

VIKINGS' 'VENTURES

VIKING BOWL

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Arvida hosted a football tournament on Friday the 17th right before Thanksgiving break. This tournament only included 8th grade students which made the event more exclusive. There were 40 kids selected which were separated into 4 teams of 10, the four teams that played were the Orange, Pink, Green, and blue team. The first game was orange vs Blue. The result was 13 to 6 with Blue taking the win. Then there was another game with the pink vs green team. The result of that game was 20 to 13, with Pink winning. Then in the middle block all players and cheerleaders went inside to eat food, party, and listen to music. Then all the eighth graders went out to watch the final two games during the last block and the teams went back out for the two winning teams to play against each other and the losing teams to play each other. First, the losing team's Orange and Green played, and the final score was 14 to 6 with Green taking fourth place and Orange third in the tournament. Then the two winning teams, Pink and Blue, played. Both teams put up a good fight but, in the end, Blue prevailed and won 6-0 and got first place in the tournament!

The leader board was:

- 1st Place- Blue
- 2nd Place- Pink
- 3rd Place- Orange
- 4th Place- Green



It was an incredibly fun event that all 8th grade students enjoyed and will cherish in their memories going into high school!



7 Habits of Successful Vikings

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For the month of November, we practice habit four “Celebrating Teamwork,” which means we work together or help each other succeed. Some examples of how students can show this habit are when you work on a school project with your classmates, but you all have different opinions on how it should look; in this case you should make a plan to figure out how the project can contain all of your ideas. There are also many ways teachers have shown this habit at Arvida. Some ways teachers have shown this habit, were by working together to make a door for Red Ribbon Week (Ms. Vega and Ms. Jones-White), Mr. Foster making a food drive to fill the pantry of Arvida Families in need, and the Girls' Volleyball team working together to win games. Another way our school shows this habit is in the Viking Bowl where teams worked together to compete. That is how “Celebrating Teamwork” is shown in our school.



IN VIKING BOWL, STUDENTS WORKED TOGETHER TO COMPETE AGAINST OTHER TEAMS. THIS REPRESENTS HABIT 4, CELEBRATE TEAMWORK.

Teacher Talk

“Arvida Middle’s Food Drive” Hosted by Mr. Foster

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Mr. Foster is the sponsor of The Arvida National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). The club asked every homeroom to collect canned food. The NJHS students decorated shoe boxes to put in the homeroom teacher's classrooms, to collect canned goods donated by Arvida students. NJHS students went around the school every Monday for a whole month and collected the cans. The idea of this activity was to overflow our pantry to provide scrumptious meals for Arvida families that are less fortunate. The NJHS team officially reached their amazing goal of getting enough food for their 15 target families; while the PTSA was

able to provide them with turkeys for Thanksgiving! A special quote from Mr. Foster is to “Rock On!” Thank you, Mr. Foster, for caring for all of the Viking family!



A GROUP OF NJHS STUDENTS
POSE WITH MELAS READY TO BE
DELIVERED TO VIKING FAMILIES!

Teacher Talk

“Viking For a Day” with Ms. Holbrook

BY: DANIELLE AMORES, ADRIAN MEDINA, AND DANIEL RAMIREZ

The “Viking For a Day” event took place on the 6th of November, in which future Vikings took their next possible school for a tour. The students were able to take a tour around the classrooms and meet our amazing teachers and staff. The students also checked out the dance room, band room, and got to eat the food in our cafeteria and hang out in spill out! Additionally, they went to the Global and Forensic labs to see which magnet program they will end up applying to. The band, cheerleaders, and dance team even organized a presentation to welcome the incoming students.



“ARVIDA IS A PHENOMENAL SCHOOL AND IF WE ALL SPREAD
THE WORD, WE CAN BUILD A BIGGER SCHOOL. A BIGGER
VIKING FAMILY WILL BUILD A BIGGER VIKING COMMUNITY.”

-MS. HOLBROOK



Magnet Mania



BY: ANORA DIGIACOMO, GYANNA LLERA, AND MARIANA OROZCO

During the week of November 22nd, Forensic Magnet Students participated in "The Edible Crime Scene" project. During this activity, students used gummy bears and Twizzlers to construct DNA strands. During this project, the students learned

how DNA works. This fun project gave forensics students the opportunity to learn about genes and chromosomes, through food. This activity showed the importance of navigating and using DNA at crime scenes, while also providing everyone with a tasty treat.



