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## Letter from our Principal

Hello Panther Families!

We are entering our eighth year of learning and have so much to celebrate: the phenomenal academic success of our students; the outstanding partnership we maintain between our parents, school, and community; and, our gymnasium and new middle school building. Whether you are retuning or this is your first year at Viera Charter School, we are excited to connect with you and your students. The partnership we will develop will help support the needs and goals of our scholars. It is my hope that you will use our monthly newsletter to keep abreast of the many wonderful things that are happening at Viera Charter School.

Warmest Regards,

*Dr. Julie Cady*



**ABOVE: RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY** VCS Students during the Pledge of Allegiance. L-R: Troy Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Natalie Norcross 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Hannah Hubble 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Ribbon Cutting and Dedication

We owe a great deal of gratitude to RUSH Construction, Inc., Charter School Associates and the Members of our Governing Board. Because of them we were able to embark on this wonderful expansion journey.



**Board Members, Administration, RUSH Construction, District, and Charter School Associates**

# AVID Class Meets Hybrid

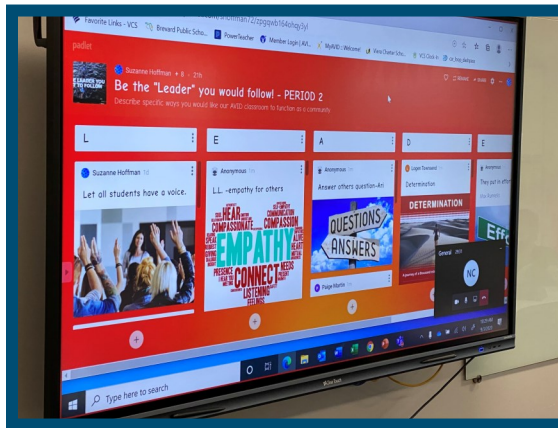


**ABOVE:** Teams in AVID Live Meeting. Location: AVID Classroom.

Students on campus and those who are eLearning work together to discuss what to expect in middle school and in our AVID classroom. Live meetings on Microsoft Teams make this possible.

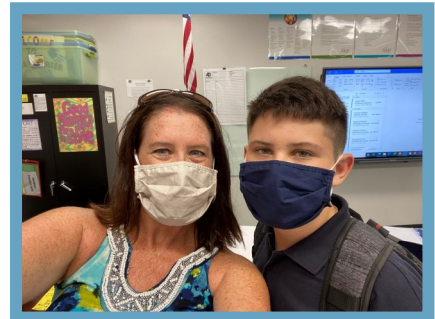
**AVID Virtual Contract Signing Night at VCS**  
**When: Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Via Microsoft Teams**

All 2020-2021 AVID students should attend this virtual meeting to hear about our AVID program, the program requirements, and to sign the student AVID contract. Congratulations to all AVID students on your acceptance into our AVID Family!



**ABOVE:** Collaboration in our AVID classroom is made possible by an interactive Padlet activity. Students learning from home add to the brainstorm lists and students on campus can see their ideas fill up the screen. Both types of learners can work together to combine their ideas.

**RIGHT:** First Day in new middle school building. Teacher Suzanne Hoffman (AVID Coordinator and AVID Elective Teacher, Grades 6-8) and Connor Hoffman (Student, Grade 8).



## VCS Welcomes New Teachers



Due to the new school expansion, we are pleased to introduce our amazing new teachers and staff to the VCS 20/21 school year. Please help us give a warm welcome to:

**KINDERGARTEN** - Sariela Bordner, Kelsey Lord, Taylor Stevens. **FIRST GRADE** - Kathryn Auger, Miriam Arriaza, Jessica Stoltzman, Alyssa Wallace.

**THIRD GRADE** - Alexandra Garcia, Michelle Shelton, Valerie Adcock. **FOURTH GRADE** - Katarina Pierce, Julie Joseph. **FIFTH GRADE** - Sharon Bowen, Amanda Nyberg, Scott Henderson. **ELEMENTARY ACTIVITIES:** Mary Katherine Johnson (Art), Eleonora Kasdaglis (Spanish), Ohmed Danesh (PE), Amy Lewis

(Writing). **NURSE** - Jeanie Hensler. **MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Penelope Dalton (Math), David Mendez (US History), Patrick Douglas (PE), Rob Terry (PE/Athletic Director), Linda McConoughey (Spanish), Christenia Murphy (Science), Brian Lott (Language Arts), Rebecca Porter (Reading).



