



PVA PYTHONS NEWSLETTER



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Introduction

We, the PVA Pythons Newsletter Committee, are proud, happy, and excited to present this December edition of the PVA Pythons Newsletter. In this month's frosty newsletter, we'll be featuring an article on Mental Health, another informative piece about Art Club, a spine-chilling short story, and much more. The members of the PVA Pythons Newsletter Committee are thrilled to publish and provide these fun, informative newsletters each month for you all to enjoy. Warm regards and sincere greetings,
The PVA Pythons Newsletter Committee!

Upcoming Events



- **Dec. 11th: MS Natural Science Museum Field trip**
- **December 19th : Art Museum Field Trip**
- **Dec 20th : Toy giveaway at 440**
- **Dec. 23rd – Jan. 3: Winter Break – School Closed**

Poetry Corner



"Silent Battles"

I walk through the halls with a smile on my face,
But inside my mind, I'm in a different place.
I laugh with my friends, pretend I'm alright,
But deep in my heart, I'm lost in the fight.
I hide my fears behind closed doors,
Scared to speak up, afraid to be ignored.
The world seems bright, but inside it's dark,
Like a fire burning out, leaving no spark.
No one can see what's going on inside,
The weight on my shoulders I try to hide.
It's hard to speak up when no one will hear,
So I keep it inside, my thoughts full of fear.
But maybe one day, I'll find the strength,
To speak out loud, to go to great lengths.
To let someone in, to show them my pain,
And hope that my silence will break with the rain. – Amiya James





Art Club

Art club is filled with a lot fun things to do such as, Drawing, Sketching, and talking. The art teacher Ms. Fries gives us time to speak to each other.

In art club we have lots of fun and learn a lot of stuff about art, history, famous artist, and famous paintings. I was not sure about joining art club because I didn't think I knew how to draw or paint. But everyone practicing made me a lot better and making sure to take my time. If you decide to join here is to contact the art teacher.
miaf@cciu.org

Mental Health

This Months Focus:

SELF EMPOWERMENT

It often feels like traumatic news is on repeat, and as young people, you might feel helpless—like your voice isn't being heard or that others are making decisions for you. Most of you may not have been able to vote, and now you're experiencing the consequences of other people's choices. It's understandable if you're feeling overwhelmed and powerless.

But here's the good news: there are definitely things you can do to make your voice heard, take care of yourself, and support others. **CHECKOUT THIS STEP PRESENTATION TO HELP Youth Empowerment**

The Werewolf of London

John Thicket had a peculiar secret he held close to himself. The man of forty-six years suffered from lycanthropy, the very ailment that causes what we know as: werewolves. John ran a pawn shop, a very successful one at that, he bought items off of people and sold them for a living. The male, pale in color, ran a hand through his dark brown hair, staring at himself in the mirror as he leaned on the sink. No one ever mentioned being a werewolf meant you grew hair like one. He looked a nightmare, not to mention the fangs he grew! John exited his homes' bathroom, about to go to bed when he saw the full moon out. "What..." The lycanthrope muttered to himself. Now, he was nearly out of time. Normally during his transformations, he hid in this obscure part of town, out by the woods. With panic running through his veins, he rushed there, and—just barely—he made it. A sharp howl cut through the air as he transformed into his werewolf form. Then, he just... blacked out. All he could remember was transforming before he woke up, the sun shining down on him. And then, as always he went home. But, to get to his flat, you had to cut through towns square and then—I kid thou not—the majority of the population of the town were waiting for him, equipped with pitchforks. "We must end John Thicket, we must end John Thicket!" The massive crowd chanted. John tried to run, but no, they got to him.

The End



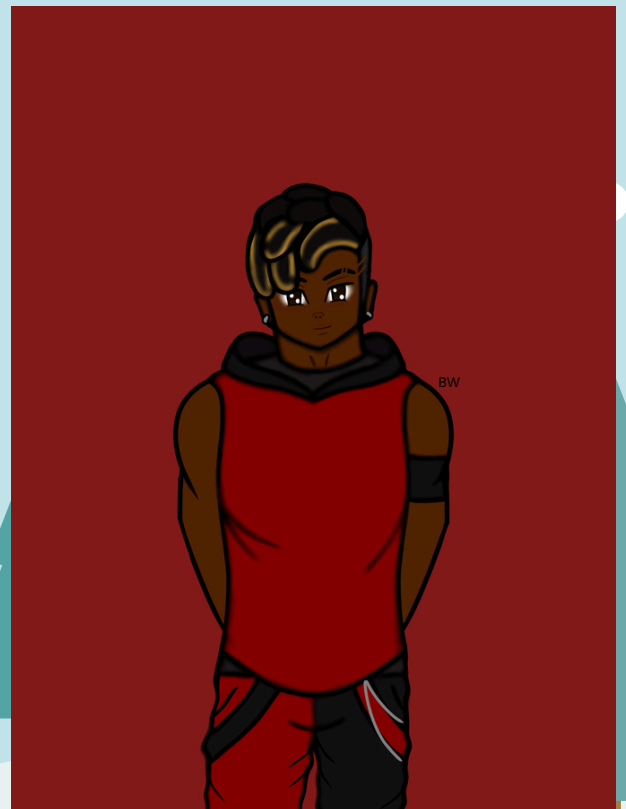
By Nuray Aliyeva (10th grade)

