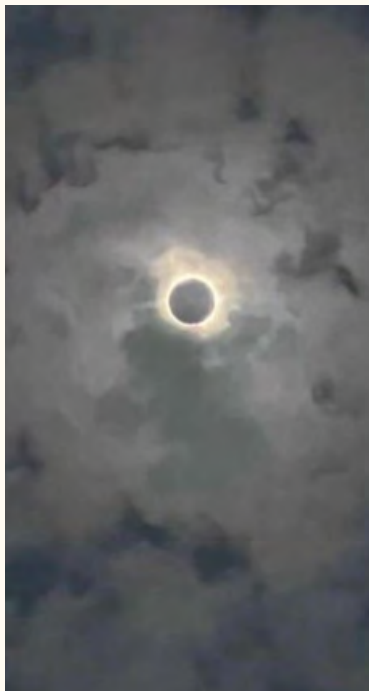


VIKINGS' VENTURES

Science Slams the Solar Eclipse

BY: EDUARDO CERRA, ADRIAN MEDINA, AND DANIEL RAMIREZ

ON APRIL 8TH FROM 9:50 A.M TO 5:20 P.M., PEOPLE ACROSS NORTH AMERICA LOOKED AT THE SKY AND HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS THE SOLAR ECLIPSE. THE ARVIDA MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHERS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE STUDENTS OUTSIDE TO VIEW THE ECLIPSE FIRST-HAND. THEY GAVE THE STUDENTS SPECIAL ECLIPSE GLASSES SO THEY COULD VIEW IT SAFELY. MS. GONZALEZ, ONE OF THE TEACHERS INVOLVED IN THE ECLIPSE-VIEWING EVENT SAID "BEING ABLE TO TEACH SCIENCE AND HAVE THIS EXPERIENCE WITH MY STUDENT MADE THEM THAT MUCH MORE MEMORABLE, BECAUSE I WAS ABLE TO TEACH THEM ABOUT SOLAR ECLIPSES. THE STUDENTS MADE A PINHOLE VIEWER, A PIECE OF PAPER WHERE YOU PUNCH HOLES IN IT AND VIEW IT, THEY ALSO LEARNT ABOUT THE EFFECT OF LOOKING STRAIGHT AT THE ECLIPSE, AND HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR EYES. IT WAS PRETTY REMARKABLE, BECAUSE YOU KNOW IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU WILL USUALLY EXPERIENCE. IT'S MEMORABLE BECAUSE IT'S AN EVENT THAT YOU WILL REMEMBER WHERE YOU WERE, AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT." THE NEXT TIME A SOLAR ECLIPSE WILL OCCUR AND BE VISIBLE IN FLORIDA WILL BE ON JAN 26, 2028, AND THE NEXT TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE WILL BE ON AUGUST 12, 2045.



Teacher Talk

Mr. Corzo's Camouflaging Butterflies

BY: LAUREN ARROYAVE, VICTORIA GRANIERO, AND PAIGE MENDEZ

MR. CORZO AND HIS BUTTERFLY MIMICRY PROJECT! THIS WAS TO LEARN ABOUT THE ADAPTATION AND EVOLUTION OF INSECTS. MR. CORZO SAID THE PROJECT WAS GREAT! THEY WERE ABLE TO LEARN ABOUT AND CREATE BUTTERFLIES THAT BLEND INTO THEIR SURROUNDINGS. THE BUTTERFLIES WERE PLACED IN MS. GOMBERG'S CLASSROOM. AT THE END OF THE PROJECT, THE STUDENTS AND MR. CORZO TAPED THE BUTTERFLIES TO THE COLOR OF THE SURROUNDING THEY CHOSE. AS MR. CORZO SAYS, "SCIENCE AND EVERYDAY LIFE CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATED!"



