train hard evidence of the true Viking Spirit!
CHEER CHAMPS!!!



BAND



Hats off to our Viking Band and Mr. Gonzalez for their Superior rating SWEEP at their MPA's. Our Band is such a special and talented group of students! Well played!!! You make us all proud!



Art Awards is in the air.....

Three students had their artwork accepted into the 37th Annual Impressions in Watercolor exhibition this year!

Karin Brihammer (8): Received an Honorable Mention

Hailey Abreu (7): Received an Honorable Mention

Angie Duran-Madrgial (8)



Five students had their artwork accepted into the Pinecrest Gardens Taste of the Tropics exhibition this year!

Exhibition Dates: Friday, February 17, 2023 – Wednesday, March 15, 2023 Opening Reception/Awards

Ceremony: Thursday, March 2, 2023 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Rebecca Rodriguez (8): Digital Painting

Aiden Rodriguez (8): Watercolor, oil pastel and ink

Sophia Lizardo (8): Colored pencil and watercolor

Samantha Tome (8): Watercolor and ink

Elyse Simon (7): Colored Pencil

AMAZING

Five students had their photography accepted into the MIA E-Concourse Gallery show, "Reinventing Photography" It is on display at the airport now for those traveling (you must clear TSA):

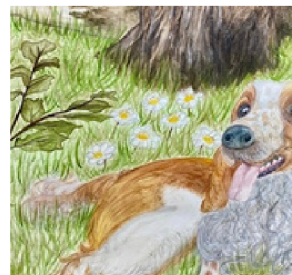
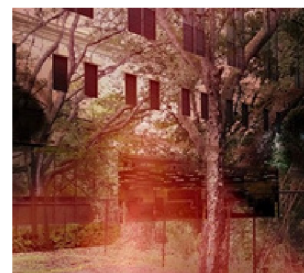
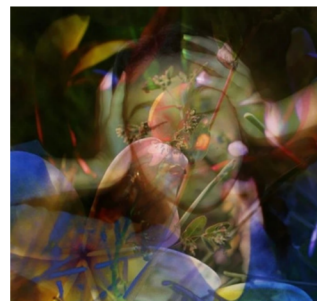
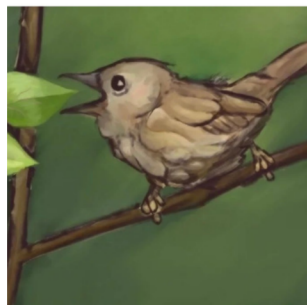
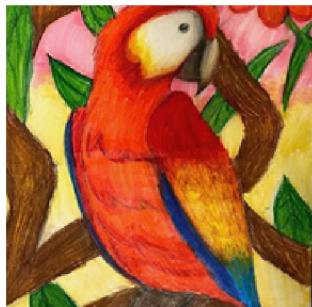
Mason Maldonado (8)

Isabel Hidalgo (8)

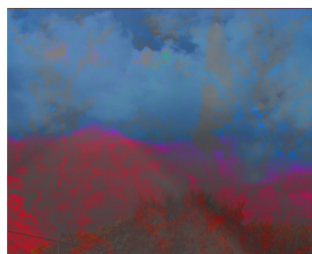
Abigail Barrios (8)

Briyana Gaetan (8)

Eva Perez (7)