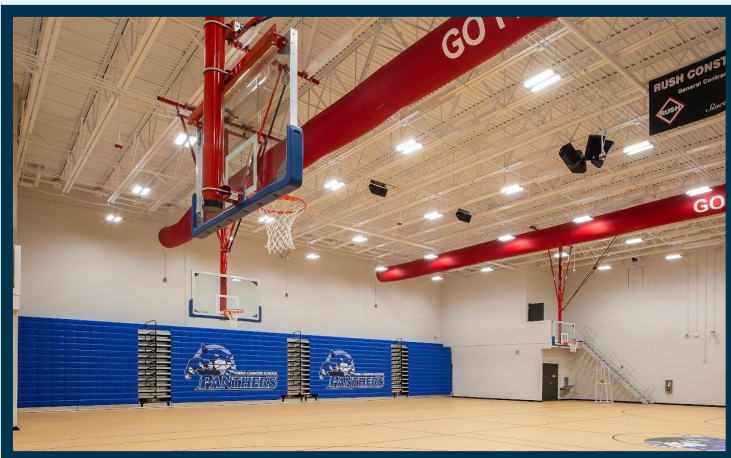


# The New Viera Charter School

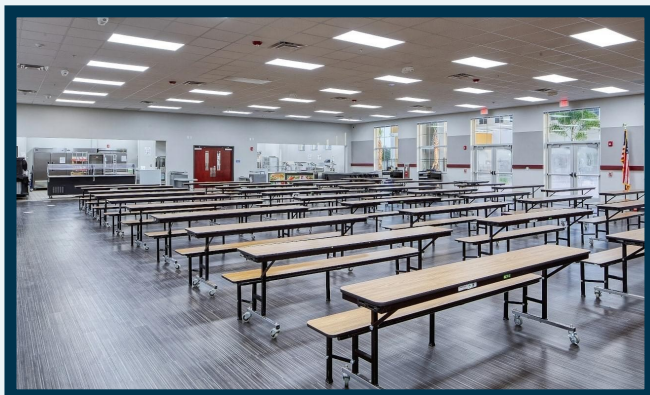
**RIGHT:** The new middle school building from the main rear parking lot. The beautifully landscaped walkway guides you from the original elementary school building.



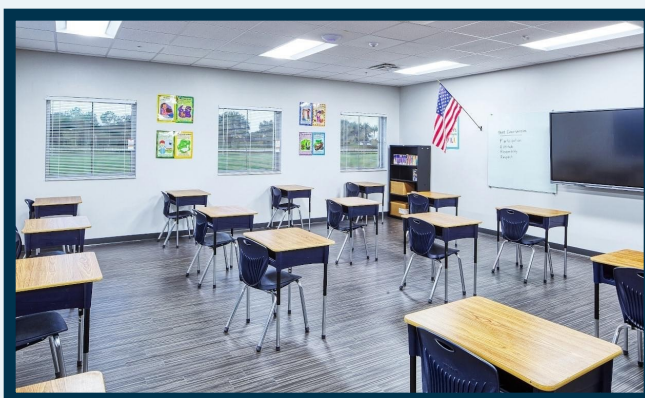
**LEFT:** Looking into the new gymnasium with telescoping bleachers.



**BELOW:** The spacious new cafeteria with expanded kitchen.



**RIGHT:** State of the art educational classroom.



**ABOVE:** The new tree lined courtyard adjoining the elementary school with the cafeteria, gymnasium and middle school.





# It's Good to be Back!



The first day of school for these 8th graders.

L-R: Alexis Cundiff, Bella Champion, Macy Dovale. 8th Grade.



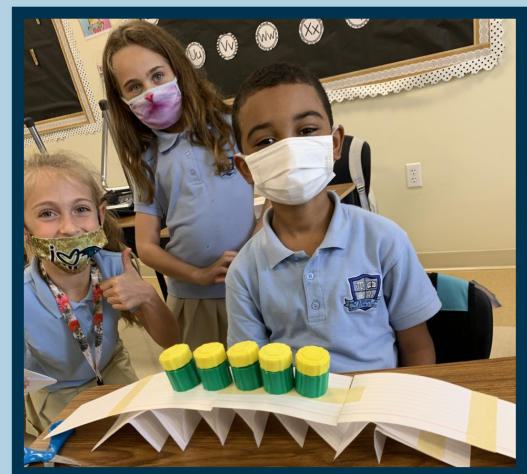
Sophia Henigin from Ms. Cundiff's 2nd grade class.