Teacher Talk

Art Shows and Awards

BY: LIAH BLANCO, JESUS FERNANDEZ, AND NICOLE FLORES

During the month of April, there were two art shows. The students performed very well; you could almost say it was a "Work of Art!" The first show was for the Youth Fair Exposition, where 20 photographers won 1st and 2nd place and some received special awards; as well as another three artists had their artwork exhibited at The Youth Fair. The second show was the "Bo Arts Student Showcase," which took place at the "Lowe Arts Museum" at The University of Miami. There were three students who were finalists and were waiting to see if they won any final prizes. The students were selected by their artwork throughout the year and oversaw editing their art pieces to make them the best they can be. Ms. Fernandez selected the pieces of artwork that looked capable of making it far in the art shows. The artists worked on an array of different art styles like drawing, painting, and different types of media. According to Ms. Fernandez, "This year our student artists and photographers did amazingly well and continue to win different accolades and awards all year, we are hoping that next year our Fine Arts Academy will grow from where we started this year." The students who participated in these shows tried their hardest to make it to the finals and used what they have learned this year to win and represent their fine arts academy!



Teacher Talk

Dancing til the End of the Year

BY: JAYLEEN CAZARES, SOFIA LERGIER, AND SOFIA NEYRA

THE SPRING DANCE RECITAL WAS HOSTED BY MRS. ALVAREZ. THE THEME OF THIS RECITAL WAS "THE GRAMMYS." MRS. ALVAREZ DECIDED ON "THE GRAMMY'S" BECAUSE SHE WAS INSPIRED BY THIS YEAR'S GRAMMY'S PERFORMANCES, AND SHE WANTED TO SHOWCASE THAT IN THIS YEAR'S RECITAL. HER FAVORITE PART OF HOSTING THIS RECITAL WAS THE FINALE. THE REASON BEHIND THIS WAS BECAUSE THE FINALE WAS A MIX OF CONTEMPORARY AND JAZZ AND SHE HAD NEVER USED THESE TYPES OF DANCE STYLES BEFORE FOR THE END OF HER DANCE SHOWS. ON THE SECOND NIGHT OF THE RECITAL, STUDENTS WERE HONORED WITH AWARDS FOR "CHOREOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR" AND "DANCER OF THE YEAR." THE STUDENTS WHO WON CHOREOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR WERE: LEXA AVILES, DANERICKA WALKER, VALENTINA CARRUITERIO, NATALIE ERRASTI, AND MORGAN BRENNAN. THE STUDENTS WHO WON "DANCER OF THE YEAR" WERE: PAIGE MENDEZ, SAMANTHA GONZALEZ, CATALINA YANES, AND NAOMI PYFROM.



"DANCE IS THE HIDDEN LANGUAGE OF THE SOUL."
-MRS. ALVAREZ

March Events

A Color“fun” Month

BY: ALEJANDRO CEDENO, STELLA GASSAWAY, AND SAMANTHA PARGAS



FOR THE END OF THE 3RD NINE WEEKS, ARVIDA HELD THEIR QUARTERLY MOST VALUABLE VIKING DAY! A PARTY CELEBRATING THOSE STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED HONOR ROLL OR WERE RECOGNIZED TWO OR MORE TIMES AS A VALIANT VIKING. THIS WAS TO SHOW THE SCHOOL'S APPRECIATION FOR THE HARD-WORKING STUDENTS AT ARVIDA. PER TRADITION OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, STUDENTS CELEBRATED WITH ICE POPS, GAMING TRUCK, AND MANY OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES.

THEN, ON APRIL 26TH, THE ARVIDA PTSA HOSTED THE ARVIDA COLOR RUN. EACH GRADE GOT TO EXPERIENCE THIS COLORFUL EVENT AS A FUN-FILLED FIELD DAY. THE DUNK TANK WAS A HIT, GIVING STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY



HIT THE TARGET TO DUNK MR. FOSTER AND MRS. PAOLELLA. THE EVENT WAS TOPPED OFF WITH A CHEER PERFORMANCE FOR EACH GRADE. THIS COLORFUL EVENT HELPED RAISE FUNDS FOR ARVIDA AND THE PTSA!