CONGRATS

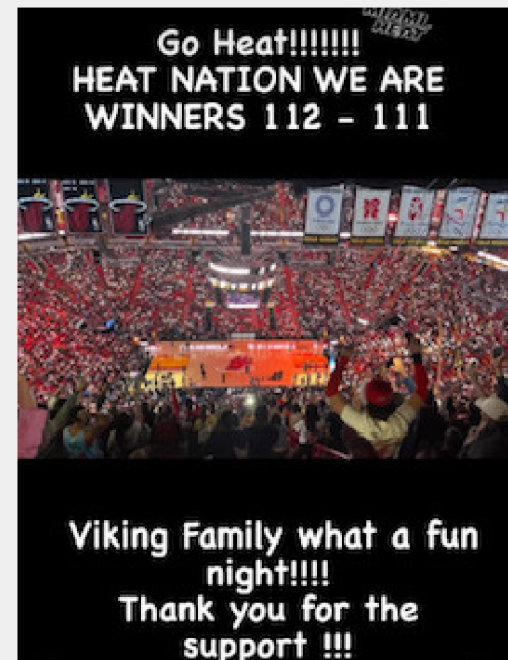


Most Valuable Vikings Day



Friday, February 3rd, 2023 Arvida celebrated our second nine weeks Most Valuable Vikings! Congratulations to all the Vikings who earned Honor Roll, made perfect attendance, and represented our Viking Spirit by earning Valiant Viking points.

MIAMI HEAT Family Night



Sports



TRACK & FIELD TEAM



We want to congratulate the
Arvida' Track and Field Team!
Earn those medals!
You make us proud!

Thank you to our coaches,
Coach Jones-Whyte & Coach Love



Girls Flag Football

**GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL SEASON IS
STARTING AND WE WANT TO WISH
OUR LADY VIKINGS AND COACH
SHOEMAKER A FANTASTIC WINNING
SEASON!**





Explorers

SUPER WHEELS

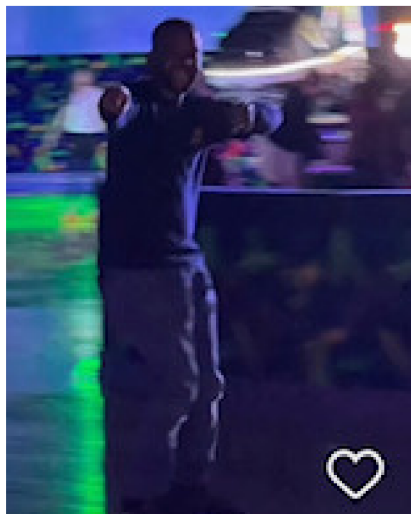
FIELD TRIP



Our Explorer students participated in a fun and exciting field trip to Super Wheels. What a great old time! Students enjoyed the music, food, and had an amazing time skating the day away.



Thank you
Mrs. Jones-
Whyte!



Mr. Lherisson having a great time too!

MAGNET MOMENTS: GLOBAL

GLOBAL 8TH GRADE EPCOT FIELD TRIP

Global Studies 8th grade students attended the field trip to Epcot. They not only had fun and celebrated their 8th grade year but Disney's EPCOT Park brings to life the themes of the evolution of technology, global citizenship, sustainability and cultural awareness



FROST MUSEUM

7TH GRADE FIELD TRIP



Global Studies 7th grade students visited the Frost Museum of Science. They participated in the Fluorescing Fish Lab. They explored the properties of light and identified examples of how luminescence exists in the natural world, students then took a close look at how fluorescence, a form of luminescence, is used as a scientific tool by exploring a real-world application in biology.



Global Studies 6th grade students had the opportunity to visit the Miami Zoon to learn and explore the field of zoology, animal conservation, and the issues involved with the ethical treatment of animals.

GLOBAL 6TH GRADE ZOO FIELD TRIP



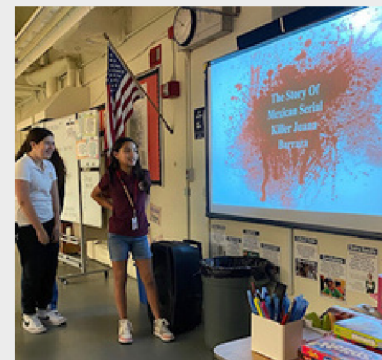
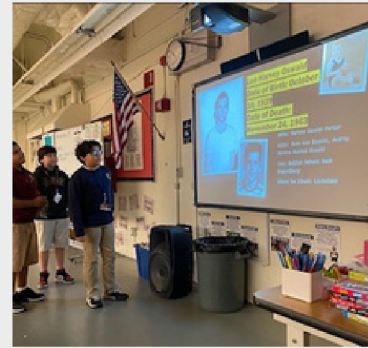
MAGNET MOMENTS: FORENSIC SCIENCE

Forensic Research Class

Forensic Science Research students did an incredible job researching the most infamous crimes and criminals project.



