### VIKINGS' 'VENTURES

Hispanic Heritage Month

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During Hispanic Heritage month, students of Ms. Malcolm's class researched famous Hispanic people. They created a poster and wrote a biography about who they were researching, also including pictures with brief description. On the following date, September 15th, there was a teacher Hispanic breakfast to show and express diverse types of Hispanic foods, along with their cultures. Students also got the chance to wear a Hispanic shirt on the same day to represent their countries for free.

September 29th was Spanish Poetry Night, on this day students got to write a poetry expressing their beautiful Hispanic cultures and present their poetries that night to students. They also included a variety of Hispanic foods that were delicious! Student who placed 1st were Alejandro Ortega (6th grade), Adrian Miranda (7th grade), Derek Castro and Kevin Mateos (8th graders) who tied, in 2nd place were Aaron Carmona (6th grade), Ashleidy Daza (7th grade), and Dayanar Garcia (8th grade), and in 3rd place were Samuel Tabarres (6th grade), Elizabeth Santiago (7th grade), and Sofia Villabella (8th grade). Congrats to all the winners! Amazing night!



"Having the privilege of organizing a Hispanic
Heritage Poetry contest for the students at Arvida was
eye-opening. Our wonderful students come from so
many culturally diverse and dynamic backgrounds.
Having the opportunity for them to voice their
appreciation and love for their individuality was
absolutely beautiful and I plan on doing this every
year from now on."

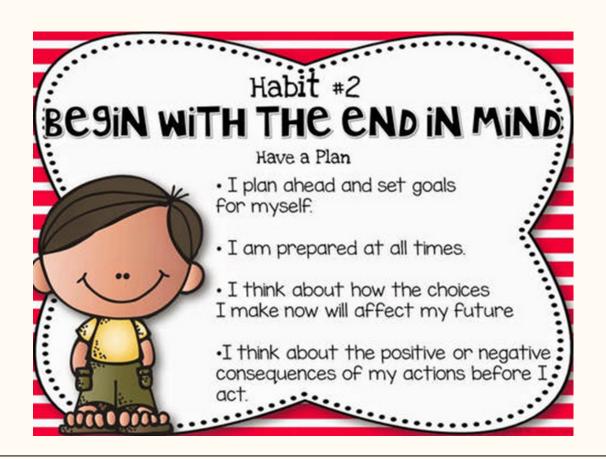




### 7 Habits of Successful Vikings

BY: LIAH BLANCO, JESUS FERNANDEZ, & ISABELLA URIARTE

The month of September is Habit #3 for Vikings; "Begin with The End In Mind." What does that mean? It means to have a plan, and always be prepared by starting with setting goals for yourself. This allows you to plan for goals and actions as well. Think before acting. Bad behavior comes from not planning- in other words, not thinking before acting. Goals can lead us forward, thinking before acting can prevent trouble, and planning can affect your future in positive ways.



### Teacher Talk

# "The S'mores Lab" with Mr. Corzo

#### BY: KATHERINE ELEJALDE, NICOLE FLORES, & PAIGE MENDEZ

Mr. Corzo sure knows how to engage his students with fun and food! He engaged students with his "S'mores Lab!" The purpose of the lab was to learn the difference between conduction, convection and radiation. The outcome of the experiment was that the students learned about conduction, convection, and radiation. Students were able to use fire to heat the marshmallows and create a yummy treat that they



"LIFE IS LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES, YOU NEVER
KNOW WHAT SURPRISES YOU MIGHT FIND"
-MR. CORZO



### Teacher Talk

## "Hispanic Heritage Merienda" with Mrs. Diaz

BY: ALEXANDRA BLANCO, NORA DIGIACOMO, & EMMA LEMUS

In honor of Hispanic heritage month, Mrs. Diaz's class did a project called "Hispanic Heritage Merienda." The purpose of the activity was to learn about traditional foods around the many Hispanic countries. In the end, students researched the recipes and the ingredients to make each dish. They looked up the main steps on making the dishes and created them together. Groups brought the food to share with the class after explaining the background of the food. This activity allowed students the opportunity to experience different types of cultures and

their food around them and the world!









