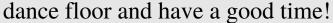
# VIKINGS' 'VENTURES

### 8TH GRADE DANCE

WRITTEN BY: JESUS FERNANDEZ & SOFIA ROMERO

Prom was this month Vikings! This year's theme was Vegas Lights! On March 7<sup>th</sup>, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Vikings got to dance and have fun with their friends at prom! There was a DJ, food, and fun for everyone! Our king and queen this year was Angelina Abril and Brandon Cruz! Congratulations! We asked Ms. Natasha what her favorite part of prom was and she said "I would say seeing all the kids come in all dressed up and excited when the drone and confetti came out." They even brought out two special guests that brought the party mood out and encouraged students to go to the











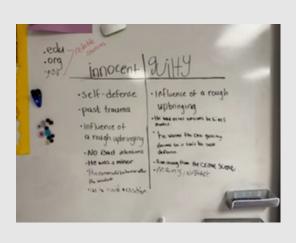
Prom King and Queen Brandon Cruz & Angelina Abril

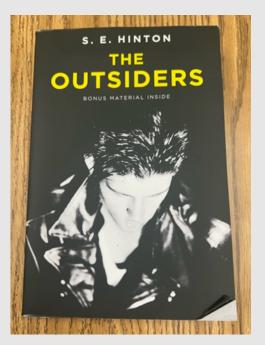
### TEACHER TALK

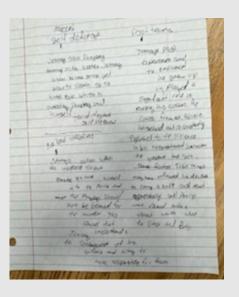
#### WRITTEN BY: LEAH DIAZ & IRENE PALLARES

### **READING IS "FUN" DAMENTAL**

Spring break is here, and our Vikings are working hard on their literature! Ms. Roblin's class is reading a book called "The Outsiders," and her students answer comprehension questions about the chapters that they have read, while preparing for an argumentative essay! Students worked together to create a graphic organizer for the class that helped students to decide which side of the argument they wanted to pursue. The purpose of this assignment is to be able to review the essential elements in ELA and to also be able to spark a love for reading. Ms. Roblin gave her opinion about the book and if she thinks this book can change the way a student thinks about reading and she had said "Yes, I enjoy reading this book with students because many times they enjoy reading it. It is all about finding an author that a student enjoys reading, or a topic that they can explore reading due to interest. In addition, I think them being exposed to universal themes such as identity, and belonging, friendship and loyalty and empathy and understanding will allow them to make the connections in students own life." Here at Arvida reading can be fun for everyone!







# TEACHER TALK

WRITTEN BY: JAYLEEN CAZARES & GENAVIEVE ANDRADE

### VIKETTES ARE IN THEIR "NATIONALS ERA"

Our very own Vikettes, dance team, traveled all the way to Universal Studios, Orlando to compete at nationals "Contest of Champions." This trip lasted 4 days and was filled with lots of talent. In nationals they performed dances that not only exhibited amazing talent from our Viking dancers but also portrayed a message that informs the audience on how artificial intelligence is taking over us, with their Production piece titled "A.I." These dances blew the competition away with our astonishing dance team practically winning the whole competition. The awards they brought home to Arvida Middle were: 1st Place for Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Open, Lyrical, as well as their duet also winning first place. They also won a choreography award in Jazz. Another award for "Highest Points" in Lyrical. The "Best-in-Class Awards" for: Jazz, Contemporary, Open, and Lyrical. The Arvida Vikettes Dance Team are not only middle school champions, but they are also recognized as National Grand Champions! Way to go Ms. Alvarez for your hard work and dedication in creating champions!



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### **MAGNET MANIA**

WRITTEN BY: VERA ROJAS-CLEMENT & CORNELIA HOLT

### **MAGNET WELCOME PARTY**

The transition from elementary school to middle school may be overwhelming for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. That's why Arvida wants to make sure we are as welcoming as we can be to help everything go smoothly. The new students received an envelope with a QR code leading to a video showcasing all the different events, clubs, electives, and magnets. It shows them how much fun really happens here at Arvida Middle School. Students came in with their parents to meet teachers, look at electives, clubs, and ask any questions they had. We can't wait to have our new Vikings here next year!