They created PowerPoints and presented their cases to the whole class,



7TH GRADE BUSCH GARDENS SLEEPOVER



Forensic Science 7th grade students had a blast on their overnight Busch Gardens Sleepover field trip. The field trip included solving puzzles and completing a scavenger hunt all while learning. They even had an animal encounter.

8th Grade visits the Holocaust Museum

On February 8th, the 8th grade Forensics students visited the Holocaust Museum. Not only did we learn about this terrible event but we had a Holocaust survivor speak to the students. Truly a life changing moment.



CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION



6th grade solve a case at Deering

6th grade Forensic students had a great opportunity to solve a case out in the field at Deering Estate. Students got to analyze bones and additional evidence to solve what happened to a manatee in the field. Detectives at work!

PTSA **GOOD NEWS!**

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ARVIDA PTSA STORE UPDATES: GRADVENTURE SHIRTS ARE ON SALE IN THE PTA STORE.

You must have a shirt to attend - price \$15

Arvida Middle School
GRADVENTURE 2023



Every **Thursday** **PTSA**
After School Sale
Thursday!

**\$1 snacks, drinks,
and candy**

Show us some ❤️ with a picture.
Tag @arvidamiddle_ptsa

The logo for Arvida Middle School, featuring a circular emblem with a sailboat and the text "ARVIDA MIDDLE SCHOOL" and "EST. 1974".

Join our REMIND App: @ArvidaPT
Follow us on Instagram for updates
and to see what else we're bringing
your way!

@arvidapt

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**JOIN THE
PTSA**

It's still not too late! Join and get
a gift. You can join and
support the biggest voice for kids.

WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL SPRING BREAK
MARCH 20 - 25, 2023

NO SCHOOL



PTSA GOOD NEWS!

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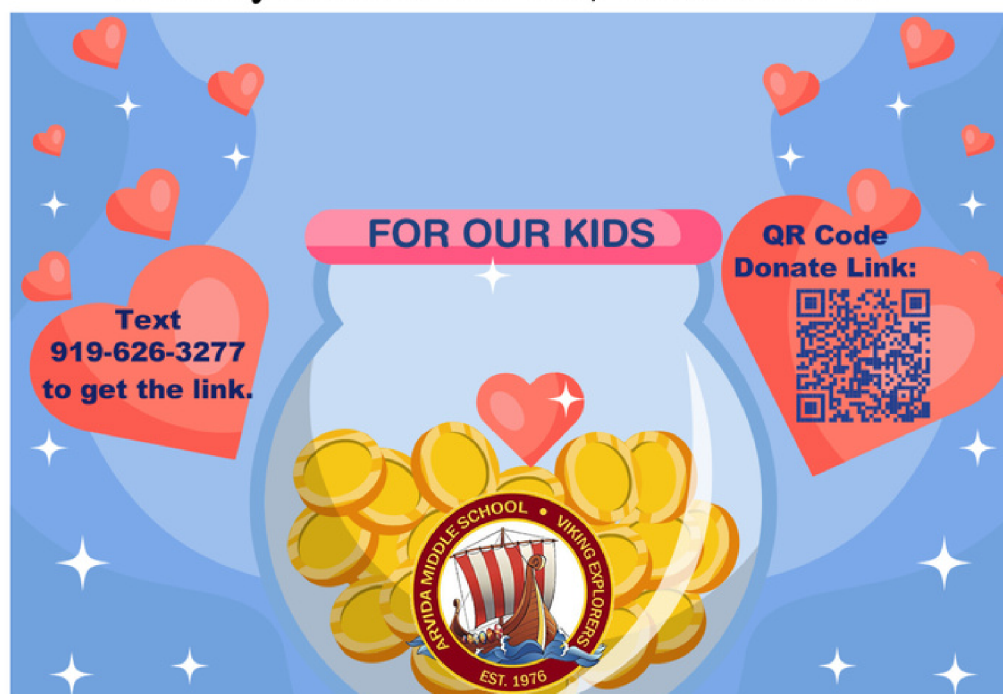
WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR VIKINGS:

