



PVA PYTHONS NEWSLETTER



February Edition Newsletter

Celebrating Black History Month



UPCOMING PVA EVENTS

- High School Social hour : 02/20
1 PM (see flyer below)
- Middle School Social Hour: 2/26
12.45pm (see flyer below)
- Accelerated Graduation
Ceremony - 2/5 - 6.30pm

REMINDERS

- FEB 14TH - VALENTINES DAY
- FEB 17TH - PRESIDENTS DAY-
SCHOOL CLOSED

EVENTS CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- Today We Are Possible 1/31
5PM
- Heritage Hangout 2/1 2:30
PM
- Black History Month: Pick Up
Your Pens! The Power of
Writing 2/7 3:30 PM
- TRAINS, TRAINS, TRAINS! 2/10
3:30 PM
- Black History Month: Story
Quilting with Mama Carla
2/10 3:30 PM
- The Literature Department
presents: Louis
Parascandola - A Black
Philadelphia Reader 2/10
1PM
- Story Patterns: The Art of
Anna Russell Jones 2/3 5 PM
- Recorder: The Marion
Anderson Story (A Black
Excellence Film Series) 2/4
4:30 PM
- Film Screening: Questlove's
"Summer of Soul" 2/4 5:30
PM

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP REPORT TO THE MUSEUM OF THE NATURAL SCIENCES

Hello BVA Middle School, I'm excited to share my experience at the Academy of Natural Science museum! We visited for a class trip, starting with a fascinating presentation focused on fossils. This was my favorite part, especially because I got an autograph from a paleontologist. After that, I enjoyed a tasty lunch. Then, we explored the live animal exhibit, where we saw a spider, a toad or frog, a turtle, a Madagascar cockroach, and more. Next, we learned about ice dinosaurs, discovering that they had feathers and lived in cold environments and that dinosaurs are cold-blooded. Finally, we wrapped up our visit by seeing impressive dinosaur fossils. It was truly the most enjoyable trip I have ever taken! Last year I watched a dinosaur movie called 65 it was about a man and little girl trying to get of a planet full of dinosaurs, it was so good, and it had dinosaurs I've never seen before and that's why I was so excited. I recommend that more students go on field trips, and I can't wait to see what field trips they have in store.

By Diane Johns Miller, 6th grade



The Academy of
Natural Sciences
of DREXEL UNIVERSITY

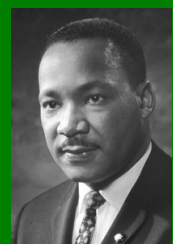
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY.

GREETINGS BVA STUDENTS, I AM VERY HAPPY TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL THE FUN I HAD ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY. ME AND MY OLDER SISTER WENT TO A MARTIN LUTHER KING JR EVENT FOR HIS BIRTHDAY ON JAUARY 20TH .

THIS ALL TOOK PLACE AT THE "AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA". MY SISTER AND I LEARNED THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WENT TO COLLEGE AT 15 , ALSO THAT HIS BIRTH NAME WAS MICHAEL LUTHER KING AND LATER CHANGED IT IN 1957 .

TOWARDS THE END OF THE EVENT TO HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING ,WE GOT FREE SHIRTS THAT HAVE HIS FAMOUS SPEECH ON IT THAT SAYS "I HAVE A DREAM".

BY RYELLE STEWART (6TH GRADE)



CULTURAL DIVERSITY FINALLY BEING REPRESENTED ACCURATELY

WHEN I CREATED THIS COMIC, I WAS INSPIRED BY CULTURAL DIVERSITY FINALLY BEING REPRESENTED ACCURATELY IN THE MEDIA. IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ME TO HIGHLIGHT THE RICHNESS OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS. I AIMED TO PORTRAY THE TWO CHARACTERS AUTHENTICALLY, REFLECTING PRIDE IN THEIR UNIQUE CULTURES AND THE STEREOTYPES THEY ENCOUNTER, WHETHER TRUE OR NOT. AS READERS FOLLOW THEIR DEVELOPMENT, THEY WILL SEE THE DEPTH AND COMPLEXITY OF THEIR EXPERIENCES. I BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE MORE CHARACTERS LIKE THESE IN THE MEDIA, ALLOWING EVERYONE TO RELATE AND FIND CONNECTIONS IN THEIR JOURNEYS.

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



PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART
NOVEMBER 9 - FEBRUARY 9



THE TIME IS ALWAYS
NOW

ARTISTS THE BLACK REFRAME FIGURE

THIS EXHIBITION FEATURES 28 BLACK AND AFRICAN DIASPORIC CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS TO ILLUMINATE AND CELEBRATE THE NUANCE AND RICHNESS OF BLACK CONTEMPORARY LIFE.

THE TIME IS ALWAYS NOW TAKES ITS TITLE FROM AN ESSAY ON DESEGREGATION BY AMERICAN WRITER AND SOCIAL RIGHTS ACTIVIST JAMES BALDWIN. I

THE MORE THAN 60 CONTEMPORARY WORKS FEATURED IN THIS EXHIBITION UNFOLD AROUND THREE CORE THEMES: DOUBLE CONSCIOUSNESS, PAST AND PRESENCE AND OUR ALIVENESS. DOUBLE CONSCIOUSNESS, A THEORY FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1897 BY THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOCIOLOGIST W.E.B DU BOIS, EXPLORES CONCEPTS OF BEING, BELONGING AND BLACKNESS AS A PSYCHOLOGICAL STATE. PAST AND PRESENCE EXPLORES THE ABSENCE OF BLACK FIGURES IN MANY MAINSTREAM NARRATIVES AND SHOWS HOW ARTISTS HAVE RESPONDED. - PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

6th Grade January Student of the month!

