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PV Teacher Becomes United States Citizen

by Destiny Colbert

The naturalization process is a path for non-citizens to acquire their citizenship in the United States. An eligible person must study questions that pertain to civic duties and the history of the United

States and go through the long naturalization process. This year, Ms. Beata Bui, a 9th and 11th grade English teacher at Park View, took on the challenge and began her pathway to citizenship. "I have lived in the

US for almost 15 years now and felt it was time to do so. This is my home now, so why not make it official," Ms. Bui stated. Thanks to her determination, Ms. Bui was naturalized in October of 2014.

Ms. Bui went through the ten steps to become a United States citizen. The first few steps included recognizing her citizenship status and checking her eligibility to become a citizen. Then, a Form N-400, which is essentially a checklist of important and necessary documents, has to be submitted for online review.

After completing the checklist, Ms. Bui had to set up an interview. Once the interview was over, and her Form N-400 was accepted

she received a date for when she needed to recite the Oath of Allegiance. Finally, Ms. Bui turned in her green card in exchange for her documentation of becoming an official United States citizen.

One of the most exciting things is having your family members there when you finally become a citizen and sharing that special moment. Ms. Bui shared, "I am looking forward, though, to having my husband and son witness my swearing in ceremony." Her ceremony is on December 20, 2014.

Park View is a home for diversity where students and staff recognize that some students may not be United States citizens. For teens especially, the process of gaining United States citi-

zenship can be lengthy and often daunting. Becoming a high school student already comes with extra responsibilities and having to get your citizenship on top of all of that can be extra stressful.

If a student or staff member is planning on beginning their pathway to citizenship, Ms. Bui is proof that with determination, gaining citizenship it is achievable.

"I haven't brought it up with my classes yet, but if any of them are going through that process one day, I can offer to lend them my notes on civics," Ms. Bui noted. She added that she hopes that gaining her citizenship shows courage and gives students hope that if she can become a citizen, they can too.



Kristie Browne

Ms. Beata Bui, an English teacher at Park View, attended her citizenship ceremony on Saturday, December 20, and is now a United States citizen.

Park View Drama Takes Stage with *The Lost Boy*

by Hope Willingham

The Lost Boy hit the Park View High School stage on November 13th, 14th, and 15th. Directed by two seniors, Anders Struve and Bryan Walser, this play was an overall student made success. With a cast of 25 students, not including the back stage team, this large production was made with minimal outside help.

Walser and Struve have been participating with Park View's Drama department for quite some time. It was Walser's ninth show and his first time directing. Meanwhile, this was Struve's fifth show, and third time directing. The two worked well together and created a stunning show.

The cast practiced for about seven weeks. The success surprised

Ms. Mary Beth Gayle, who is Park View's Drama teacher. She wrote in her directors' notes, "The creativity, leadership, and problem-solving that the production team and cast put forth in order to make this show happen astounds me."

It is no secret that the show was a success. Struve explained, "I feel when you get a group together, there's always going to be bumps, but we reached our ultimate goal." The show was amazingly put together and the cast enjoyed themselves while acting.

Katia Palma, sophomore, happily shared, "The cast all worked really well together and I enjoyed spending time with all of them. This has been a really good experience. The cast gave it their all, and tried to

make everyone see how much effort they put into this production."

The directors encourage anyone who is scared or shy to audition for the next show. "No matter what you're good at, there's always a job for you," said Struve. If anyone has a case of stage fright, there is always room back stage in the tech department with the stage manager, David Hessler, senior, the sound technician Christian Deterline, senior, and the rest of the stage crew.

Struve says in the directors' notes, "In the words of Isaac Newton: 'If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.'" Congratulations to the cast of *The Lost Boy* because for three nights, made the school proud.



Hope Willingham

Top: The cast of *The Lost Boy* prepares to take a bow. Middle: Seniors Sara Pendley and Nico Drennan perform. Bottom: Junior Alyssa Link, senior Khatija Ali, sophomore Katia Palma, senior Nico Drennan, and junior Amy Hensler are photographed after an amazing performance.



Turkey Madness: Students Help Collect Food During “Can The Teacher”

by Jeimi Ramos Tome

Every November, the Student Council Association (SCA) organizes a canned food drive called “Can The Teacher.” The purpose is to raise canned goods for families in need in our community in a fun and competitive way.

What is the incentive? Students devise plans to place canned goods in certain teachers’ carts in the hopes that they raise the most. The teacher’s cart that contains the most canned goods results in the teacher having to wear a turkey suit for an entire school day.

The six teachers that were nominated this year were: Mrs. Rachel DiSilvio, Mr. Kirk Dolson, Ms. Michelle Menna, Mrs. Susan Noh, Mr. Michael Neuser, and Mr. Michael Vereb. As the month of November was coming to an end, the SCA evaluated the top three teachers who were

in the lead. Mr. Vereb, Ms. Menna, and Mr. Neuser were all potential winning candidates.

The three contenders were nervous about winning. Mr. Vereb, an Economics teacher, shared, “I might sweat easily in that suit,” but added, “it’s fun because the food helps out the community. At Park View, we get to do something that’s fun for us! We get to do something that gives back to the people right here.”

Ms. Menna, Park View’s yearbook sponsor and AP U.S. History teacher, shared her concern that her students might not take her seriously in class.

“They [her students] know I usually like to be pretty put together and not do things that make me look silly,” she shared.

Although the race

to winning was close, Mr. Neuser was chosen as the top “turkey” this year.

Alyssa Link shared, “I really wanted him to win because it would have been hilarious! I even donated cans myself to make sure that he won.”

Mr. Neuser proudly wore his suit all day, and even picked out a bow tie to match the suit. His biggest concern was the cleanliness of the suit.

“It’s the same suit every year,” he commented. “Several students called me a chicken and others tried to take photos without me knowing, but I saw it anyway.”

He wants to thank everyone for nominating him and for bringing in cans to support our Patriot Pantry. Patriots raised over 500 pounds of goods this year. Once again, we have proudly succeeded in serving our community.



Liana Jackley

Mr. Neuser takes one for the team and wears the turkey suit proudly.



Liana Jackley

Ms. Menna’s cart is hungry for cans to support the food drive.

The Buzz on iOS 8: Apple’s Latest Technologies Spark a Debate at Park View

by Kisha Lim

The recent talk at Park View High School has been about Apple’s recent iPhone release and the new software update.

The iPhone 6 was announced for pre-order on September 12th and was later released on September 19th. The new software update, iOS 8, is a new feature on the iPhone 6, but was available for download on September 17th for all Apple owners.