I was inspired to paint this picture by the fact that I like European architecture, especially in the streets and wanted to make something with an old money style to it. I don't think it's a real place but it's similar to the streets of Paris



These two characters are for my webcomic called Jack of All Trades. It's about 23 male influencers with different personalities, and content/career paths were picked by the pop star AJ Lee, to be a part of a reality TV show about a self-sufficient content house. Will the boys get along?, Will their creative ideas mesh? Will this whole project of AJ's even work? Join us, in The House of All Trades to find out.

Keep up with updates on the official Jack of all trades instagram: @One_man_band_joat
By: One man band





This drawing is a character from a story I'm writing called "Peter Crosby and The Barbershop of Horrors." He's the main character of the book. The novel is inspired by Sweeney Todd! It's a pretty good work of mine that I'm currently working on as of now.

Malia, 6th Grade



Drawing the dog was easy, but the hard part was getting the dogs legs and arms the right way. The camera angle made it look a little unreal but that was my whole plan! I use the dark side of the pencil for the outer skin of the dog and used the regular side of the pencil for the light side and use marker for the eyes and to make sure the dog had the movie glow! (Ryelle)





Students of the Month



Favorite Book:

Favorite Class:

12th Grade Student of the Month

Favorite Food:

Antwyn Mapp
PVA Class of 2025

Won an award!!!

The advice I would give to student who are new to PVA is to take care of your mental health and take a break. It's ok to put yourself first and come back to do your assignments later rather than be burnt out and not feel well. I also think it's important to reach out and send email for help even when I am very introvert. I send email to my advisor, staff, and counselor so that I am able to ask my questions and receive help rather than wait.

Favorite Subject:

Communication occurs at different times
Asynchronous
• More think time
• Access to flexible communication

Likes to Read

Likes About PVA
• Responsive and very supportive staff

Learning Now

Favorite Food

Works ahead

Interesting Fact

Advice

November Student of the Month

Abby Mintz

Malia Jackson

I have a job at the zoo as a Sophomore Scholar.

Best Advice: Take your time and don't procrastinate. Your teachers are great and always willing to help.

I like Geometry because I like problem solving and always liked math.

I like Chemistry because it's fun to learn, and I can conduct experiments.

I can conduct, sew, make clothes for fun, paint, bake and cook, as well as even a catering business with my mom.

10th Grade November Student of the Month

NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

MARIA GONZALEZ

What do you like about PVA?
The teachers!
Why did you choose PVA?
My parents...

Favorite subject:
Science because I find it interesting and not boring

Favorite food around town:
Upside down pizza and Stromboli if it's cooked right

Advice for New Students:
Try your best, help is available

I can type really fast!

November Student of the Month

7th Grade Student of the Month
Ms. Gianna Thomas

Things about ME:

1. Chicken fingers and fries from Station Pizza.
2. I like to read mystery and crime books.
3. I swim and practice martial arts.
4. My favorite subject is SCIENCE.

8TH GRADE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

MAKEL DREDEN

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT BEING A STUDENT AT PVA?
"I LIKE THAT I AM ABLE TO GO AT MY OWN PACE WITH SCHOOL WORK AND BE WITH MY FAMILY ALL THE TIME."

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO ATTEND PVA?
BECAUSE IT WAS A NEARBY AND FREE ONLINE SCHOOL THAT HAD LOTS OF RESOURCES.

HAVE YOU READ ANY GOOD BOOKS, ARTICLES OR COMICS LATELY YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?
THE GIVER
HARRY POTTER
AND THE BIBLE

WHAT IS ONE INTERESTING THING YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT YOURSELF?
I AM A CHRISTIAN
I LOVE ANIMALS
I LOVE PLAYING VIDEO GAMES

BEST ADVICE
IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING YOU SHOULD GET HELP BECAUSE THERE IS TONS OF PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP.

FAVORITE SUBJECT:
"MY FAVORITE SUBJECT IS SOCIAL STUDIES BECAUSE I LOVE LEARNING ABOUT LAW AND DEBATING DIFFERENT POLITICS."

9TH GRADE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

MICHELLE BEASLEY

My favorite subject is Biology, because it was fun and easy to do.

ADVICE FOR PVA STUDENTS:
ALWAYS DO YOUR WORK, KEEP TRACK OF THE THINGS YOU DO WHEN DOING YOUR WORK, AND DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD

"I like that whenever I do work, I can always take a break and there's no pressure at all."

Genos has the best cheesesteaks and my order would just be a cheesesteak.

I READ A JUJUTSU KAISEN MANGA, IT WAS REALLYYYYYY GOOD

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