Loves getting to interact with people he is comfortable with at PVA.

Advice for PVA Students: For anyone new to PVA; just take your time, have fun and get your courses done.

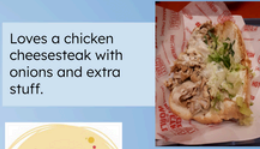
Fun trait is he is Super flexible!!



What to know about Ozzy- I'm just an awkward guy who likes to goof around from time to time.



Aasmir (Ozzy) Latney!



Loves a chicken cheesesteak with onions and extra stuff.



Favorite subject is ELA

Favorite books are DC/Marvel Comics- currently reading Dark Knight



6th Grade December Student of the Month!

Loves learning new things and meeting friends at PVA!

Advice for PVA Students: The more you make mistakes, the more you learn and grow so mistakes are okay!

Knows sign language!



Social Media Recommendations: LaurenZside and Unspeakeable



Jonalis Echavarría!



Loves Mozzarella sticks and trying new foods!



Favorite subjects are Art and Music!

Favorite book



Favorite Philly Food:



(From Wawa)

Fun facts about me:

- 1: My favorite color is pink (if you can't tell)
- 2: I have a pet bunny
- 3: I have a lot of creative hobbies



My favorite subject is Science. Because I enjoy learning about the earth and all it features.

What I like about the PVA is that we always have access to our teachers just about all day and they are always happy to help us.



Favorite food in general:

My Advice for PVA students:
Feel free to talk to your teachers and peers about any questions you have!

7th Grade Student of the month Madisyn G

8TH GRADE STUDENT OF THE MONTH FAITH WILLIAMS



What is one interesting thing you'd like to share about yourself?

I love to draw!

Favorite Subject: SCIENCE

What advice do you have for students who are new to PVA?

To be yourself! It's a safe space for everyone. If you have problems with anything just go to your teachers and make sure you go to any extra help for your classes it helps a lot.

Anything you'd like to share with other students about yourself?

- I am:
- Kind
 - Respectful
 - Smart

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING A STUDENT AT PVA?

I like the fact that it's drama free, bully free, no distractions from other students. You're able to learn and focus in peace. I love that our teachers respect us. They care so much about us and our future and help us to be the best students.

Who has the best cheesesteak in Philadelphia & what's your order?

Gino's Cheesesteaks I order a Cheesesteak with extra cheese black pepper and little ketchup with a small fries

9TH GRADE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

BIOLOGY

"My favorite subject is Biology. I really like science. It's the most interesting subject."

MADISON LUTZO

I like PVA because I like that I can work at my own pace.

"Best cheesesteak is ishkabibbles! A plain steak with american cheese, fries, and a gremlin."

Advice for PVA 9th Graders:
Work ahead! Then you get to finish early and relax

I AM A WRESTLER. I WRESTLE WITH MISFITS WRESTLING CLUB. ITS AN ALL GIRLS CLUB.

10th Grade Student of the Month

Why did you choose to attend PVA?

I chose PVA because I've heard great things about the School. I've also always wanted to attend a school online where I'm able to work at my own pace and this School has given that opportunity.

Anything you'd like to share with other students about yourself?

I am an animal lover specifically dogs and I love to play video games.

What is your favorite subject and why?
Biology is my favorite subject because it helped me to understand the world that we live in. The environment around us and how organism adapt and function.

What is one interesting thing you'd like to share about yourself?

I love to travel. I have been out of the country a few times. But I have to finish my travel list of places to go.

What advice do you have for students who are new to PVA?

Prioritize your classes and work flow, maintain good study habits. Understand that new experiences will occur, and try not to stress. Never be afraid to ask for help.



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S.T.E.P. PRESENTS:

High School Social Hour

Thursday February 20, 2025
1:00pm-3:00pm
Ferguson Building, Rm 315
2000 N 7th Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19122

JOIN US FOR:

- Great conversations
- Games
- Food

For more information or to R.S.V.P. contact
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HEY, STUDENTS!



MIDDLE
SCHOOL
SOCIAL HOUR
IS COMING!

PIZZA



MUSIC

GAMES



SCAN QR CODE FOR
PERMISSION FORM

WEDNESDAY
FEB 26TH
12.30PM -
1.45PM



MENTAL HEALTH CHECK IN

THE STEP TEAM PRESENT MONTHLY PRESENTATIONS TO ALL GRADES, THAT GIVE STUDENTS THE TOOLS TO HELP WITH MENTAL HEALTH. JANUARY'S PRESENTATION WAS ON NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS, AND THE IMPORANCE OF SETTING GOALS, AND MAINTAINING THOSE GOALS.

CLICK ON THE LINK TO SEE THE PRESENTATION. STEP IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO HELP AND FEEL FREE TO REACH FOR MORE INFO TO JGRIMBLE@PHILASD.ORG