Many individuals

at Park View have strong opinions on the topic. For some people, the iPhone 6 and the iOS 8 software is by far the greatest Apple invention yet.

Sophomore Colin Mills has many reasons to contribute to this opinion. Mills recently received the iPhone 6 from his parents and is quite impressed due to the fact that he owned an iPhone 4S prior to the 6.

“The iPhone 6 is much faster, has great

camera quality, and it has a bigger screen,” said Mills as he looked down at his phone.

A few other features on the iOS 8 software are the camera timer, seeing the recent people you have interacted with, and the ability to pull down the notification bar and reply to a text message right away. Mills gives Apple’s newest upgrade two thumbs up.

There are some

individuals who are neutral about the topic. Junior Christopher Claeysen is one of those individuals. “iOS 8 doesn’t make a difference to me.”

Along with the lovers and the neutralists of the topic, there are people who oppose the matter. “The update made my phone really slow,” ranted Sophomore Terra Longerbeam about iOS 8. Longerbeam is not the only one complaining about iOS 8.

Sophomore Obdulio Funez is also against the new update. He is bothered by the “recently deleted” feature which keeps your recently deleted photos for 30 days before it gets deleted permanently.

A majority of the students believe the new smart phone and the new update are a waste, but there are others who think differently. A few years from now, Apple’s new products will stir up yet another controversy for students to discuss.

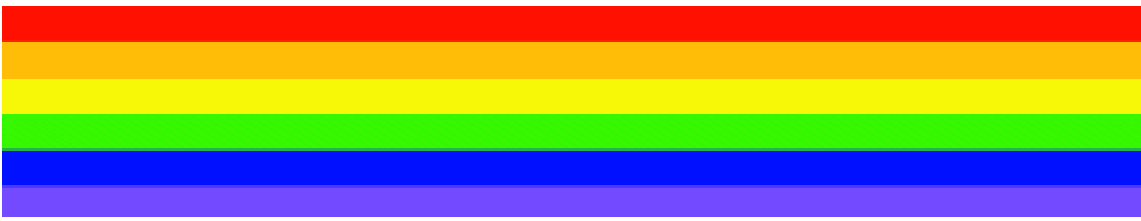


Aaron Snguon

Colin Mills displays his new Iphone 6. Apple’s latest phone was released on Sepetember 19th along with their new software, iOS 8.

Gay-Straight Alliance Club Makes an Impact on Park View

by Isabella Willard



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This year Park View welcomed a new club, the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA). It is a place filled with positivity, different perspectives, as well as a safe and open forum. GSA is a great environment where life-long friends are made. It does not matter what your sexuality is, everyone is encouraged to join.

GSA would not be possible without Will Bushey, senior and President, Kelsey Sheridan, sophomore and Vice President, Kat Baran, senior and Treasurer, and Katie Cline, senior and Secretary.

Although clubs like GSA are popular among colleges, only a handful of high schools in Loudoun County have them.

It started out as an idea between Bushey and Sheridan. After this club was approved by administration, with the help of Mrs. Fillman and Mrs. Pam Smith, the only thing left was to find a sponsor.

Ms. Amanda Smith was fond of the idea and decided she wanted to help. She overlooks all aspects of this club but wants it to be run by the students.

The values of GSA are to never judge anyone on things they cannot help. It is about finding tolerance in other people.

During the first few meetings, members performed bullying scenarios. They acted out what they would do in different situations as a victim, bystander, and bully.

“It was interesting because at first it was kind of a joke, but then it turned serious,” said Bushey.

This club is unique because of its accepting environment and ability to talk about anything. Baran stated, “It is more of a support group than anything else.”

Since GSA was such a success this year, members hope it will continue to be a club at Park View.

Bushey believes the most important thing to take away from this club is “even if others don’t agree with you, you’ll always have a core group of friends to depend on.” This club is about having a voice and making a difference in the way we live our lives.

Having Fun With First Fruits

by Thy Dao

At Park View we believe that community outreach and service is important. This year, Park View students and staff joined together with Reston Bible Church to volunteer for the First Fruits program.

First Fruits, an annual community service project organized by the Reston Bible Church, took place from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, November 22nd. The purpose is to raise money by completing tasks around the yard, such as raking leaves, so that volunteers can shop for a month’s worth of groceries and a Thanksgiving meal for families in need in the community. This year the First Fruits program raised a grand total of \$48,000!

Many students at Park View volunteered to participate in this event, including sophomore Alida Hamilton. Before the event began, Hamilton stated that she was looking forward to “spending time with people I don’t really know and getting to meet new people.” She signed up simply because she wanted to help.

“I don’t want to be the person who just sits back and watches,” she said.

Hamilton helped by raking leaves, laying down newspaper for a flowerbed, and layering mulch. “Being a part of a community is like being a part of a family. You have a part to play and we need to help each other out,” she shared.

Another sophomore, Tiffany Gomez, finds it important to give back to the community. “We’re showing people that we care and that there are people out there who want to help other people.” She thinks that First Fruits is definitely valuable to the community because it gives those who need a little extra help around the house some assistance.

Gomez would definitely do First Fruits again next year because she enjoyed the great experience that came from it. “I got to talk to people who I don’t usually talk to and work together for a great cause,” she concluded.

Sophomore Edwin Sanchez was glad to have

been able to give back to the community too. He said, “We take advantage of everything we do and we need to give back.”

He also would agree to sign up again next year because he had already done it the previous year, he had fun with his friends, and he wants to continue to help people.

While some students were happy to just help out, some even found themselves benefiting from their participation in First Fruits. For example, Leah DeCampos felt that she learned how to care more for people. She signed up because she wanted to help out and serve God.

DeCampos agrees with Gomez about giving back to the community. She said, “The community provides for us and it’s our job to help them in return.”

It is obvious that First Fruits turned out to be a success. Many families were given the help they needed, and the participants had a good time working together to contribute to something great.



Larry Wharton

World View performed pre-concert music on December 11th as part of Dr. Miroslav Loncar’s Holiday Guitar Concert: Guitar and Season Favorites.

Students Show Their Musical Talent With World View

by Darlin Gonzales

Park View High School is known for its multicultural and diverse student body. World View is a group of musicians that emphasize the different cultures at Park View. They play songs from different countries and sing in a variety of different languages.

The group plays American, Middle Eastern, Asian, and Latin American songs. They sing old upbeat classical songs rather than modern music.

World View consists of eight members of different ethnic backgrounds from grades 10th through 12th. Dr. Miroslav Loncar is the teacher and leader of the group.

To be a part of this very talented group, you must audition. The only eligibility requirement is that you must be at least a sophomore.