On 11/2/2023, the Humane Society gave a presentation to global students, showing the importance of being responsible pet owners of animals like cats and dogs who do not have a home. Ms. Rivero states, "The humane society talked about the overpopulation of dogs and cats around the world. They talked about responsible ownership of pets and the best ways to train dogs. Students learned about the body language of cats and dogs, and how to properly walk a dog on a leash." The students also gained knowledge about the proper way to walk a dog on a leash. This topic is important to learn as it shows the fact that

instead of being comfortable in a home, pets like cats and dogs are forced to live in poverty on the streets.



Clubs and Sports

BY: ALEJANDRO CEDENO, JESUS FERNANDEZ, AND EMMA LEMUS

Sports Highlights

FOR GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY, ARVIDA PARTICIPATED IN THE "2.1 MILE CC GIRLS JV RACE" ON NOVEMBER 7TH. IT WAS A RACE FOR THE "MIAMI-DADE MS CHAMPIONSHIP" FOR CROSS-COUNTRY TEAMS. AND OUT OF OVER 100 DIFFERENT KIDS FROM MANY DIFFERENT SCHOOLS, ARVIDA'S MARIE FLORENZANO (GRADE 7) CAME IN 6TH PLACE! GREAT WORK TO HER AND THE REST OF THE CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM FOR THIS AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT! FOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL, THEY PLAYED AGAINST DEVON-AIRE K8, AND WON ON THE FINAL SET! THIS GAME GUARANTEED THE GIRLS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY IN DISTRICTS! GREAT GAME VIKINGS!



Clubs

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS) HELPED WITH THE THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE, IT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. THANK YOU TO OUR NJHS CLUB FOR SETTING UP THIS EVENT TO HELP FEED THE NEEDY!

Viking's Events

BY: KATHERINE ELEJALDE, MELODY FLEITAS, AND VICTORIA GRANIERO

On the 3rd of November, Ms. Holbrook hosted the first Most Valuable Viking Ceremony of the school year. On this day, the students in attendance had perfect attendance, no Viking Violations, earned Valiant Viking points, or were on Honor Roll for the first nine-weeks. Students were sent to the Global Studies backyard and could play video games in a rented game truck and enjoyed a delicious treat like ice cream.



On November 15th, AMS had their very own "Viking's Got Talent" show, where each student that tried out got to show off their unique talents. Dexter Meyer and Amanda Espinosa, the winners of the talent show, performed "Cowboy Like Me" by Taylor Swift. EVERY STUDENT DID GREAT!

The last day before Thanksgiving Break, November 16th, Ms. Gomberg and Mrs. Paoella hosted the Viking Bowl Pep-rally. The Pep-rally was for all 8th graders. They first presented the different colored teams that played in the Viking Bowl, then the teams as well as other students got to play fun games, and the 8th graders ended it off by singing "Crank That" by Soulja Boy. It was a great way to end the week before having a week off for the fall break!



Counselor Corner

Values Matter: Citizenship

BY: EDUARDO CERRA, SOFIA LERGIER, AND SAMANTHA PARGAS

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER RECOGNIZES THE VALUES MATTER OF CITIZENSHIP. THE REASON FOR VALUES MATTER IS TO SHOW THE STUDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF COMING TOGETHER AS A SCHOOL TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOAL AND TO CONTINUE BUILDING UP A SCHOOL FAMILY AND IN THE REAL WORLD. FOR CITIZENSHIP, STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL HAND-MADE POSTERS AND HUNG THEM UP AROUND THE SCHOOL. IT HELPED SHOW STUDENTS' CREATIVITY WHILE WORKING TOGETHER. STUDENTS ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE NICE COMMENTS AND HANG THEM UP ON A WALL. ARVIDA PRIDES AND RECOGNIZES POSITIVE BEHAVIOR. THE STUDENT



AWARDED WITH THE HIGHEST VALIANT VIKING POINTS IS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR CITIZENSHIP AND GIVEN A REWARD. STAFF MEMBERS ALSO ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP BY HELPING PEOPLE AROUND THE SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL GIVES VALIANT VIKING POINTS AS A REWARD TO THOSE HOW HAVE DONE A GOOD DEED TO THOSE AROUND THE SCHOOL AND AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER THE SCHOOL HOSTS A VALIANT VIKING PARTY TO SHOW

HOW DOING HONORABLE DEEDS ALWAYS PAY OFF, AND HOW YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH MOST THINGS IF YOU WORK TOGETHER IN THE END. IT ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO CONTINUE WORKING TOGETHER THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL.