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2ND EDITION

PVA PYTHON'S STUDENT NEWSLETTER



Introduction

Happy November, PVA students! This month's edition of the PVA Pythons Newsletter is the second newsletter we've published this school year. We, the PVA Pythons Newsletter Committee, are thrilled to provide this newsletter to help students like you stay updated on events and enjoy fun, informative articles.

This month's edition includes recaps of the field trip to Fairmont WaterWorks, movie and music reviews, mental health wellness strategies, a poetry corner, and the students of the month for September and October. Additionally, there is an article about acting classes that a member of the PVA Pythons Newsletter Committee has been attending.

Whether you're a new student or a longtime member of our community, the PVA Pythons Newsletter is the best way to stay informed about upcoming events and read interesting articles.

Warm regards,
The PVA Pythons Newsletter Committee

Upcoming Events

- **Nov 1st - First day of American Indian Heritage month**
- **Nov 3rd - Daylight savings**
- **Nov 5th - Election Day (SCHOOL CLOSED), and if you are eligible - GO VOTE!**
- **Nov 7th - HACC Dual Enrollment session (for grades 10th&11th. 11am- 1pm, Food provided) [Link to signup.](#)**
- **NOV 11TH - VETERANS DAYS**
- **Nov 21st, 1pm - High School Social hour (see flyer for details**
- **November 28th 29TH Thanksgiving Weekend (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

Important Announcement

Greetings PVA Community,
As we approach Election Day, we recognize the array of emotions that may arise both around the outcome of the election and the subsequent response to it. Please know our school counselors are here should you want a space to process some of the emotions you are experiencing.

Additionally, we want to remind everyone of the School District of Philadelphia's Policy 248, Harassment and Discrimination-Students. The School District of Philadelphia remains a place where bullying, harassment and discrimination of students in any form will not be tolerated. PVA is a place where all students will be respected regardless of an individual's known or perceived race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or other protected classification. Please review [Policy 248 HERE.](#)

Sincerely,
Administrative Staff of PVA



Poetry Corner

THE SUNSHINE YOU GIVE

The sunshine is something that people look for it starts most days it gives energy it provides light during dark times sunshine can be the new beginning or the end sunshine comes when people hope for it sunshine can be the person you miss the most the person that is no longer there the person you hope that will return maybe you experience it before I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow the one that some never got

Poem by Trinity Williams (6th grade)

Our Colors

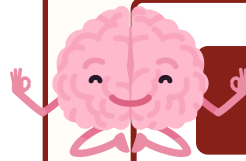
Roses are red violets are blue
Those flowers and colors is how I would describe my feelings for you
The color red represents romance love passion Which yes I do share those feelings for you And you should know that from how heavy-handed I expressed them
But it also represents anger and aggression Which I always have a hard time keeping deep deep in during our arguments
And I think violets look more purple but let's just go with blue for rhyming purposes we'll go with blue
I've always known blue to be associated with sadness. Which I'm sure we've both felt in a lot of our situations .But hey if you bring in the purple We've also had a lot of magical moments But very rarely have I seen the color blue associated with calmness and relaxation But that doesn't really matter anyways
You always have my brain filled with anxiousness and excitement
So roses are red very pretty but prickly too violets are blue color very rare and very beautiful .That's exactly how I would describe my feelings my love for you

By Beashaun Waddell (11th grade)



Reminders

- Remember to log into your Genius Dashboard every school day
- Assignments are due every school day! Submit them to stay on pace
- Help is available, connect with your teachers in the VO (Virtual Office) for help with assignments!



Mental Health

How Daylight Saving Time Can Impact Your Learning and Mental Health

Fall Back (November): Set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 3rd. This gives you an extra hour of sleep and more daylight in the morning.

Check Devices: Ensure all your devices, like phones, computers, and smart home devices, are set to automatically adjust. If not, remember to change them manually.

Daylight Saving Time can impact your mental health by disrupting your routine, reducing sunlight exposure, and affecting physical health. See the link below to learn more and discover strategies to avoid these pitfalls.

Daylight savings slides



Acting Classes

The arts are a very interesting thing. Whether it be enjoying theater, musicals, or television, the arts are an amazing thing to watch and experience. I found myself getting the acting bug a few years ago and now it's the thing I enjoy and look forward to every week when I attend my acting classes downtown every Saturday. It's such an exciting and riveting experience to enjoy, learning how to act, the in's and out's of it is so much fun. It is truly something I believe is my calling, besides from doing freelance writing, it's my favourite thing to do! I'm sure if you enjoy the arts and want to pursue a career in acting, acting classes are the way to go!

Sincerely, Malia Singleton
(6th)

Music Review

As of now, one of my favorite musical artists is Chappell Roan. I'm sure you've heard of her on social media because of her trending songs and hit album "The Rise and Fall of A Midwest Princess." My favorite song of her's is "HOT TO GO!," a fun, energetic and upbeat song to dance to. It even has it's own dance. You might know/heard her other hit song "Good Luck Babe!," a very popular and viral song on social media. I like it because of the story it tells, and because of the fact it was covered by another favourite artist of mine, Sabrina Carpenter. Chappell Roan's popularity rose early this year, especially when she opened for Olivia Rodrigo back in August during a show in Los Angeles for her Guts Tour.

Sincerely, Malia Singleton (6th)



Movie Review

BeetleJuicee, BeetleJuice
The movie I wanna talk about is called Beetle Juice Beetle Juice. The movie is a sequel, and is mostly about a family returning to their home when strange ghostly things start happening. The part of the movie I really like is where Lydia played by Winona Ryder and Beetlejuice played by Michael Keaton sing about saying his name 3 times. I give it 5 stars! I mostly like it because it reminds me of this other Tim Burton movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas"!

By Ryelle Stewart (6th grade)



Water Works - MS Field trip Report

On Wednesday, October 16th, we went on a middle school trip to the Fairmount Waterworks. The reason we went there was to learn more about Philadelphia's water, how it is distributed, and how it is cleaned. We discovered and learnt how they cleaned the water that Philadelphia used over 100 years ago.

We learned that the Fairmount Waterworks in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was built between 1812 and 1815. We also took water samples and tested the water using microscopes to observe its properties. We saw living microbes, and I couldn't believe that they were in the water!

Additionally, we observed some scientists growing mussels. Mussels filter the water and keep it clean, making them very important. I highly recommend visiting the Waterworks!



By Khalil Williams
6th grade



BOYZ 2 MEN

DATE: 11/08/2024
TIME: 12PM - 2PM
LOCATION: FERG BUILDING 2000 N. 7TH ST. PHILADELPHIA, PA 19122
FOOD & CONVO

Join Mr. Simmons and Mr. Ardrey for a lively Young Men Discussion Group on November 8th from 12-2! We'll dive into the challenges and triumphs of life, love, and the unique issues young men face today. Enjoy delicious pizza while engaging in open, honest conversations with peers. This is a great opportunity to share experiences, gain insights, and build connections in a supportive environment. Don't miss out on the chance to connect and grow together!

[LINK to signup](#)

Other Events

STEP

S.T.E.P. PRESENTS:
High School Social Hour

Thursday November 21, 2024
1:00pm-3:00pm
Ferguson Building, Rm 315
2000 N 7th Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19122

JOIN US FOR:

- Great conversations
- Arts & Craft/Encouragement
- Cards
- Food

For more information or to R.S.V.P. contact
pmorse@philasd.org

**PVA/STEP HIGH SCHOOL
PODCAST**

JOIN US

Weekly Meetings Tuesdays @ 11am
CONTACT: pmorse@philasd.org




Students of the Month

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12th Grade Student of the Month

Nicole Colello
PVA Class of 2025

Favorite Class: SCIENCE

Favorite Food: 

Advice to PVA Students: "Use the help that's available!"

7th Grade Student of the Month - Kemp Holland

Practice helps you learn.

I am shy...but friendly.

Just be yourself.

Kemp enjoys ALL subjects and thinks that PVA is fun. He thinks PVA is fun and he likes learning from home. Kemp enjoys reading, his recommendations are: Max and the Midnight or Dogman series. He also enjoys riding his hoverboard and learning to play guitar.

9TH GRADE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

IMANI JOHNSON

My favorite subject is Spanish. Surprisingly I find it fun and interesting.

What she likes about PVA is everyone is nice

ADVICE FOR PVA

FOLLOW ME!

HOMEROOM GIVER

Evie Valiante
October Student of the Month

Science

THIS LEAVY

MASSIMO MORABITO
OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

My favorite subject is English. I really enjoy reading, writing and speaking. I think my strongest skill is speaking because I enjoy meeting people.

Why did you choose PVA? Since I moved, I wanted to attend an online school that was supportive and flexible with their students.

Fun Fact: My family is Italian and I have five siblings!

Advice For Newbies: Ask questions if you are stuck. There will always be a staff member who can answer your question or help you out.

What do you love about PVA? I love the constant support and help that the staff at PVA offer to every student. They are always available to support the needs for each student.

Fave cheesesteak: Geno's - no onions

I live by myself in Orlando, Florida to play soccer for Orlando City SC. My family lives in Philadelphia. I love going back to Philadelphia every holiday to visit my family.

8TH GRADE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

JAYDEN BROWN

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT BEING A STUDENT AT PVA? "IT'S PEACEFUL YOU CAN GET YOUR WORK DONE AT ANY PACE AND THERE ARE FEW REAL WORLD DISTRACTIONS."

FAVORITE FOOD: HOMEMADE FRENCH FRIES

WHO IS ONE PERSON ON SOCIAL MEDIA YOU THINK PEOPLE SHOULD FOLLOW AND WHY? JADEN WILLIAMS BECAUSE HE IS A FUNNY SKIT MAKER AND CONTENT CREATOR.

FAVORITE SUBJECT: SOCIAL STUDIES BECAUSE IT TEACHES US ABOUT THE WORLD WE LIVE IN AND HOW WE FIXED OUR MISTAKES FROM THE PAST."

WHAT IS ONE INTERESTING THING YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT YOURSELF? I LIKE DRAWING AND COMING UP WITH FICTIONAL CHARACTERS.

BEST ADVICE: "DON'T FALL BEHIND!"

STAY ON YOUR COURSEWORK. TRY YOUR HARDEST. SEEK HELP IF NEEDED AND HAVE FUN BEING A KID. TRULY RECOMMEND GOING TO CLUBS AND MEETING NEW COOL PEOPLE.



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10TH GRADER OF THE MONTH: NURAY ALIYEVA

FAVORITE SUBJECT: GEOMETRY

ADVICE: ALWAYS STAY ON TRACK WITH ASSIGNMENTS

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