

VIKINGS' 'VENTURES

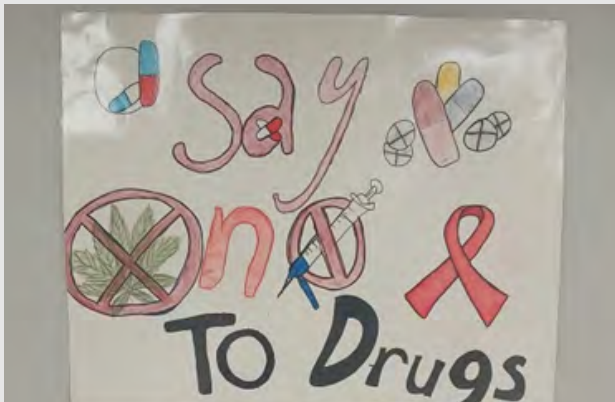
RED-RIBBON WEEK

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The week of October 23rd to October 31st was Red Ribbon Week for Vikings!

There were activities every day that week, combined with a message every morning on the announcements about being drug free! An essay, poster, and door decorating contest began on October 23rd with the theme "Life Is a Movie. Film Drug Free!" On the 24th, our Vikings wore red to stand against drugs and drug prevention letters were given to our Vikings. The Youth Crime Watch came to our school to do some presentations! On the 25th, our amazing science teachers showed our Vikings some videos on Drug Awareness and Prevention and Ms. Richardson did a super fun karaoke lunch! Then, on the 29th, there was another fun presentation for our students, the national guard came to present about drug prevention! The 30th and 31st were our last two days of red ribbon week. They announced the door decoration contest winners on the 30th. The winner was Ms. Cubenas.

On the 31st the essay and poster contest winners were announced. The winner was Deanna McDermott. Congratulations to both of them!



Deanna McDermott (6th Grade)

Winner of the Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest



Mrs. Cubenas 1st Place Door

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

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VIKING PRINCIPAL- DR. GARCIA



On October 28 we had a special guest for the day. Our principal for a day, Dr. Garcia, came to talk to our Vikings about so many things.

He is an orthodontist and owns Garcia Orthodontics. Fun fact about him:

Dr. Garcia knows six languages fluently!

The languages he knows are English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, German, and French. This breaks the language barrier and allows him to communicate more with his foreign patients.

He wanted to let students know that you can

do anything if your passion for it is strong enough. He visited Ms. Fernandez, Ms. Armada, Mr. Corzo and Ms. Gonzalez. Vikings were glad to have him visit our school as Principal for the Day!



TEACHER TALK

WRITTEN BY: JAYLEEN CAZARES & GENAVIEVE ANDRADE

WATER IS MORE THAN H₂O

For October, biology students prepare to take their district test by learning about scientific topics such as properties of water. Mrs. Malcolm planned a lab for students to visualize the effects that objects and chemicals have on the properties of water. For this experiment students looked at many substances that perform how density and more water properties work. This lab had 4 sections which included water, milk, celery, food coloring, pepper, and a paperclip. For the first section adhesion and cohesion were performed by testing how many pennies fit inside a cup full of water. The second section displayed capillary action by changing the color of a celery by placing it in food coloring. The third section exhibited surface tension by testing if a paper clip can float on water by using a fork. For the last section, students poured milk on a paper plate, used drops of food coloring, a toothpick with dish soap, and created art with it. Students had lots of fun learning about the unique properties of water.



Biology students testing surface tension.



Water tension art

“Science is fun, but messy.” -Ms. Malcolm

TEACHER TALK

WRITTEN BY: LEAH DIAZ & IRENE PALLARES

MONROE'S MODELS OF ATOMIC STRUCTURE

As the school year continues Mrs. Monroe started off this October with a fun lab for her students. The students were required to identify the nucleus and the electron cloud. In addition, they had to identify the subatomic particles of the atom. Which includes protons, neutrons, and electrons. The purpose of the activity was for students to understand the benefits of models and how we use them to visualize the structure of the atom.



"I get excited when my students are excited about learning science through fun and hands on activities." -Mrs. Monroe

TEACHER TALK

WRITTEN BY: LEAH DIAZ & IRENE PALLARES

ELA IS ALL ABOUT SPOOKY SEASON

Since Halloween is coming up many of our amazing Language Art teachers have done many spooky activities for their students! For sixth grade, Ms. Jacobowitz's class read "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and created Halloween Acrostic Poems which they had to use each letter as a line starter for a spooky Halloween Poem, they also got to focus on characterization by drawing their own comic strip of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

For seventh grade Ms. Roblin had her students read the poem the "The Raven." Her students were able to engage with they poetry, by identifying examples of figurative language and poetic devices such as similes, metaphors, alliteration, allusion, and

personification. Her students also had the opportunity to use these skills to create their very own spooky story! Lastly, for eighth grade, Mrs. Paoella had her students read the poem "The Tell-Tale Heart." Her students were able to find evidence to prove or disprove the narrator's sanity. Our Vikings had a chance to bring literature to life and see that Language Arts can be fun for everyone!



*Character Comic Strips of
"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"*



*Acrostic Poetry of
"The Headless Horseman"*

EVENTS

WRITTEN BY: LUCAS MOLINA & HAILEY PERULLERO

SEPTEMBER SPIRIT

Trunk or treat was a blast, there were a lot of fun activities that took place. The Viking Cheerleaders and Arvida Band came out to perform for all the guests that came out to support our school from the community. Trunk or Treat started at 6:00pm and ended at 9:00pm. There was a haunted house presented by the Drama students, games and food stands to support many of the Arvida Middle teams and clubs, and a DJ playing great music! Trunk or Treat is a tradition that takes place every year to celebrate Halloween. There were decorated trunks with families giving out candy and even won a prize for the best decorated trunk! Hope you had a spooky Halloween Vikings!!!

The Vikettes hosted the Halloween Dance, and it was the best dance yet! Everyone had so much fun dancing with their friends and listening to their favorite songs! The dance team gave out light up flower crowns and batons. I think many people would agree that they had a great time and that we all had fun. Thank you to everyone who went to support our dance team, and we promise more is coming soon.



Trunk-or-Treat Decorated Trunk



Partying Like it's Halloween!



Spooky Nights

MAGNET MANIA

FORENSICS

WRITTEN BY: ALYZAH KOLF & MIA TARDIO

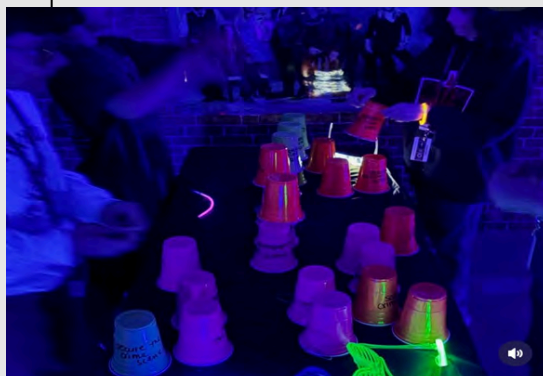
The Presentation

First off is the Forensic Science Bomb and Dive Squad Presentation. The presentation took place Tuesday, October 15 in the Forensics courtyard. The Bomb and Dive Squad basically dives for evidence and goes on calls to get rid of any potential bombs. At the presentation, they explained exactly how they did this job, also displaying a few materials used on the job there.



The 6th Grade Inhouse Lab

Next is the 6th Grade Inhouse Lab, AKA The Glow Games. The lab took place Friday, October 18, in the school. This event also took place in the dark where black light shining in the room caused the items to look like they were glowing. At the lab, the students got to have fun in no way before. The students did word searches, made fingerprint drawings, stacked cups, and of course, played games, all with a time limit. The students also had glowing vests, disco glasses, and glowing bracelets made of glow sticks. The forensics department helps these kids to learn with a lot of fun!



The Ghost Tour

And finally, The Forensics Ghost Tour. The Ghost Tour took place Tuesday, October 22 at Deering Estates. Before the field trip, the students ate pizza in Ms. Gomberg's classroom. After that, they went on the hunt! On the field trip, students were split into small groups that went into the different parts of two houses. In some of the rooms, there were people helping them with equipment. In one room, people could actually talk with the ghosts! To actually find the ghosts, the students used wands. If the wands made an X, there wouldn't be a ghost, but if it didn't, the students would find themselves in the presence of the living dead. After the field trip, the students got to go home, not just pleased with themselves and their experience, they also went home with a great story to tell.



MAGNET MANIA

GLOBAL STUDIES

WRITTEN BY: LIAM AVILA & EDUARDO CERRA

This month, our school's Global Studies program had a handful of activities. To begin with, Global had a swim test for the students who missed the first swim test, so they can go on future field trips that include bodies of water like rivers and lakes. During the swim test you had to swim across the pool then after you had to jump into twelve feet deep water. This month there were not that many activities but next month there will be a lot more fun fieldtrips, activities, labs, and more. Global had over 80 students tested. Students went kayaking and they also experienced a king tide! 6th grade global students also created a terrarium where they basically made their own mini ecosystem. 6th grade students had an in-house planting event in which students had an in-house planting event. In which students brought both vegetables and flowering plants. Our 7th grade global students had an in-house lab, in which they separated items for composting from our school lunch trash and created a vermicompost bin. And finally, 8th grade global students had a greenhouse gummy lab in which they had to use gumming dots to create models of the greenhouse gas molecules. They also did some gardening. Next month during

November there will be many more fieldtrips, such as Epcot and Animal Kingdom!



MAGNET MANIA

ARVIDA BAND

WRITTEN BY: ALIA LAKHDAR-AZZOUZ & ISABELLA ZERPA

BAND MAGNET CONCERT

The Arvida Middle School Band was buzzing with enthusiasm this October! We had a fundraiser on October 7th-25th to help raise money using Papa John's Pizza Cards. They used the money to pay for instruments and sheet music stands. October 16th was Arvida's Band first performance! It was an amazing night where concert band, choir, and jazz band performed together to create an astounding performance. Around 200 people showed up to watch our amazing students! While the concert band played "Morning Mist" and "The Tempest," Jazz band played "Take the A-Train" and "Living on a Prayer." Chior also performed "I'm in Love with a Monster" and "Double Trouble." It was held at the Arvida Auditorium at 6:00 pm and after the show students got to have a pleasant dinner with their families and friends. It was an event that was bound to catch your eye. On October 25th Arvida's PTSA hosted a Trunk or Treat event. However, our Jazz Band and Choir were invited playing and singing to set the Halloween mood! Mr. Gonzalez and his students worked hard for months to strive for the best performance of 2024! Coming up, on December 11th, will be the first show beginning band will be in. Taking place at Varela High School. Thank you to all the students of the Arvida Band Class and Magnet! Arvida Middle Band will continue this journey together to strive for excellence.



CLUBS

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VIKING CLUBS IN ACTION

In October, many things happened this month for clubs. For example, this month, the Viking Council hosted the Spirit Week for all students. For spirit week, the students dressed up with many different outfits so the students' school spirit could be improved, which is very important for learning, because if you don't have a good mindset, it will be hard.

Needless to say, Spirit Week was a huge success! Also, all the clubs have had their first meetings by now and have been enriching students' time at Arvida with fun activities! For example, Ms. Lopez and the Robotics club have been enjoying their morning meetings building

robots! Many of our our clubs also participated in Trunk or Treat to raise funds for their groups.



*Robotics Club students
building robots*

VIKING VOICES

8TH GRADE

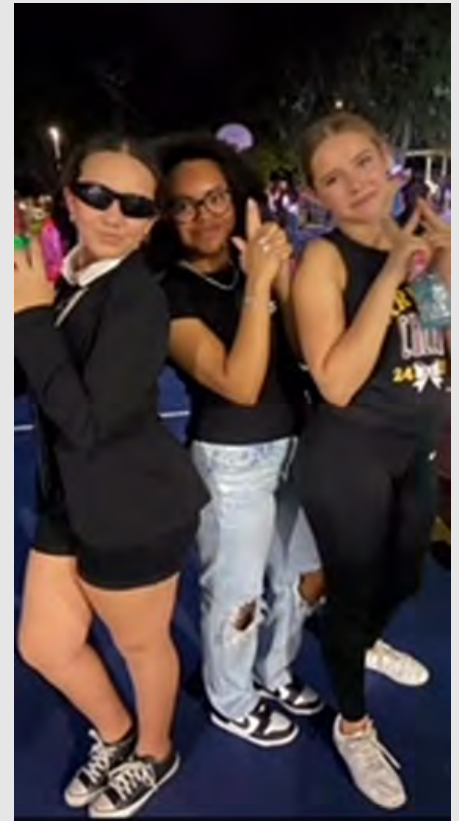
WRITTEN BY: FRIDDA DIAZ & ANNASOPHIA GUZMAN

8TH GRADE IS NEVER TOO OLD TO TRICK-OR-TREAT!

Boo! It's us again. This month in October we asked the 8th graders some questions for Halloween. We asked them when do you think it's too old to stop trick or treating and what they're going to dress up for Halloween. Many of the 8th graders have said that it's never too old to go trick or treating and some had said around 15. Our Vikings are very creative when it comes to picking their costumes. We had interviewed our peers, and they had said Aurora, Cleopatra, Freddy Cougar, Hocus Pocus, Patrick, and The Disney Princesses! We hope everyone has a fantastic Halloween!



*Arvida Vikings are NEVER too Old to Dress Up
for Halloween!*



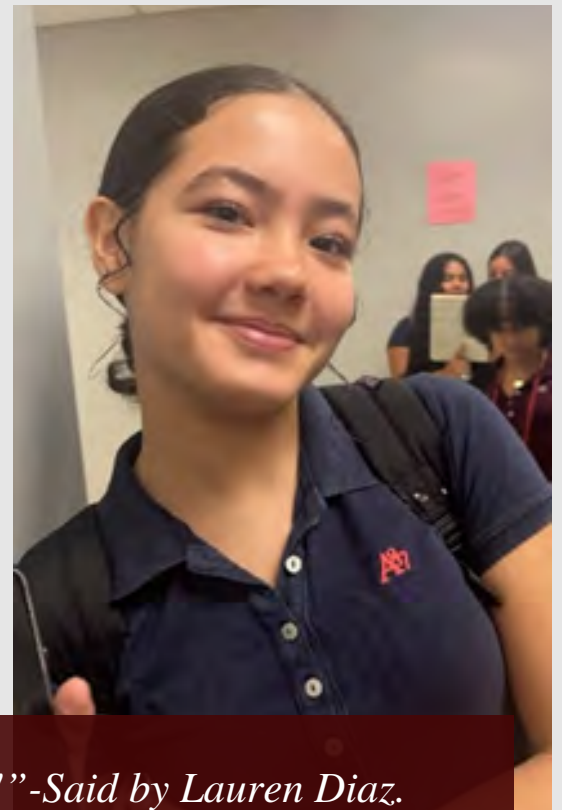
VIKING VOICES

7TH GRADE

WRITTEN BY: SOFIA NEYRA & SAMANTHA PARGAS

7TH GRADE VOTES ON SCARIEST HALLOWEEN HORROR MOVIES

October is the month of horror! The month where you cuddle up on the couch and pick a scary movie. But which movie would you decide? To celebrate Halloween at Arvida, the Journalism staff has decided to go around and ask 7th grade students what horror movies they prefer for their spooky night. The students had a choice to pick between: “IT,” “Halloween,” “Scream,” and “Friday the 13th.” Out of twenty-three students, 6 chose “IT,” 0 chose “Halloween,” 13 students chose “Scream,” and 4 chose “Friday the 13th.” “Scream” is the number one pick for horror movies amongst the 7th grade students! Overall, Arvida Middle School is so excited to dress up in fun costumes, watch scary movies, and celebrate Halloween!



“In my opinion, Scream is the best horror movie!” -Said by Lauren Diaz.