Ms. Govert's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class meets our Panther mascot. L-R: Jakari White, Aubrey Wham, Samantha Rodriguez, Abigael Bittle, William Puzino, Aldrik Wilson, Callie Lorvick, and Tyler Haughton.



Ms. Cundiff's 2nd grade class stop for a picture on their way to the new cafeteria.

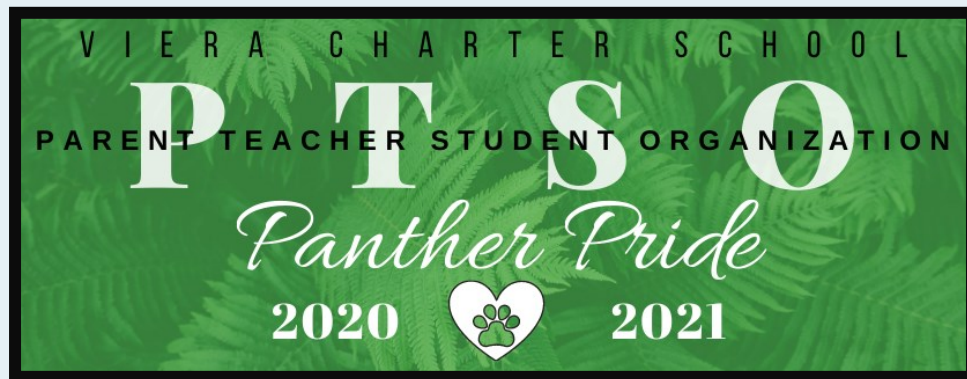


Ms. Nowlin's 2nd grade students are proud of their index card bridge built in Ms. Dedrick's Stem class.

## Get Your VCS Discount Card

We are excited to sponsor a discount card to raise money for athletics and other classroom needs. The VCS discount card will allow your student 20 free dress down days and half-price entry to all home athletic events. In addition, there are discounts to many of your favorite eating establishments: Blaze Pizza, Beef Obrady's, Cold Stone Creamery just to name a few! The cost of the card is \$20 dollars and can be purchased on My School Bucks.com. Don't miss out on this great deal. Buy yours today!





## PTSO Information

### Welcome back Panther Families!

PTSO is looking forward to another great year of supporting our students, parents, teachers and staff! Because of how the last year ended, we were unable to have the election in the spring, so we are taking care of that in September. Once the new board is voted in, they will begin planning some exciting events for the Panther family! Please follow our Facebook page ([facebook.com/vcsptso](https://facebook.com/vcsptso)) for updates on all that we are doing. Have questions? Contact us at

### Spirit Store is Open!

Check out all the Panther Pride spirit gear that's available in the spirit store on the PTSO website (You will find masks, mask lanyards, spirit shirts, car magnets and more. You can view all available items and place your order at [www.vcsptso.com/shop](http://www.vcsptso.com/shop).

### Upcoming PTSO Events and Activities

**Sep 16** – Spirit Night @ McDonald's and Brooklyn Pizza; Students can wear their spirit shirt and uniform bottoms to school ([View the Flyer for more details](#))

**Sep 20-21** – PTSO Executive Board Elections (Paid Members Only)

**Sep 22 @ 6:00 PM** – PTSO General

## Upcoming Dates

**September 22**—PTSO ZOOM Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**September 24**—Dress Down Day: Celebrate Your Heritage or Favorite Country

**October 13**—Dress Down Day: Buddies Not Bullies, Wear Orange Clothing

**October 26—30** Red Ribbon Week:

- ♦ **26th** Wear Red—Red Ribbon Week Kick Off
  - ♦ **27th** Wear Bright Colors—You Are Too Bright For Drugs
  - ♦ **28th** Wear Crazy Socks—Sock It To Drugs
  - ♦ **29th** Wear Your Shirt Backwards—Turn Your Back to Drugs
  - ♦ **30th** Wear Your Favorite Storybook Character Costume (Elementary) Or Fall Colors (Middle School)
- October 30**—PTSO Trunk or Treat (More Information To Come)