Mission Hope

BY: NORA DIGIACOMO AND KATHERINE ELEJALDE

DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, MS. JUSTIANO HOSTED TWO DRIVES CALLED THE "MISSION HOPE" AND THE "BLANKETS FOR HOPE." THE PURPOSE OF BOTH EVENTS WAS TO RECEIVE DONATIONS FOR THE MIAMI RESCUE MISSION SHELTER, TO HELP THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY IN OUR AREA. MS. JUSTIANO HAS DONE THIS FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS HAPPY TO DO THIS AGAIN. FOR THE "BLANKETS FOR HOPE" DRIVE, STUDENTS BROUGHT IN OVER 200 BLANKETS, AND THE STUDENT COUNCIL WROTE NOTES INSIDE EACH BLANKET THAT WAS DONATED. THE "MISSION HOPE DRIVE" RECEIVED OVER 10 BOXES OF DONATIONS FULL OF TOILETRIES FOR THE HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY. MS. JUSTIANO IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR EVERY DONATION AND HOPES THAT SHE CAN CONTINUE TO SPREAD KINDNESS IN THE FUTURE. MS. JUSTIANO QUOTES, "AS MARGARET MEAD SAYS, 'NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.'"



Sports

BY: ALEXANDRA BLANCO, ANA ESCOBAR, AND GIANLUCA VENCE

THE ARVIDA GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM HAS HAD AN AMAZING SEASON AND GOT IN WIN-AFTER-WIN THIS MONTH. THEY HAVE PLAYED 8 TOUGH GAMES THIS MONTH AND HAVE WON 7 OF THEM. THEIR CRAZIEST WIN WAS ON APRIL 16TH, AGAINST LEEWOOD, WITH A SCORE OF 18-17. IT WAS A CRAZY MATCH THAT LEFT ALL THE GIRLS WORN OUT. COACH PRESLY AND COACH TAMIKA ARE SUPER PROUD OF THE GIRLS AND WHAT THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR. THE COACHES SAID THAT THE TEAM'S BEST MEMORY WAS A GAME THAT THEY PLAYED WHERE THEY WERE LOSING BADLY, HOWEVER THEY CONTINUED TO TRY THEIR HARDEST AND CAME BACK. WHILE THEY STILL LOST, THE TEAM NEVER GAVE UP AND WENT INTO OVERTIME, DURING THAT TIME THE TEAM CAUGHT UP, AND IN THE END, THEY FINISHED THE GAME BEING DOWN BY 6.

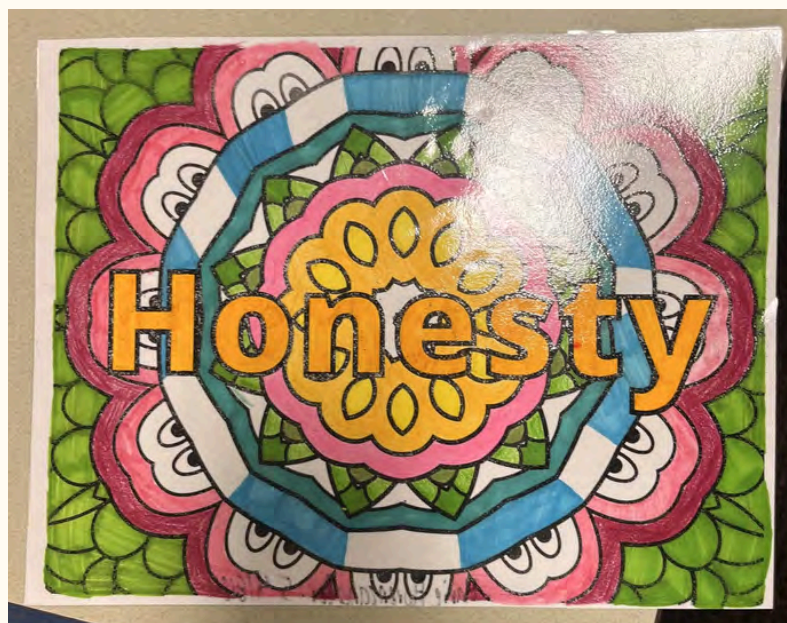
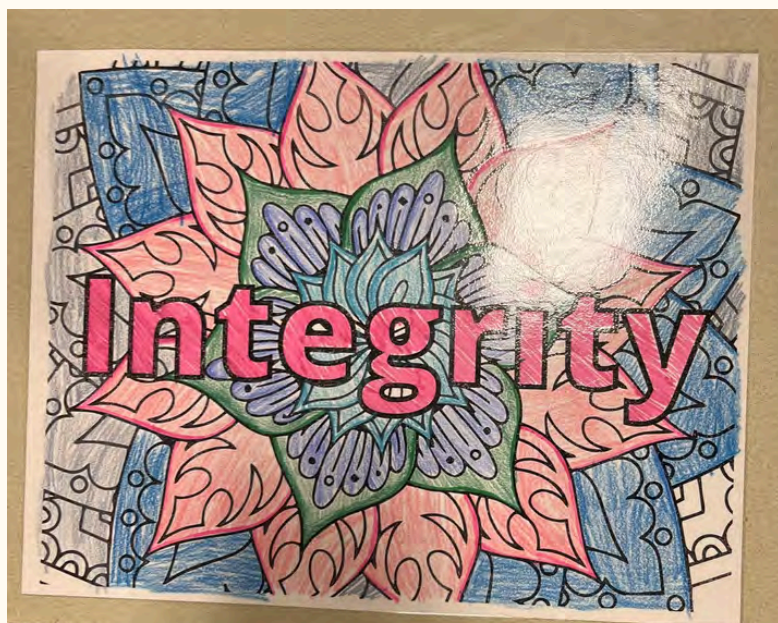
"PLAY HARD, PLAY GOOD, PLAY RIGHT, AND PLAY TIL THE END!"

-MS. TAMIKA



Counselor Corner

BY: DANIELLE AMORES AND EMMA LEMUS



April's Value's Matter Miami Core Value focus was for Honesty and Integrity. Honesty is dealing truthfully with people, being sincere, not deceiving them or stealing from them, not cheating, or lying. For example, doing one's own work when taking a test or working on an individual assignment. Moving on to Integrity. Integrity is standing up for your beliefs about what is right and what is wrong, and resisting social pressure to do wrong. For example, like doing something right even when no one is watching. Ms. Richardson and her students colored posters with the words honesty and integrity on them and put them on the wall outside. They also did presentations in class. Ms. Richardson says, "Honesty and integrity are the key to self-respect." Her students had fun doing this activity and had a great time.

NJHS

BY: GYANNA LLERA AND MARIANA OROZCO

THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS) HAD THEIR INDUCTION CEREMONY ON APRIL 18TH AT ARVIDA MIDDLE. TO BE PART OF THIS HONORS SOCIETY, YOU MUST HAVE A 3.5 GPA OR HIGHER IN YOUR FIRST TWO SEMESTERS OF 7TH GRADE TO GET ACCEPTED. YOU APPLY AGAIN AT THE END OF 7TH GRADE TO BE PART OF THIS SOCIETY IN 8TH GRADE. IT IS SO HARD TO GET INTO THIS SOCIETY BECAUSE THE PEOPLE IN IT ARE ACADEMICALLY AND SOCIALLY MORE ADVANCED, MAKING THEM SOME OF THE BEST IN THE SCHOOL. PEOPLE IN THE NJHS DO A LOT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR OTHER PEOPLE IN NEED SUCH AS THE TRUNK OR TREAT, VIKING FEST, CANNED FOOD DRIVES FOR THE HOLIDAYS, NOT ONLY THAT BUT THIS YEAR OUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS' FOOD 15 FAMILIES THAT DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE AS MUCH MONEY AS EVERYBODY ELSE. THEY PARTICIPATE IN MANY EVENTS TO HELP OUR SCHOOL, SUCH AS THE SUNDAY MEET AND GREET HELPING STUDENTS AND PARENTS FIND THEIR WAY AROUND THE BUILDING. THE LEADER OF THIS SOCIETY, MR. FOSTER STATES "DON'T LOOK BACK, YOU AREN'T GOING THAT WAY." THIS ENCOURAGES THE STUDENTS TO KEEP ON PURSUING THEIR DREAMS.