It would be a shame if they did not share their talent with Park View and that is exactly why sophomore Haydee Portillo chose to be part of the group. “I like to sing and I like to play music and I wanted to share my talent with other people.”

In November, World View performed every Thursday morning in the library. However, the band has performed in various locations around town. Not only do they perform at school events, but they have previously performed in local events, such as, Sterling Fest, Fountain concerts in Lake Anne, and many more.

Recently, they performed at the National Zoo in Washington D.C. They have represented our school very well with their exquisite musical talents.

Sophomore August Muller decided to join World View and shared, “I have always loved playing guitar and I thought playing under Dr. Loncar would be a great experience.”

Senior Mayco Avellar also shared that he had decided to join World View because he enjoyed singing.

They are a very tight knit group as sophomore Alyssa Wilcox shared, “I love being in the group because everybody is really close and every class we just play music and have fun together.”



Eleanor and Park: Not Your Typical Love Story



Ericka Torres

Staff Writer

Eleanor & Park is a young-adult romance novel written by Rainbow Rowell. It was published in 2013 and the book is a New York Times best seller.

Eleanor & Park tells the story of two 16-year-old misfits who find love when they were not looking for it. Eleanor is a 'big girl' with bright red hair and a far from perfect life. After being kicked out and living away from her family, she returns to Omaha to live with her alcoholic stepfather, anxious mother, and four fearful siblings.

On her first day at a new school, she is forced to sit next to Park on the bus because no one else will make room for her. Park is a half-Korean boy who feels like he does not fit in with his friends or family. They sit next to each other every day and slowly start talking about music and comics, until they develop a love that is much more than just a high school fling.

The book is written from both of their perspectives, which is very interesting because we are able

to see what they are both thinking and how they feel. Although the perspectives of the story changes often, it is not hard to follow and it flows smoothly.

Eleanor and Park also caused me to feel many emotions. I felt everything from sadness, to anger, to happiness. Another thing I like is that the book is unpredictable. Anytime I thought I knew what was going to happen next, I was wrong.

The most unpredictable part of this book was the ending. The conclusion was not much of a conclusion instead it was a great cliff-hanger that left the rest of the story to the reader's imagination. Although, I liked this because I could give the book any ending I desired, I wish there was more closure and less unanswered questions.

Overall, *Eleanor and Park* is an extraordinary novel. I have never read anything like it and it will definitely keep me thinking for a while. I recommend this book to anyone looking for a great romance novel who is ready to laugh, smile, and cry.



Liana Jackley
Junior Pam Ellis is engulfed in the book *Eleanor & Park*.

Directioners Unite! One Direction's Newest Album *Four* is a Huge Hit



Mary Bryan

Associate Editor

On November 17th, One Direction's fourth album, *Four*, was released at midnight. The album includes seventeen songs, along with the number one single, "Steal My Girl."

With this album, One Direction broke the record for being the only band to have all their al-

bums reach number one on the Billboard charts.

One Direction consists of five boys: Harry Styles, Louis Tomlinson, Liam Payne, Zayn Malik, and Niall Horan. They have been together since they were formed on the UK X-Factor.

Although they did not win the show, they stuck together and released their first album, *Up All Night*, the next year. Since the release of their first album, they have become more famous worldwide.

They have been on three sold out world tours, already have another tour planned for next year, and the most impressive



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The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 Catches Fire in Theaters



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Associate Editor

Every year, *The Hunger Games* series releases a remarkable movie from its line of books. In 2012, the first movie was released, but did not have the best reviews. After a year of me waiting and dying for the next movie to come out, year 2013 released the movie *Catching Fire*. It had me anxious and excited at the same time in my seat. I am hoping the first part of *Mockingjay*, which was published in 2010, will be as good or even better than *Catching Fire*.

Even with *The Hunger Games* having a large population of fans all over the world, there

are still some people who expect the worse of the film. "I think the movie will be better than the book," stated sophomore Jack Staszak. In my opinion, books of any type of series will always end up better than the movie. Sophomore Elizabeth Rivera, agreeing with Staszak and I, responded with, "The books will always be better than the movies."

With Peeta Mel-lark captured and tortured by the Capital, Katniss agrees to be district thirteen's 'Mockingjay' after being taken advantage of by the Capital. After agreeing to be supportive of thirteen, the entire district soon launched their rebellion against their beloved government. As all of this happens, Peeta is being brainwashed with multiple drugs by the Capital, causing him to resent Katniss. This is another way of trying to get the people of all thirteen

districts to somehow despise Katniss. Katniss is convinced that the capital wants her dead once and for all, which makes all of her fans a wreck because no one wants to see her dead; not even me.

Being the leader, a.k.a the Mockingjay, means you have to take the lead on everything, even during hard times. Later in the movie, she will experience some loss of the most important people in her life by trying to conquer President Snow's mansion. Her friends will abandon her for better opportunities in different districts, and she will have Peeta in her mind, imagining him being tortured for her mistakes she had made during two Hunger Games. Even if she does end up winning the rebellion against the Capital, Katniss herself said, "There are much worse games to play."

Four is by far my favorite album because of their new sound. The songs have a slight rock touch to them which makes them more enjoyable.

My favorite song on the album is "Clouds" because of how fast paced and edgy it is. I also appreciate the fact that each boy in the band have the same amount of solos.

On their first album, only a few of the boys would get the main solos so it is good to see a change. The only thing I do not like about *Four* is that, in my opinion, there are not enough songs.

I strongly recom-



Liana Jackley
Senior Ana Portillo loves to listen to One Direction.

Why Young Women Need Feminism



Amy Hensler

Editor-in-Chief

It is no secret that I am a feminist. I wear it loud and proud as I parade from class to class, and despite what my peers tell me I should feel, I have never once been ashamed of it. It shocks me whenever I see the mixed looks of confusion and disgust whenever I share this fact with people because this reaction is powered by the misconceptions of feminism.

There are many stereotypes that come with being a feminist. I do not blame people for not wanting to associate with the stereotypical feminist persona, but that is not what feminism is.

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, feminism is "the belief that men and women should have

equal rights and opportunities." It is not the belief that women are superior to men, or that all women want to eliminate the male race, it just states that women should have the same political, social, educational, and work opportunities as men.

Young women need feminism because in a predominantly patriarchal world, girls need to be informed about the inequalities of modern day society. Also feminism, when correctly informed about it, is an amazing thing that can greatly boost a girl's confidence. Standing up for something you believe in empowers and excites people.