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6TH GRADE

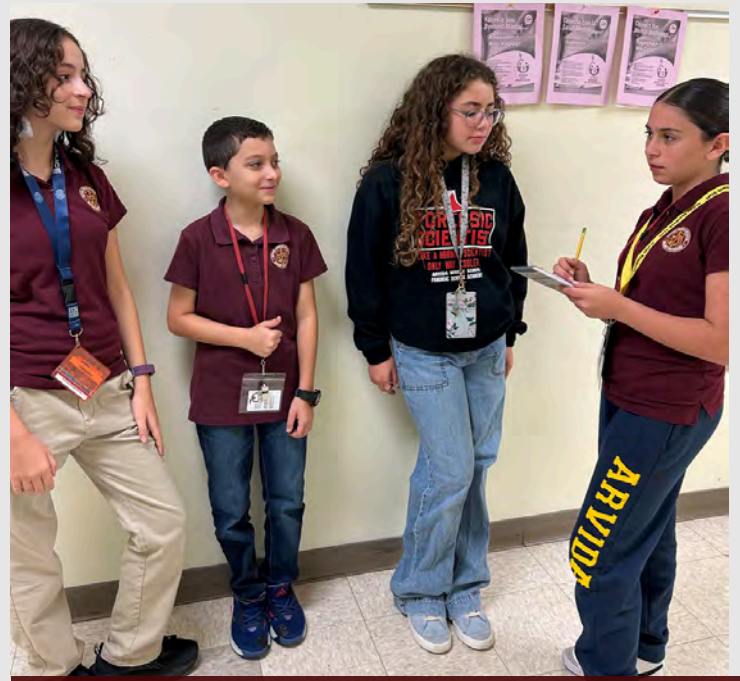
WRITTEN BY: DANIELLA QUEZADA & ISABELLA VANEGAS

6TH GRADE TALKS HALLOWEEN CANDY

Halloween just went by, and a few days before, we asked the 6th grade Vikings about their favorite and least favorite Halloween candies. When we asked, "What is your favorite Halloween candy?" The majority of 6th grade students said Twix and Snickers making them the most popular candies. Other popular choices were Kit Kat, Jolly Ranchers, Skittles, M&Ms, Hershey bars, and candy corn. 6th graders have a sweet tooth for chocolate and fruity flavors. We also asked, "What is your least favorite Halloween candy?" and got some strong opinions. Milky Way, licorice, 3 Musketeers, Swedish Fish, Dum Dums, and Twizzlers topped the list of candies to avoid. So, if you handed out candy this Halloween, now you know what the 6th grade Vikings favorite candies were. So, I would like to know what your favorite and least favorite candies are. Also, what candy did you give out this Halloween? I hope you Vikings had a fun, spooky, and safe Halloween!



6th grade students, Ana Martin and Aiden Castillo, answering the questions "What is your favorite Halloween candy?" And "What is your least favorite Halloween candy?". Ana's answers were Kit Kat and Licorice while Aiden's answers were Jolly Ranchers and 3 Musketeers.



Pantoja, answering the questions "What is your favorite Halloween candy?" And "What is your least favorite Halloween candy?". Both Evelyn and Caleb's answers were M&Ms and Swedish Fish while Amelia's answers were Candy Corn and Dum Dums.

PTSA

WRITTEN BY: KHIARA GOERLACH & SOFIA LERGIER

RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR VIKINGS!

Happy spooky month of October! This month the Arvida PTSA Crew worked hard and got together to do many things for our viking family. They threw an Arvida Skate Night at The Miami Roller Rink on October 4th from 4:30 to 7:30 to raise money and for the students to have a good time! They also came strong this Halloween and hosted their annual Clownsville Trunk or Treat Friday, October 25th from 6 to 9pm. They had many games, food, prizes, performances, and their haunted house! It was a successful night for the PTSA, and everyone had a great time! The PTSA also continues to sell snacks after school on Thursday's, so remember to bring your money!

If you have any questions, please contact the Arvida PTSA through their website: arvidamptsa.wixsite.com or directly through their number at: (305) 302-2775.



Trunk Decorating Contest Winner!



Trunk or Treat Raffle Winner!