### MAGNET MANIA FORENSICS

#### WRITTEN BY: ALYZAH KOLF & MIA TARDIO

Busch Gardens, a place we'd all like to visit, and this month, the lucky 6<sup>th</sup> graders of the Forensics Magnet got to go and visit Busch Gardens and had more fun than anyone could ever imagine! At Busch Gardens, students first got checked in at the camp where they stayed. After they all got checked in, they headed down to their first activity, the Animal Encounter. At the Animal Encounter, they showed their two main reptiles: The Tiny Tortoise and The Colossal Crocodile. At the animal encounter, students got to see these animals up close! After the Animal Encounter, students went back to camp and slept till the next day. Next morning at Busch Gardens, students headed to the theme park. There were so many rapid rides, including the Iron Gwazee and The Cheetah Hunt. Students flew around, zipped, flashed, whirled, and dropped on these crazy rides, having fun and being spontaneous.





"I THOUGHT IT WAS NICE, I LIKED IT."- DANIELLA QUEZADA.

# MAGNET MANIA GLOBAL STUDIES

WRITTEN BY: LIAM AVILA & EDUARDO CERRA

### 8TH GRADE CAMPING TRIP

In March, the Global Magnet had an 8<sup>th</sup> grade camping field trip. During the field trip they went hiking. While they were hiking, they got as close as 15 feet away from an alligator. They had many activities such as going on a nature walk, and they slept in huge tents. For dinner they had camping tacos made by Mrs. Rivero. During their hike they saw a blue heron diving in the water and catching a fish for its meal, they also saw an alligator chasing down a fish. During the field trip nobody was allowed to use their phones so they could enjoy the full experience of the field trip. They saw many different animals.

They also made a fire at night and made s'mores by the campfire.



# MAGNET MANIA ARVIDA BAND

WRITTEN BY: ALIA LAKHDAR-AZZOUZ & ISABELLA ZERPA

### **BAND FESTIVAL AT DISNEY**

It's the month of Saint Patty's Day! This year is flowing by fast-we've already entered March, and Band is excited to keep growing and improving! As March "Springs Forward" daylights savings began. Band was very excited to spend their performances in the sun! First, on March 12<sup>th</sup>, a big event started, MPA. MPA is the word used when a concert band has a Music Performance Assessment. This meant all of concert band had to play their own pieces of music to prove they were worthy of a superior award as a band. Alongside their own music, they also had to perform two new pieces of music that were never introduced to them before. After their performance, the concert band got an opportunity to improve how they play by the judge! The judges coached the students to refine their skills. Arvida is very grateful for the chance to learn. As a reward for the concert band doing so well, on March 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> Mr. Gonzalez treated them to a fun experience to win more medals at Disney Fest! At Disney Fest, concert band had performed against other bands from across the U.S. They won two big trophies and a first-

place title! It was a fun exciting experience for Band and an occasion to win for Arvida!

# **CLUBS**

#### WRITTEN BY: DONOVAN BRAVO & GABRIEL RAMIREZ

#### **SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY**

During the month of March, many clubs did things, but what a few clubs did this month were very special. For example, Viking Council collected fun, children's bandaids for the "Live Like Bella" fundraiser. "Live Like Bella" is a foundation that fights against childhood cancer by doing things like these fundraisers. At the end of the event, Although Ms. Monge's class got the most band-aids, with 201 band-aids, Ms. Cubenas's class won with 170 Band-Aids. In third place was Ms. Hagarman's class with 67 band-aids. The goal was to get 1000 band-aids in total to donate, and after the event got extended, we ended up getting 800 band-aids! This event was a massive success and although we didn't get the goal that Viking Council intended to donate, we still got a huge number of band-aids. Also, on March 15 th, the chess club had a tournament. They had 5 players representing Arvida at Jane S. Roberts, where the tournament was held. At the tournament, Edwin Almendrales won a medal. This month, the clubs were very successful, Viking Council donated hundreds of band-aid boxes, and Chess club won a medal at their tournament.



Chess Team for the Win!



Ms. Monge's 1<sup>st</sup> Period- Winners of "Live Like Bella Band-aid Collection"

### **SPORTS**

#### WRITTEN BY: JUELZ GUEVARA & ARIELLE RODRIGUES

#### **MARCH MADNESS!**

The boys flag football team faced a tough loss in the playoffs this season, but their determination remains strong as they set their sights on a comeback next year the score was 28 to 0. Meanwhile, the JV boys' basketball team celebrated a big win against Ponce de Leon Middle School, dominating the court with an impressive 45 to 15 victory!The Varsity basketball team has been facing tough losses but they will bounce back together as a team and win games.

Despite the disappointment of falling short in the playoffs, the flag football team showed heart and dedication throughout the season. They players showed great teamwork and sportsmanship, pushing through challenges and competing with passion. This only made them more motivation to work harder and come back ready to compete.



BOTH TEAMS HAVE SHOWN DEDICATION AND POTENTIAL THIS SEASON. LET'S KEEP THE MOTIVATION IN US AND LET'S BE THE BEST THERE IS. LET'S GO VIKINGS!

# **COUNSELOR CORNER**

#### WRITTEN BY: EMMA LEMUS, ISABELLA SANTIAGO & ISABELLA TOADER

#### MARCH CORE VALUE: COOPERATION

This month's core value is Cooperation, and our counselors did plenty to show us the importance of it! The peer counselors have been going around the school holding presentations. They have been going through different classes to teach Vikings the core value of Cooperation. Going to different classes, they taught plenty of people the importance of showing cooperation and spreading it throughout the school! Our counselors also set up some posters throughout the halls. From a crossword puzzle to a St. Patrick's Day themed poster, they illustrated the importance of cooperation through fun little posters. Lastly, there were special quotes on the morning announcements to spread the core value to the whole school. Thanks to our counselors for showing us the importance of cooperation!





# VIKING VOICES 8TH GRADE

WRITTEN BY: FRIDDA DIAZ & ANNASOPHIA GUZMAN

### SPRING BREAK PLANS

Spring break is approaching, and our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are more excited than ever!

This month we asked 8<sup>th</sup> grade Vikings about their plans for spring break.

We got a lot of different answers such as, going to the beach, experiencing Disney, spending time with family and friends, and they also want to travel.

8<sup>th</sup> graders are ready to go into spring break. Especially, when we come back from break, we have testing so sometimes it's good to rest at least for a week before a big test. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been working so hard this year to get into all the high schools they want to go to! We are more than ready to become 9<sup>th</sup> graders in a couple of months!!



# VIKING VOICES 7TH GRADE

WRITTEN BY: SOFIA NEYRA & SAMANTHA PARGAS

#### SPRING BREAK FAVORITES

Spring break is arriving and Arvida students are getting ready to have fun with their friends and family! So, while spring break is right around the corner, the Arvida journalism staff went around to ask the7th Grade Vikings what they plan on doing for their spring break. Some students that the Arvida staff interviewed were Amani Perez, Sheila Tamayo, Sebastian Lopez, and Jeyson Smith. Amani Perez is going to Fort Myers, Sheila

Tamaya said that she's Sebastian Lopez is going Jeyson Smith is looking boxing during the break. said they were doing fun activities. Arvida Middle believes in working hard year, but these breaks are to sit back and relax! staff are extremely Vikings to come back their spring break!



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Amani Perez and Sheila Tamayo- 7th Grade Vikings

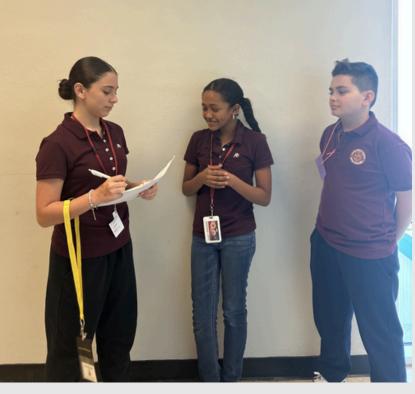
# VIKING VOICES 6TH GRADE

WRITTEN BY: DANIELLA QUEZADA & ISABELLA VANEGAS

#### SPRING BREAK DREAMS

It's finally March!! We all know that March stands for the last few months of the school year and... Spring break!!! After working hard for the past few months, students finally get a well-deserved break. Usually for spring break students travel, hang out with friends and family, rest, etc. So, for this month we wanted to know what the 6th grade Vikings are going to do or want to do during the break. We asked the following questions: "If you could go anywhere for spring break where would you go?" and "What will you be doing for spring break?" Some answers for the first question were Hawaii, Dominican Republic, Orlando, Colorado, and Los Angeles.

Honestly all these we would love to last question some traveling to home and relaxing, and seeing bears, with friends. All see that the 6th going to have the Now that we've responses for what doing for spring wondering about



answers are places go to! Now for the answers were Orlando, staying going to a cabin and hanging out fun activities! I can grade Vikings are best spring break. heard some the 6th graders are break, we're the rest, so now

we'll ask, what are you doing for spring break? Talk to your friends about what you're doing, maybe even plan a hangout.

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### **PTSA**

#### WRITTEN BY: KHIARA GOERLACH & LUCAS MOLINA

### **HONORING IRISH PRIDE**

We celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th to commemorate the death of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, and to celebrate Irish culture and heritage. While it started as a religious holiday, it has evolved into a global celebration of Irish pride. To celebrate Saint Patrick's Day, the Arvida PTSA had a fun activity where the students got to wear their favorite green shirt! The Arvida Middle PTSA also continues to have snack sales after school every Thursday. Bring your money! And if you have any questions please contact the PTSA at 305-302-2775 (text is preferred).





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