Sadly inequality in the United States is worse than people think. People seem to be in a protective bubble when it comes to sexism in modern day society. People fail to see inequality in society and think that sexism is just some myth that

people make a big fuss about. Can it actually be that bad? Women can vote right? Sadly, inequality in the United States goes way farther than women's suffrage, and the most common place you can witness this gender gap is in the modern day workplace.

On average, a woman makes 78 cents to every dollar a man makes. By the time a

women reaches 60 years old she will have made about 450,000 dollars less than a man with the same job and qualifications. I think it is safe to say that there is a small pay gap.

According to a 2013 study conducted by the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) that ranked 136 countries based on gender inequalities in health, economic, politics and education, the US ranked 23rd.

While we did make the top 50, we are still behind many other countries that are making their environment a more equal place. The top four countries, all Scandinavian, have closed about 80% of their gender gap, and they have been at the top of the list since 2009.

We should be learning from these example and looking at these countries for guidance on this important



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Yik Yak: Controversy Surrounds This New Application



Marcus Luangrath

Associate Editor

Imagine a place where you had the freedom to say anything that you wanted to say. Now, imagine that what you say is anonymous, but anyone in the community could read it.

Yik Yak, a mobile application developed in November 2013, has become popular in social media. The application is designed to allow users to post anonymously. These random posts are collected with others who are posting within a 1.5 mile radius of your current location.

Originally, Yik Yak was intended to be used by college students, but has now been accessed and misused by high school students.

When scrolling through the application it is common to see several posts that are often offensive and rude about another student. The criticism of this social media app is the inherent potential to feed the growth of cyberbullying.

Some features that come with the app include replying to posts, upvote/downvote, and anonymity. Anonymity has been the leading role factor in the reason why the high school community has misused and abused this app.

Jina Aktar, a senior, states that "The app was intended for people to post things that are relatable and funny, but now

because the post is anonymous, it's being used to call people out."

Due to the widespread bullying and harassment committed through Yik Yak, many schools and school districts have taken action to ban the app. The states where the school districts are located include Chicago, Texas, Colorado, and Georgia.

In early October, *The Huffington Post* published an editorial titled "Why Your College Campus Should Ban Yik Yak." The damage that can be done through the app can be catastrophic and dangerous. Some colleges and schools have received anonymous threats on the app and have shut down their schools.

"The anonymity is hurtful and says more about the person that's posting than the person

they're talking about," says senior Haley Crawford.

Currently, the awareness of cyberbullying has been spreading throughout all communities where Yik Yak has

become popular. We as a community should take the initiative to prevent the bullying from spreading by not downloading and supporting the use of the application.



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Athletes of the Season



Shooting the Ball With Lauryn Helstrom

by Hibba Kahn

Sophomore Lauryn Helstrom was named the "Athlete of the Season" for girls basketball. Helstrom is a hardworking athlete who knows how to keep the team together even at their worst of times.

"One team, one unit, one family, one goal," is a motivational quote she and the team stands by. Helstrom loves her team's chemistry and considers it really great how they all work well together.

One thing all her teammates agree on is her leadership skills on and off of the court. "She's just really outgoing and knows

how to push people to do their best," stated senior teammate Alejandra Rios.

"She's really stepped up to be a great leader," shared Varsity Head Coach Lorraine Kitchen. Her goals for this season includes improving their record from last year; as this is her second year on varsity, and bringing more positivity on the court.

Positivity is vital in a game or practice. One of the first things you notice about Helstrom when you meet her is her enthusiasm. Teammate Christina Adlam, a sophomore, states,

"She has a really great attitude and has a positive outlook on everything."

Helstrom's favorite thing about basketball is the team perception. "I really like the team aspect of basketball. When there is a good group of people on the team, like we have this year, it builds a really nice atmosphere and everyone pushes each other to do their best."

All in all, Helstrom is a very hardworking and dedicated player who encourages and brings energy to every game. She is a valuable asset to Park View's team.



Victor O'Neill

Sophomore Lauren Helstrom gets ready to pass the ball to help her team score a point.

Carson Stevens Makes a Splash at Park View

by Cristina Lainez

Carson Stevens is only a freshman at Park View High School, but he's making waves on the swim team and is a very devoted teammate.

"He is a freshman, but I already know that he will be a huge boost for the Park View swim program," said his coach, Esner Cole.

He set two impressive records for Park View so far this season. He completed the 100 meter breaststroke he with a time of 1:07.55. In the 200 individual medley Stevens finished in 2:11.16.

Stevens first started to swim when he was just six years old, and has come a long way since then. His favorite thing about swimming is being able to socialize and meet new people.

Besides that he said, "I like making bets with my friends to see who will win and I also like predicting my time and seeing if I can beat it or not."

Before a swim meet Stevens has some things he does in order to prepare. "The night before a meet I eat lots and lots of pasta because I need carbohydrates. The day of my meet I always drink apple juice and eat three Gatorade chews."

Stevens always listens to music before he gets on the block to get focused. "It helps me swim faster because I get the song I was listening to stuck in my



Victor O'Neill

Carson Stevens (top left) poses along with his swim team.

head." By doing this he pays attention to the music in his head rather than how tired he's getting.

Although he feels intimidated while he's waiting on the block, but that goes away once he dives in. His motivations and inspirations are the people that are involved in the activities with him.

Aside from the team at Park View, Stevens also swims on a year-round team. On Sunday nights him and a couple of his teammates teach kids how to swim. He likes to do this because he likes being able to give back and help out.

He is also involved in marching and jazz band. He intends on playing lacrosse in the spring.

Stevens is working hard and hopes to receive a scholarship for swimming. He wants to attend a big college with a great swim and band program because of his love for both things.



Victor O'Neill

The Park View marching band poses for a group photo at the beginning of the season.

Erica Lampe and Trevor Andrus Play Their Way to the Top of the Band

by Courtney Goodwin

Senior Erica Lampe plays the euphonium in the marching band. She began playing the trombone in sixth grade, but now plays both instruments. She has been a very active and devoted member of the band ever since.

"When I picked up the trombone I knew this was the life for me," Lampe says. She is a very hardworking and positive member of the band.

"She serves as a coach for the band in that she is a motivator, a mentor, and an excellent role model for the marching band," band director, Mrs. ConnieMarie Mahaffey says. She added that Lampe is constantly pushing herself and others to improve. Her enthusiasm is a great quality in her leadership role in the band.

"I've always wanted to play at the level of the upperclassmen. Now that I am an upperclassman, I see the underclassmen trying to play

at our level," she says about her many years of experience in band.

She has become a very accomplished musician. "I've learned how to master the trombone over the past six years," Lampe has always wanted to and seen herself continuing with music.

Next year she hopes to be attending college and be in her school's marching band. Although she is unaware of what she will do as a career after college, she is sure that she wants to pursue music after high school.

Trevor Andrus, a junior, plays in the drum line for Park View's marching band. Andrus, who has been doing percussion since the sixth grade, showed a lot of dedication as well as a positive attitude this season.

He always looks forward to practices that can make him and the rest of the band, stronger.

"I thought it was

fun in middle school. When I heard the band play at the football games I loved it even more. I never saw myself going this far," Andrus says about his unexpected passion.

"Trevor is a top athletic competitor within the marching band," Mrs. Mahaffey explains.

Mrs. Mahaffey also mentioned that he, as a percussionist, has to be in great shape in order to carry the weight of the drums. Andrus agrees, saying, "When I first started wearing the drums, it would take a lot of muscle. Now I could wear them for hours."

His motivation to become a better musician has always been his own peers. "I always wanted to be as good as the people in grades above me," states Andrus.

"I will always continue music as a hobby," he says. Although he loves music, he says he probably will not pursue it as a career.

Making Flags Fly with Jessica Torres

by Eddi Owens

Senior Jessica Torres is known for taking charge and leading well. This season she was chosen as both captain and Athlete of the Season for color guard.

Ms. Michelle Plunkett, the coach for both fall and winter guard, is very proud of Torres. While her coach was nine months pregnant, Torres took the initiative to help. "She was my go to and kept things moving in the right direction," said Plunkett.

Torres was very humble about being chosen; she claimed she wasn't sure what got her the spot. "I just feel proud that my coach thinks that highly of me," shared Torres.

Her teammates seem to know why she was chosen. Freshman Madison Maruoka agrees with her



Larry Wharton

Senior Jessica Torres (center) prepares to do one of her routines at one of Park Views football games.

coach's decision. "She's a really good captain. She doesn't make you feel bad for your mistakes. She helps you fix them," Maruoka said. "She is a great leader and has good sportsmanship," said Ashlyn Thomas, another freshman member.

During the fall season, Color Guard performs with the Marching Patriots. Working with them is not that hard for Torres, considering she played the trumpet in the marching band during her freshman and sophomore year.

She did not switch to color guard until her junior year, even though she had been doing winter guard since her freshman year. Either way, she loves performing with the band.

Torres's passion for color guard is easily

seen and explained. "It's expressive and different from other sports. It's more of a visual thing... like dancing." Their routines are done to music and include dancing.

Not every moment is amazing though, even for Torres. "It sucks when you mess up; you feel like everyone saw your mistake," she admitted. But with all the dedicated hours of practice and great coaching, surely there are not that many mistakes.

Torres has some advice for people who are thinking about doing color guard. "People should just try it. The environment is fun, and the people are amazing." She explained that anyone that wants to try color guard could also participate in the Winter Guard if interested.

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Left: Freshman Anh Dang wrestles her way to victory against her opponent, making her the winner of the match. Right: The referee raises Dang's hand after her victory.



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The True Meaning of Girl Power: Anh Dang Joins Park View's Wrestling Team

by Diana Portillo

Working hard and never giving up is one of the main focuses for the Park View High School Wrestling team. They are always trying their best in every single practice and wrestling match.

Anh Dang, a freshman girl that received a spot on the team, works hard and puts in all of her effort in practice to get ready for a wrestling match.

Senior Jacob Cline

said, "It's interesting to have a girl on the team." Dang tries her best in all of the workouts that they do.

Her main goal for this season is "to get better and stronger." Dang also mentioned, "I have never done wrestling before."

The reason why she became interested in wrestling was because "it was fun at the off season workouts."

Her hard work and

effort is evident. Coach Josh Damico mentioned, "She works really hard."

Everyone on the team needs to be supportive towards one another in order to be successful this season. They try to encourage everyone on the team to do their best and never give up.

Mark Land said, "If you work hard now you see the outcome later." He wants his team to do great and achieve all their goals.

Wrestling has also taught them discipline. Coach Damico said, "Everyone that joins that team should stay." The wrestling team needs to learn how to grow.

They are expecting a great season and they want to improve as much as possible. Before a wrestling match, everyone gets anxious, but they also are mentally focused on what their performance is going to

be at the match.

The team works really hard during each season. They learn from their first mistakes and improve themselves to be more committed to a team and school too.

"They also learned to be a better athlete at any sport," Coach Damico mentioned. Everyone in the wrestling team gets to perform and do their best each time. They expect to have a great season.

New Beginnings: Park View Welcomes New Basketball Coach

by Lester Romero-Olivares

This year, Park View High School hired a new head coach for the boys basketball team. The new head coach, Zach Orchant has experience with basketball. He played on the varsity team for four years at Broad Run High School and played for four more years during college.

He enjoys teaching new plays and techniques to his players. He believes if he were to run the plays with his own approach of the offensive and defensive, then the team can perform better during the games.

Coach Orchant has confidence that all of the players on the team each have their own strengths. Using these strengths, he hopes to improve our team to earn more victories this season.

Unfortunately, last year there was only one win, but he still has faith that the basketball team will do better this season.

Orchant added, "There is nowhere to go but up."

Coach Orchant said, "So far the teamwork is unbelievable. They all genuinely like playing together; there is a sense of chemistry that you simply cannot teach."

Jonathon Baltimore, a junior, said the teamwork so far is "a process but it's slowly coming together." Junior Chris Claessyn who is also a part of the boys basketball team this year said, "Better plays, puts players in better situations to score. Pushes us hard in practice because he knows what we are capable of."

Senior Justin Mooney also commented saying, "The coach is awesome, very relaxed and encouraging."

Orchant believes in the philosophy of, "play hard, play smart, and play together." He stated that it

goes back to the quote said by Coach Krzyewski, who coaches for Duke University: "A basketball team is like the five fingers on your hand. If you can get them all together, you have a fist. That's how I want you to play."

Coach Orchant stated, "The play hard is something that you can't teach. There are no X's or O's to do that; you either want to do it or you don't." He said, "play smart" speaks to making smart choices in the game, both on and off the court." The last part of the quote 'Play Together' is about cooperation with the team during the games.

So far the players really enjoy having Coach Orchant as their head coach. Baltimore thinks that he's a great guy. He was even glad that they got Coach Orchant as the head coach. The team is looking forward to a great season under his leadership.



Victor O'Neill

Top: Coach Orchant observes the game from the sidelines. Bottom: As his team plays, Coach Orchant watches their technique in the game.



Victor O'Neill

Fashion Below 0°

by Mamona Raja

As the temperature plummets, our fashion game does not have to drop too. Winter is the season for layers, knit sweaters, and comfortable clothing.

The best incentive that winter fashion gives is that you can shop at a more inexpensive price. As the holidays roll around, many clothing departments advertise sales and holiday specials! This year, the trends of winter 2014 includes boots, scarves, and coats.

"Boots, boots, boots," shared freshman Sara Benbubaker about her favorite winter item.

Freshman Kenia Quintenilla agreed that boots are essential. Although riding boots are more common to

wear in colder weather, Quintenilla prefers combat boots.

Senior Joan Marshall shared, "I love my bean boots! They last forever and they'll keep your feet warm through the winter weather." Commonly, you will see students wearing UGG boots and moccasins as well.

Throughout the season, throwing on a scarf with an outfit will make anything look cute. The ruffles, layers, and patterns are all uniquely designed and intricate. When paired with cardigans, pea coats, and sweaters it immediately transforms the outfit.

"I love that scarves keep you warm, and are really fashionable if you wear it

right," shared senior Jina Aktar.

Long, oversized cardigans have also been a new trend this year. Many Lady Patriots have designed their outfit to include a long cardigan and an oversized, layered scarf.

Dressing fashionably does not mean dressing expensively! "H&M has the best prices on clothes. I got a nice sweater for \$3," shared senior Jose Perez. Perez described the sweater to be a black pullover as black, gray, and cool colors have been in style this year.

These fabulous winter fashion trends are making their way to the halls of Park View, so be sure to be on the look out for comfy, affordable outfits.

Photos by Liana Jackley



Left: Juliana Loza-Espinoza, a senior, wears knee high riding boots. Right: Sophomore Kasandra Alfaro is rocking this seasons trend, over-sized plaid shirts.



Sophomore Litzie Orozco is dressed very warm in multiple layers and tops her outfit off with a burgundy scarf.



Senior Jocelyn Hernandez is wearing a comfy, warm scarf, one of this seasons hottest trends.

Patriot Mystery Spotlight

by Kisha Lim

Hey fellow Patriots! The Patriot Press Staff has a new addition to our newspaper. Each edition, we will choose a random student to be our "Mystery Spotlight" and you have to guess who that student is based on the description we give you. If you choose to participate, please leave your guess in the Mystery Spotlight box outside of Room 203 with your name, 8th block class, date, and guess. The first person with the correct answer will receive a prize.

This edition's Mystery Spotlight is an outstanding female who was brought into this world on January 4, 1998.

This being her junior year, she has decided to take on some new responsibilities.

She takes four AP (Advanced Placement) classes, two of which are her favorite. Her number one favorite is AP Psychology and AP Language coming in as a close second.

Another responsibility she decided to take on was to have two jobs. She works at the Dulles Sportsplex and Chuck E' Cheese's. She loves working at the Sportsplex because of the engagement in sports and kids.

"Kids are so cute," stated this edition's Spotlight as she spoke about her job. "The only reason I like working there is because of the free pizza," says the junior describing working at Chuck E' Cheese's.

Her love for food is undeniable. You will often see her munching down on just about anything and everything. Her most favorite dish is spaghetti.

When not eating, you will often find this junior rolling around in her green Honda CR-V. Her most common destinations will either be a friend's house, Thai by Thai Restaurant (her favorite), the movies, work, or the mall.

This edition's Mystery Spotlight enjoys

shopping at Dick's Sporting Goods Store when at the mall. Also, purchasing sweaters is quite a hobby of hers as they are her favorite piece of clothing.

Just like every other 16-year-old, watching Netflix is something she does during her free time. Watching movies is also a hobby of hers.

"It's amazing," said this edition's mystery spotlight when mentioning *Forrest Gump*. *Forrest Gump* is her favorite movie of all time and she still has not grown tired of it after watching it numerous times.

Ever since freshman year, this edition's mystery spotlight has been a part of Park View's very own Track and Field team.

At meets you will see her participating in the 400, 4X4, and in occasion, the 200.

In the future, you might find this penguin-loving female traveling to California for the "beautiful place and great experience," or graduating and attending Virginia Tech University with her older sister.

Wherever life takes her, she wishes to be happy in whatever she does.



Aaron Sngun

Patriot Spotlight

by Shamla Wardak, Maddie Martinez, Josselyn Rodas, and Katherine Guardado

Freshman

Emma Carter



Emma Carter is a freshman at Park View High School. Emma’s goal throughout high school is to get an advanced diploma. She knows it will not be easy because there are many difficult classes to take but shares the advice that “you can get through anything with the right mindset.”

Carter is currently playing soccer this season and is not in any clubs at the moment, but believes she belongs in photography. Her goal when she graduates is to be a professional photographer.

She thinks, “The harder you try the better you get.” At the moment her friend is giving her photography lessons and giving her tips on how to take good pictures so she can become better.

When she has free time, she likes to play soccer to improve her skills. Carter also has a fun side to her; she enjoys listening to rock and pop music and loves to draw. Carter is in love with burgers, and her favorite place to eat at is Red Robin.

Although Carter does not watch much television, her favorite television shows are “How I Met Your Mother” and “The 100.” She loves to watch comedies and loves to laugh and keep herself happy all the time.

Her favorite subject in school has always been science because she loves doing experiments. “I love to discover new things every day,” said Carter passionately.

Carter’s inspirations are her family because they keep her on track. “They taught me to never give up and always keep going no matter what” said Carter.

She has many good qualities but she believes her best quality is to always stay happy and positive all the time. “I find a way to always get the negative out of my life and to just stay positive,” said Carter. Carter is very dedicated to school and hopes to have a bright future and to do what she loves.

Junior

Monica Munoz



Monica Munoz is an outgoing, wonderful junior. Like many teenagers, Monica enjoys hanging out with friends. She refers to herself as a very social person because she appreciates the company of others. It is extremely obvious that Monica has a great charisma and a bubbly personality.

Monica enjoys sports as well and considers swimming to be one of her hobbies. She is looking forward to swimming this winter and running track in the spring. Monica shared that she enjoys sports so greatly because “Playing sports releases stress. I like that the teams are like family and are always there for each other.” Although Monica enjoys sports they are not her only priority.

She plans to get good grades this school year by studying, staying on top of classes, and not falling behind. Monica has received many achievements including her placement on the Honor Roll. Her grades average from A’s to B’s and she plans to keep it that way, for the rest of her high school career. Although she is a junior at the moment, she already has bright plans for her future after high school.

Monica loves working with children and hopes to become a kindergarten teacher. In fact, she is enrolled in the early childhood program here at Park View. There are many reasons explaining why Monica wants to be a kindergarten teacher, one of them being that she likes learning their personalities and seeing the way they develop. It is probable that she will achieve this goal because her determination in school and that getting good grades really reflects her understanding of succeeding.

