

VIKINGS' VENTURES

Black History Month 2024

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Black History Month is a month dedicated to focus on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. After an interview with the Black History month committee of teachers, they told us a fun fact about butter pecan ice cream and how many many years ago African Americans had an unspoken rule in which they were not allowed to eat vanilla ice cream, because the ice cream was said to be pure and white. To get around the rule and still be able to partake in eating vanilla ice cream, the African Americans came up with an idea to mix pecans with vanilla ice cream in order to create a darker-toned color, so that they were allowed to eat it.

Arvida students and staff celebrated Black History Month with a door decorating contest, a luncheon, and other events throughout the school.



MS. RICHARDON'S CLASS WAS THE WINNER OF THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH DOOR DECORATING CONTEST!

Viking Valentine's

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Secret Admirer Notes

The “Secret Admirer Notes” were hosted by Ms. Justiniano and the Viking Council. Ms. Justiniano says that her favorite part about hosting it, is that she doesn't see much kindness from middle schoolers very often, so she loves to see all the kind notes that the students send for this event. She said it reminds her of her favorite part of being a teacher. Student Council delivered the notes on Valentine's Day, for a fun surprise!



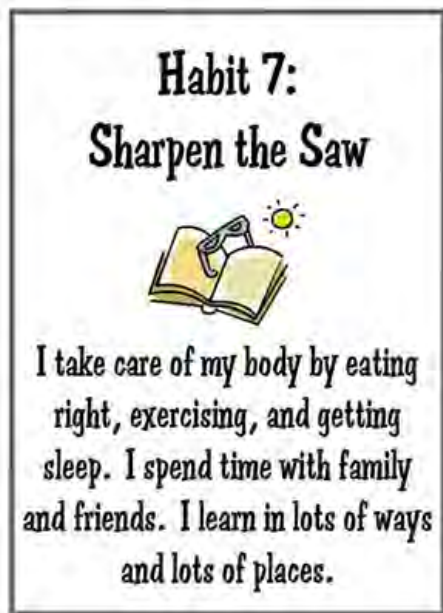
Sundae, Fun Day!

Another way Arvida celebrated Valentine's Day, was having a “Sundae, Fun Day” that was created by Viking Council. During the last block on Valentine's Day, students came down to the courtyard to have fun with their friends by doing events such as karaoke, inflatable machines, and enjoying an ice cream sundae treat with many toppings. This was a great day to have a fun day while eating a sundae!



7 Habits of Successful Vikings “Sharpen the Saw”

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During the month of February, we celebrated the 7th Habit of Successful Vikings “Sharpen the Saw.” This means to prioritize your mental, physical, and personal self-care, all while balancing it with school and academic achievements. One-way students have shown this habit is by using planners to balance school, extracurricular activities, and home learning.

Another way students have shown this habit, is by keeping their body healthy by eating right, getting enough sleep, and moving their bodies by exercising. Taking good care of yourself while balancing it with work and school, will be important throughout your whole life to become the best version of yourself, so remember that balance is key!



ONE EXAMPLE OF THE 7TH HABIT OF SUCCESSFUL VIKINGS IS BEING SHOWN HERE AT OUR SCHOOL DURING MOST VALUABLE VIKING DAY ON FEBRUARY 22ND; OUR ATHLETES AND ACADEMIC PERFORMERS: STEPHANIE BAZRLI AND ALEX FERNANDEZ.

Teacher Talk

Launching Rockets with Ms. Mooney

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to give students an understanding of aerodynamics and how the way you build your rocket can affect how high it goes and moves in the air. In the end, students learned how to make their own rockets at home; they also learned about physics and aerodynamics. The longest airtime was one entire minute! That was a lot longer than most other rockets! Amanda Torres, one of Mrs. Mooney's students, said "It was a fun and educational project that helped us learn about aerodynamics."

Ms. Mooney performed a project called "Ms. Mooney's Rocket Project." Each of her students had the opportunity to create a rocket out of two, 2-liter bottles, that were cut and taped to look like a rocket that they could eventually launch after they had built and decorated it. The project's purpose was to give students an understanding of aerodynamics and how the way you build your rocket can affect how high it goes and moves in the air. In the end, students learned how to make their



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Black History Month Biography Boxes By Ms. Vega

BY: ALEXANDRA BLANCO, SOFIA LERGIER, AND PAIGE MENDEZ

Ms. Vega sure knows how to make her students thrive while learning! She inspired her students with "The Cereal Box Biography." This assignment was assigned during Black History Month, to pay tribute to intellectual African Americans throughout history. The outcome of Ms. Vega's project was learning about the struggles, education, and accomplishments from the different African Americans. The students sure won't forget the interesting facts they learned about black and African American history!



Magnet Mania

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FORENSICS ACADEMY

ON FEBRUARY 16, THE 8TH GRADE FORENSICS STUDENTS WENT TO THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM. THEY LEARNED ABOUT THE EVENTS AND TRAGEDIES OF THIS HISTORICAL EVENT. THEY GOT A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN TO A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SPEAK ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE DURING THE HOLOCAUST. ALSO, THE 6TH GRADE FORENSICS STUDENTS WENT TO DEERING ESTATES; THEY HAD A WONDERFUL TIME TOURING THE SITE! THERE WERE MANY FUN ACTIVITIES- THE GROUP FAVORITE WAS SOLVING "THE CASE OF A MISSING MAYOR." THEY ALSO HAD



TO USE THEIR FORENSICS SKILLS TO SOLVE A CASE OF A DEAD MANATEE.

GLOBAL ACADEMY

GLOBAL STUDIES STUDENTS WENT ON A 3-DAY CAMPING TRIP TO THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES. THEY HAD A FUN TIME EXPLORING THE EVERGLADES! THEY SAW MANY ANIMALS LIKE SQUIRRELS, ALLIGATORS, AND EVEN AN OPOSSUM. THEY WALKED THROUGH MUD AND WATER AND LEARNED ABOUT ECHOLOCATION AND MORSE CODE. 6TH AND 7TH GLOBAL STUDENTS HAD GONE TO THE FROST MUSEUM. THEY HAD A LOT OF FUN AND LEARNED MANY THINGS ABOUT NATURE. THEY WENT TO THE PLANETARIUM AND LEARNED ABOUT OUTER SPACE, THEY ALSO HAD THE CHANCE TO SEE AND TOUCH STINGRAYS.



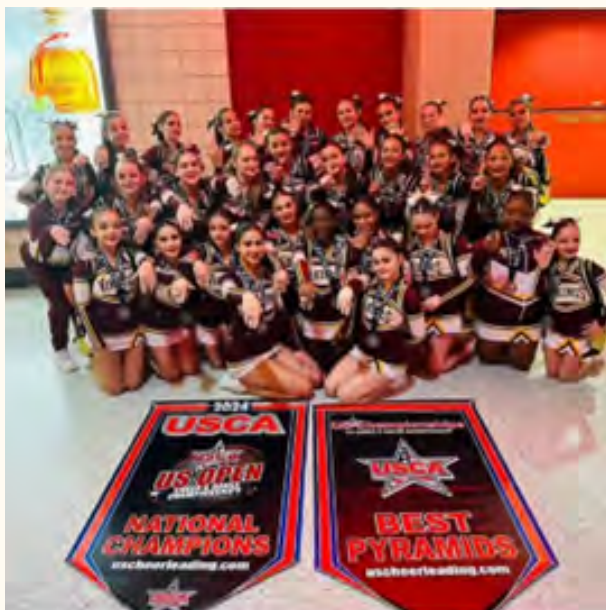
Sports

BY: JAYLEEN CAZARES, JESUS FERNANDEZ, AND GIANLUCA VENCE

IN FEBRUARY, SEVERAL SPORTS TEAMS PLAYED, SUCH AS THE BOYS AND GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM AND TRACK. THE TRACK TEAM HAD A MEET AT POWELL STADIUM AND COMPETED IN A FEW RACES AND EVENTS. THE FINAL STANDINGS WERE 4 BY 800-METER RELAY RACE- LIAM AVILA, SEBASTIAN VILLAFUERTE, MARCUS FORD, CHARLES FARROW. BOYS 400-METER DASH-3RD PLACE MARCUS FORD, BOYS 800-METER DASH- 3RD PLACE LIAM AVILA, GIRLS 400-METER DASH- 1ST PLACE DANERICKA WALKER, GIRLS 800-METER RUN- 6TH PLACE. ON FEBRUARY 12TH, THE BOYS AND GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYED AT CURRY AND WON, 20-0! THE FLAG FOOTBALL TEAMS ALSO PLAYED AT LEISURE CITY AND LOST, 20-14. ANOTHER GAME THAT OUR FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYED AND WON WAS AGAINST MCMILLIAN WHICH THEY WON, 20-0. FINALLY, TO FINISH THE FLAG FOOTBALL SEASON, THEY PLAYED AGAINST LEEWOOD AND WON, 8-6.



MARCUS FORD, 6TH GRADE
TRACK TEAM
3RD PLACE- 400 METER DASH



OUR VIKING CHEERLEADERS COMPETED ON FEBRUARY 25TH AND WON NATIONAL CHAMPIONS AND BEST PYRAMIDS FOR USCA!

Events

BY: NORA DIGIACOMO, EMMA LEMUS, AND MARIANA OROZCO

VIKING FEST TOOK PLACE ON FEBRUARY 10TH. STUDENTS GOT TO VOTE FOR 8TH GRADE KING AND QUEEN, 7TH GRADE DUKE AND DUCHESS, AND 6TH GRADE PRINCE AND PRINCESS. DURING THE VIKING FEST, THERE WERE MANY FUN ACTIVITIES LIKE ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR SALE, COMPETITION AND PRIZES, BOUNCE HOUSES AND PLENTY OF FOOD.



ANOTHER EVENT WAS THE VALIANT VIKING PARTY. THE PARTY WAS FOR THE VALIANT ARVIDA VIKINGS! THERE WERE MANY FUN ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY SUCH



AS A GAME TRUCK, ICE CREAM TO SNACK ON, AND GIANT BOARD GAMES. STUDENTS THAT WERE INVITED TO THIS PRESTIGIOUS EVENT EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO SIGN KARAOKE AND JUMP IN BOUNCE HOUSES. THE TWO WAYS TO GET A VALIANT VIKING DAY INVITATION, ARE TO GET HONOR ROLL AND OR VALIANT VIKING POINTS.

LASTLY, THERE WAS JUST FOR THE EIGHTH GRADERS! THE EIGHTH-GRADE TEACHERS HOSTED "MIAMI NIGHTS" FOR THE 8TH GRADE PROM! AT THE DANCE THEY HAD FOOD, AMAZING MUSIC, AND FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE EIGHTH GRADERS TO ENGAGE IN. THEY ALSO CROWNED AND HONORED THE EIGHTH GRADE KING AND QUEEN. THE EIGHTH GRADERS HAD AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING DANCING AND CELEBRATING WITH THEIR FRIENDS!