### Magnet Mania



#### BY: JAYLEEN CAZARES, ADRIAN MEDINA, & SAMANTHA PARGAS

Sixth graders in the Forensic Science Program took a field trip to the Frost Museum and explored sea life. At the Frost Museum, students were able to interact with sea life and further explore sharks, alligators, fish, and more. Also, seventh graders went to the Coral Gables Police and Fire Department, where they learned about what firefighters and police officers do in and out of their workplaces. Students were also able to learn about cases in the past, questions officers ask when they answer the phone, and what studies officers and firefighters had to study to earn their job. On September 27th, a presentation with

Canine Dogs took place in the auditorium where students met a police canine that performs its job extremely well and can sense where certain evidence is located. Forensics science provides many activities for students where everyone can learn while having fun!





Sixth graders in the Global Studies Magnet took a trip to Deering Estates, where they took a mini hike through a forest. Then after their hike, they moved on to start planting where they housed a plant in a plastic bottle and got to take it back home and keep growing it. Upcoming events for Global students are a field trip to the Fruit and Spice Park and then a "Planting a Pollinator" Gardening Event.

### Clubs and Sports

BY: ANA ESCOBAR, GYANNA LLERA, AND GIANLUCA VENCE



SPIRIT WEEK WAS FROM THE 19TH TO THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER SPONSORED BY FFEA. THE PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE WAS DONE FROM THE 14TH TO THE 24TH AND IT WAS SPONSORED BY THE VIKING COUNCIL LED BY MRS. JUSTINIANO, MRS. JUSTINIANO AND MR. FOSTER GOT FIRST AND SECOND PLACE. IN TOTAL THE SCHOOL COLLECTED MORE THAN 800 POUNDS WHICH IS A NEW SCHOOL RECORD, BEATING THE PAST ONE BY 300 POUNDS! THE CHESS CLUB MET THIS MONTH AND WILL HAVE MEETINGS EVERY TWO WEEKS.

### **Sports**

OUR BOYS SOCCER TEAM
HAD A GAME ON
SEPTEMBER 27TH, AND
WE WON 5-2! OUR
AMAZING SOCCER TEAM
PLAYS AGAIN ON MONDAY
AGAINST DEVON AIRE.
VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS
ALSO HAPPENED ON THE
27TH. THE GIRLS'
SOFTBALL MEETING WAS
ON THE 29TH.



### Viking's Events

BY: ALEJANDRO CEDENO, EDUARDO CERRA, AND DANIEL RAMIREZ

There were many events that took place during the month of September. On September 5th, our school hosted Open House. The turnout of parents that visited with teachers is reflective of the involvement that parents have with our school!

Ms. Justiniano started the 6th Grade Arvida All-Stars shirt sale on OSP, shirts will be used for fun events and school field trips. September 20th was "Start With Hello Week;" students wrote kind messages to one another to spread positivity.

From the 18th to the 22nd, we had our Spirt Week, students were allowed to wear clothing corresponding to the specific day. We had Jersey Day, Neon Day, Miami Dolphins Day, and more.





### Counselor Corner

BY: SOFIA NEYRA AND MARIANA OROZCO

Our school has three amazing counselors to assist students: Mr. Jimenez, Ms. Ziegler, and Ms. Richardson. All three counselors will help you with any of your concerns.

The counselors service the following students: Mr. Jimenez A-L; Ms. Ziegler M-Z; and Ms. Richardson is part of the TRUST Counselor and Peer Mediation Club Sponsor.

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Ms. Richardson: <u>mrichardson1@dadeschools.net</u>

### Values Matter

For the month of September, our school participated in Values Matter which encourages students to be honest, kind, and fair. The first event for Values Matter was "Start with Hello Week," which allowed students to participate in different activities to make our school a better place. From September 18-22 students got to write positive things on the "Positivity Wall" for the whole school to read and see. Just these small acts of kindness can make anyone's day brighter and help them give back to other people!







#### Welcome to the Arvida Middle School PTSA!

Every Thursday after school, our PTSA staff will be outside selling yummy goodies like candy, food, drinks, chips etc. All between the price range of \$1-\$3. Celebrate our amazing security staff the week of September 11th! Thank you for keeping our kids safe, PTSA will have a special treat for our security staff on behalf of our students.

The Peanut butter drive has started! The winner with the most pounds will have a cheesecake party. Peanut butter drive will be hosted from September 1st – September 28th

Thank you for supporting our school!