There's so many things we'd love to do and want to share with our kids. We want every moment of their middle school experience to be fun and as **PTSA** members, we **LOVE** to take it up a notch!

If you don't have the **TIME**, that's fine.
There's also **DONATIONS** that will help us get there.
Here are some of our goals for this year.

CAFETERIA UPGRADE:

We are raising \$15,000 for our cafeteria upgrade:
<https://app.memberhub.gives/arvidavikings/Campaign/Details>
If everyone donates \$10, we'll make it.



PTSA

GOOD NEWS!

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Join your friends for an evening
out on **Thursday, March 9th!**

9065 SW 162nd Ave,
Miami, FL 33196
from 2 p.m to midnight

Eat and have fun.
Add your receipt in the **ARVIDA**
box to give us credit and that's it!



10%
DONATION NIGHT

SEE YOU THERE!!!

You can wear your favorite
shirt on March 16th.

You look good and your PTSA
does good with your purchase!
We all win!

**50%
OFF**



Every 3rd Thursday



**Wear your favorite
T-SHIRT**

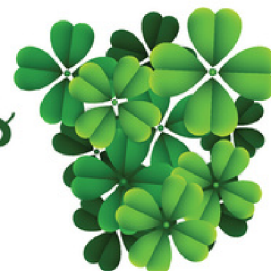
Buy your pass for the whole year
on the online store for **\$5:**

Arvida PTSA Store
Item name: Casual T-Shirt Day
Pass by the PTSA Store to get your
ID marked for the year.



MARCH 17

*St Patrick's
Day*



WEAR GREEN FOR \$1

Let's celebrate Irish heritage and cul-
ture. Find PTA at the entrance of the
school from 8:30 am to 9:10 am and get
your wristband.

Donde el Parece Food Truck
MARCH 16th at ARVIDA

Donde El Parece Food Truck
**Burgers, Hot Dogs, and so
much more**

3:30-4:30 p.m.



PTSA

GOOD NEWS!

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Thank you students & parents
we are now **333** members strong.

PTA / PTSA
everychild. onevoice.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME HEAT ACTION?



JOIN US

SUNDAY, April 9th at 1:00 p.m.

First 300 tickets will get access to shoot a free throw after the game.

Tickets are \$20.

To access tickets go to: <https://fevo.me/arvidamiddle0409>



ARVIDA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Orlando Magic vs. Miami HEAT – April 9, 2023

Arvida Middle School Family Night

The Miami HEAT invites you to the Arvida Middle School Family Night at FTX Arena when the Miami HEAT host the Orlando Magic on Sunday, April 9, 2023 @ 1:00 PM!

Come out and enjoy a fun, action-packed night, cheering on your Miami HEAT as they battle against one of the top teams in the NBA!

Special Bonus:
The first 300 tickets purchased through this special offer, will include access to the shoot one (1) free throw on the official HEAT court, following the big game!

To access discounted tickets starting at \$20 visit <https://fevo.me/arvidamiddle0409>

Tickets are fulfilled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions? Contact Miami HEAT Ticket Sales Representative, Diego Del Valle at diego.delvalle@HEAT.com

Deadline to purchase: Friday, March 10, 2023

All ticket sales are final. There are no refunds or exchanges.
Tickets are subject to availability. Lost or stolen tickets will not be replaced.
Orders are filled on a first come first serve basis.