Most often, Monica will be wearing a bright smile on her face. One might also see her representing the swim team or running track along with her teammates. Either way, she will always be showing her school pride and striving for her goals.

Sophomore

Brian Parham



Brian Parham is a sophomore at Park View. He has lived here in Sterling all of his life with his parents and his community. “If I could choose three words to describe myself, they would be happy, random, and enthusiastic,” Parham said, thinking carefully about each word.

Parham is interested in sports and wants to try out for the lacrosse team in the 2015 spring season. “I want to play because I’m just interested in the sport,” says Parham. He has also always wanted to try football at some point in his high school experience.

Parham states that if he could pick one concert to go to, he would pick the band Rammstein. Rammstein is a German band that plays mostly industrial metal music.

“I just really like heavy metal music,” he said. It seems as if Parham is a very big fan of Rammstein and he has been listening to them for a while now.

If Parham could pick one person he looks up to and inspires him, he would choose Mr. Bowler. Mr. Bowler is one of the 7th grade science teachers at Sterling Middle School. “Science is my favorite subject because it is honestly just all around interesting,” he said.

Parham is bilingual; he speaks both English and Vietnamese. His favorite place to eat is Pho Royal, a Vietnamese restaurant located in Sterling. Brian is an all-around great person to get to know and he definitely has some great character traits.

Senior

Zach Mansoor



Zach Mansoor, a very friendly and talented guy, is the subject of this edition’s senior spotlight. Mansoor enjoys playing the guitar/ bass guitar and singing. “I’ve been playing the guitar for three years and bass guitar for two years,” Mansoor shared.

A fun fact about Mansoor is that he plays the accordion and has been playing for nine months. Mansoor states that one of his favorite music genres is indie and folk and says that his favorite artists are The Head and the Heart and Milo Greene.

A teacher he inspires to be like is Mr. Zangla. “I aspire to have his literary prowess,” he stated. Mansoor joined the swim team before high school, but throughout his years of high school he has been in National Math Honors Society during his junior and senior year and German Honor Society all four years, but has not been in any school sports.

Mansoor explains that he does not have a favorite sport. “I don’t dislike sports but I don’t have a favorite.” He also does not have a favorite color. He says all the colors are his favorite.

When Mansoor graduates from high school he plans on attending college and hopes to be accepted to either the University of Virginia, William and Mary, Penn State, or New York University. “My majors are undecided at the moment but I might major in engineering.”

Meanwhile, Mansoors’ senior year is going really well. Despite the tough classes and his constant busyness, he is enjoying his last year of high school and is having fun. A struggle he is dealing with during his senior year is that he has a lot of work to do since he’s been taking almost all AP classes “It’s not a year of relaxation it’s more of a workload.” One of the main things he is looking forward to by the end of the year is finding out where he got accepted to college.

Park View Teacher Spotlight

by Diana Chinchilla-Guerra, Xander Filippini, Bri Carter, and Patrick Steward

Ms. Kasee Gent ELL



Ms. Kasee Gent is an ELL teacher here at Park View High School. She attended West Virginia University where she received her bachelor’s in business management. Later, Ms. Gent received a teaching certification in ELL K-12 from Lord Fairfax Community College. Recently, Ms. Gent graduated from American Public University and received her M. Ed in school counseling.

Ms. Gent was inspired to become a teacher through her mother, who is also a teacher. Her impressive teaching experience includes teaching at a school in Woodbridge and three other schools in Winchester City Schools.

Ms. Gent is fond of the uniqueness of Park View and enjoys the atmosphere in her classrooms and throughout the school. “I like teaching here because of the diversity that this school has to offer,” she shared. Ms. Gent believes that every Park View student is special, and admires how each of them works through his/her challenges.

Enthusiastically, Ms. Gent shared, “I’m getting married on June 20, 2015.” She often spends her free time on planning for her wedding. Ms. Gent loves to travel and often visits her family in Mexico. She enjoys walking along the beach shores and watching the beautiful sunsets in Mexico. Next year she and her fiancé will be flying to Greece for their honeymoon.

Chocolate is Ms. Gent’s secret guilty pleasure. “I will eat anything with chocolate,” she stated. The richness and smoothness of chocolate is delicious and alluring to her. Though sometimes she regrets it, after a long day, chocolate is essential for her because it makes her feel better.

Overall, Ms. Gent is well-educated, kind, and hard-working. Park View is proud to have her as a member of the staff.

Ms. Christine Ramsis Social Sciences



After living overseas for about 20 years in Europe and Africa, Ms. Christine Ramsis moved to Loudoun County just a few years ago. New to Park View High School this year, she teaches US/VA History here and Economics at Freedom High School. “I like to teach a variety of courses, but I especially love world history,” she shared. In her spare time she enjoys visiting museums, traveling, and her hobby is making mosaics.

So what made Mrs. Ramsis want to be a teacher? “Honestly I’ve always loved studying and doing research. Not only does teaching allow me to constantly learn new things, but it enables me to pass on knowledge and a love of learning to the next generation,” she said. Mrs. Ramsis had some very great and inspiring advice for the Future Educations at Park View: “Teaching is a very rewarding profession, but also very demanding. There are always challenges to overcome, and no two days are alike. My advice would be to never lose faith in your students or the impact that you can on them as they learn and grow.”

Living overseas for about 20 years must have been great overall but Mrs. Ramsis’ favorite trip was visiting the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings. She is very passionate about global justice and human rights around the world. She says “I enjoy sponsoring Model United Nations teams and supporting today’s youth as they consider ways of solving critical situations facing the world today.” Mrs. Ramsis wants nothing more but for her children and students to affect positive change in the world.

Mrs. Ramsis says, “I really love teaching at Park View, particularly the diversity of the student body and the incredibly friendly and supportive staff. “ So when you see her in the halls, make her feel welcomed and do not be afraid to introduce yourself.

Mrs. Yvonne Morris English



Mrs. Yvonne Morris is excited to be a new teacher here at Park View High School. She taught previously at Pine Forest High School in Florida and has been teaching for 10 years. She currently teaches 9th grade.

Mrs. Morris has always loved helping people, and this has inspired her to become a teacher and help students become better characters. She comes from a large family, and has raised seven boys. “Your character is who you are when nobody is watching,” she said.

She enjoys teaching and helping people achieve their goals in life. Not only does she teach English, but she also tutors students individually with multiple subjects. On her spare time, Mrs. Morris enjoys watching football and taking long walks outside. Her favorite football team is the Washington Redskins.

Mrs. Morris also enjoys gospel music and is very sociable. One interesting fact about her is that her son, Alfred Morris, went on to become a professional football player for the Redskins. She is very happy that Alfred is able to pursue his dream and do what he loves to do. Mrs. Morris is very experienced in mentoring others and desires to use her knowledge in positive ways. She enforces discipline, but also allows students to work in a collected environment.

She loves to experiment with different learning techniques and makes the process enjoyable for her students. Mrs. Morris is very understanding of the students’ difficulties in learning and she always is willing to assist them in their struggles, which gives them the confidence to complete their tasks when assigned and on time.

“I’ve always enjoyed helping people and that is what inspired me to become a teacher,” Mrs. Morris said. She adds that she wants children to receive a better education so when they are adults they have better opportunities and more doors opened for them in the future.

Mrs. Anna Nunez Science



Mrs. Anna Nunez is a wonderful teacher here at Park View High School. This year marks Nunez’s first year at Park View and as a high school teacher and she is one of the Environmental Science teachers. Besides being an Environmental Science teacher, she is also one of the co-sponsors of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) club. Her hobbies include: reading, gaming, taking pictures, walking, and riding bicycles.

When asked about her favorite part of Environmental Science, she says she “loves it all.” She loves learning about the subject matter, the current issues, and the field trips on the trails of Claude Moore Park. As a teacher, she hopes to bring more advanced levels of the Environmental Science course to Park View. She loves being involved with the STEM club because of the materials you can learn about. She also loved the change that Park View has brought to her from her previous years at different schools.

Prior to teaching at Park View, she taught science at the elementary and middle school levels at Catholic schools. When transitioning to the high school level she was, in her words, “very nervous.” Despite being nervous about the transition to high school, she enjoys being here and had, in her words, “tremendous support” from her colleagues, including her mentor Mrs. Rachel DiSilvio. When comparing the differences between Catholic school and public school, She says “You really can’t compare it. It’s like comparing apples and oranges.”

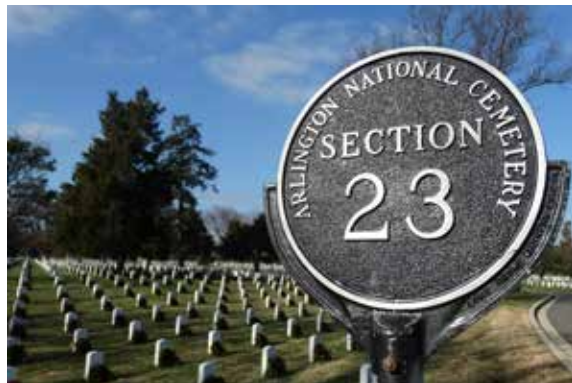
One of the things that she is most proud is serving as a teacher for over 15 years. She feels very privileged to be a teacher. She loves working with children. She states that, it is never about the salary. “It is about the lives you touch.”

Patriots Honoring Patriots

Photos by Liana Jackley and Larry Wharton



On December 15th, the Extra Mile Club, student leaders, and other selected students went to the Arlington National Cemetery to do a wreath laying ceremony called Patriots Honoring Patriots. As the 75 students and teachers wandered these hallowed grounds, they came to the true realization of the impact of our fallen soldiers. The magnitude of walking through the grounds made them begin to sense the hardships and suffering our protectors went through to serve our country. After the event, Park View teacher and former Marine Matt Poth captured the sentimental nature of the day when noted, “the reason the kids go to Arlington is to pay respects to those who’ve lost their lives and to realize the cost of war. Too often, that is overlooked because it is hard to comprehend those sacrifices, viewing from the tiny bubble that is our lives.” He added, “I think it makes it real and tangible the hardships and loss, the strength and courage it takes to serve, and also what it takes to continue on after living that life and losing your brothers in battle. Most importantly it shows the necessity to keep the memory of those lost alive.”



Talent Takeover! Students Show Off Their Talent in the Junior/Senior Talent Show

by Amera Saber

On November 25th, the Junior/Senior talent show was live in the auditorium with many amazing acts and performances. Each star took the stage happily and maybe just a bit nervous, but a few felt confident and even excited. The seven acts that took the stage had the whole crowd cheering, clapping, and even singing along. Ryan Mooney, a junior, played the drums while his senior brother, Justin Mooney, played the acoustic guitar and sang “Kiss Me” by Ed Sheeran. “I will probably feel nervous when I get up there on stage, but as soon as we start playing we’ll be fine,” said Ryan before their performance. The Mooney’s

have been extremely active with their musical talents. Justin started playing the guitar his freshmen year, and has not stopped doing what he loves. It seems as if Ryan looks up to his older brother, as he is currently learning to play not only the guitar, but the drums as well. Another talented artist that performed was Nico Drennan, a senior. This is not his first time performing for the talent show. Last year Drennan and his band played “Dani California” by Red Hot Chili Peppers and pulled off an amazing performance that will never be forgotten. This year, Drennan did something a little bit different; he went solo. It takes a lot of

confidence to perform on stage in front of the whole school alone, but not for this young man. “I’m actually excited. I’m not nervous at all,” said Drennan before the talent show. His performance consisted of him playing the guitar and singing “Trick of the Light” by Matt Corby. Another exhilarating act that occurred during the talent show was a piano recitation done by senior Minh Vu. He performed an awesome “Super Mario Medley” on the piano. “I’m excited to perform the music that I really like,” said Vu. Vu brought so much confidence onto the stage. “I’ve always been a little nervous, but I have played the piano

for talent shows in the past,” said Vu. He stated that he has been practicing since the third grade. After his amazing performance on stage, it is clear that he has been playing the piano for many years. Seniors Alex Haro, Zachary Mansoor, Ben Dabiri, Steven Velasquez and Jonathan Aviles brought a rockin’ performance to stage. The boys agreed that they were all very excited before going on stage. They did a cover to two songs, “Cats and Dogs” and “Coeur d’Alene” by The Head and the Heart. “That band has really influenced us a lot. It’s the first band that we played together too,” said Mansoor. They brought excitement to the crowds. “We

have never performed to that big of an audience, so it’s really nerve racking but I’m excited!” said senior Dabiri. Before the show the boys discussed how they want to expand as a band. They took this very seriously and were thrilled to be performing. This band was especially unique due to the variety of instruments they used. While Dabiri played the piano, Haro sang and played the guitar, Mansoor sang and shook a tambourine, Velasquez played the drums and sang, and Aviles played bass. The talent show performances were extremely unique. This just shows how many talented Patriots there are at Park View.