Softball Field Dedicated to Ms. Beth Walker Prior to Retirement

by Courtney Goodwin

On May 12th, Park View dedicated its softball field to Beth Walker, Park View’s Technology Resource Teacher (TRT) and the most successful softball coach in the school’s history. The field will now be called Lucy E. Walker Stadium. The varsity softball team, as well as alumni players came out to support and honor Ms. Walker.

“Beth always conducts herself with class, integrity, and a true passion for education and athletics and the school. She spends time, energy, and resources far beyond what is required. Her legacy at Park View is, and always will be, evident,” said Ms. Piccolomini.

During her time as a coach, Ms. Walker won eight district championships and played in five state championship games, three of which she won.

Colleague and best friend Pam Smith said, “Although they were very successful and winning was a big part of it; it wasn’t just winning. She taught integrity and values and doing what’s right. I’m really impressed with what she did for young women, particularly athletic young women. She made them better athletes, and more importantly, better people.”

It is very apparent that Ms. Walker is very deserving of this honor. On top of her astounding winning record, she was also named Virginia Coach of the Year in 1991 and 2002, as well as National Coach of the Year in 1991.

During her 27 years of coaching, she was very accomplished and strongly impacted Park View and this community. “She’ll always be a part of our lives and a part of our hearts and we’ll never forget what she has provided us to be able to be a part of this team and this family,” said alumni Kristin Develli.

Students and staff feel the same, especially now that she has decided to retire after 39 years in education, all of which were at Park View. She is the last staff member who has been here for all of her career since the school opened.

“This is so deserving,” concluded Mrs. Smith.

After the ceremony, Ms. Walker was still full of emotions and very appreciative of the honor and support. “I’m absolutely thrilled. I never expected this. I loved coaching here at Park View,” she said.

Although she is retiring, her legacy will remain at Park View. Ms. Walker has been an invaluable asset to this school and this community.
Students and staff members knew that the big event, PV Idol, held on March 27, would be a go-to for students. A handful of students from all grades performed songs for the student body and faculty.

For each act, the judges gave their own critique. Mr. Nicholas Balance, a math teacher at Park View, was a judge at the show and was known as the “Simon” of the judge panel. He gave genuine commentary to the contestants and added some sarcasm into it. He was the toughest critic of the judges and the audience loved to boo him. “I would definitely be a judge again. I feel that nobody on the Park View staff could enjoy being booed at near as much as I did,” Balance said.

PV Idol was a surreal experience,” he shared. “It was nerve-racking because I’m nervous when it came to the big moment. I was scared to perform in front of my peers, it was my biggest performance to date but it was a surreal experience,” he said. However, he immediately felt right at home when he started singing. Muller had no idea whatsoever that he would win, but if there is a PV Idol next year count on him to make it. “I did absolutely do it again, I love to perform, and I’m doing what I love,” he said.

There is nothing like the thrill of performing. Some people might think that the process of choosing a piece, preparing, memorizing, and then after all of that hard work, getting it criticized is daunting, but I love it. Being able to express my love for public speaking and and then getting praised for it is like my drug. Forensics is my outlet to express myself, so you could say that I was the only one who could just imagine my excitement when I was told that I had advanced to states in the annual Virginia High School League Forensics competition.

Now, I will be the first to tell you that I was not expecting to get to states. I had made it to the final round at regionals with a poem called The Chickens Have Arthritis by Shane Koyczan, and had fully accepted the fact that it was my last time performing.

I was upset, yet I walked into the competition with the mindset that I would not be advancing. I can remember sitting there in awe as my fellow competitors had recited their poems and I had thought “Wow. Whatever chance I had to advance has flown out the window.” Once my name was called, I had quietly walked up there and said my goodbyes to the piece that had been so good to me in the past. Any performer can tell you that when they have a good performance, you can feel it in your bones, and as I recited, I knew that this was the last time I had ever performed.

I had placed second at regionals, which meant that I was advancing to states for the first time in my high school career. This year, states was held at Midlothian High School, in Richmond, Virginia, and the warm and inviting feel that normally companies in forensics competition was not there. This was serious, and people definitely acted like it. I had felt like a small fish in a big pond compared to all of the experienced people that had a very “been there, done that.” Attitude. Each school had scouted out their own corners of the cafeteria and from there the moment each school had their act playing, it was game on. The competition was incredibly tough, so I did not feel too bad about not placing. I knew that it took talent to just be there and the overwhelming support from my friends, family, and peers made the experience worthwhile.

The show began with an impressive performance. It then transitioned to calm songs and sad moments such as Mrs. Di Silvio’s original song, “Smile.” All the contestants were winners that day. PV Idol should be held again next year. It broadcasted everyone’s talents in one event.

Park View’s Taiko Drumming Club performs at the National Cherry Blossom Festival on April 2nd.
A Different Kind of College Application

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Throughout our lives, there are many milestones we can all look forward to reaching. College is one of the most widely accepted goalposts to mark the transition from high school to the next level of education. As a senior in high school, I can honestly say that I have been waiting for these two events my entire life. Although I changed my mind about college multiple times just like any other teenager, I eventually settled down and decided I was going to attend one of the many four-year universities in Virginia.

Typically, high school seniors fill out multiple applications, attend several interviews, and wait a few weeks to a month or two for a response. But my experience was relatively different. After visiting Longwood University in the fall, I realized that it was the perfect fit for me. A few weeks later, an announcement was made that we were looking for students with the strongest work ethic. I knew I was going somewhere and I could be successful in life. My advice to any rising senior going for college is to not procrastinate, relax as much as possible and remember that in the long run I will do what I enjoy doing the most.

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Attitude of Gratitude for Teachers

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All with of the many positive experiences I have undergone an immense amount of growing experiences and opportunities that I have been given and for the people in my life who helped me along the way to become the person I am today. I am thankful for everything that my teachers and peers at Park View and the Sterling community offered to me. If I could give a single piece of advice to undergraduates, it would be this: Seize every opportunity that you get. With opportunity comes experience, and with experience comes learning. Although high school is not the best time of your life as a whole, it is the best time to understand what your strengths and weaknesses are and who you are.

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How High School Helped Me Grow

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Throughout my childhood, I have always dreamt of what high school would be like. I would always hear that high school is the best time of your life and that these are years that you will never get back, so you need to make the most of it. In hindsight, this statement was only thought to be true. In the final years of my high school journey, I have undergone an immense amount of growing experiences and opportunities. These experiences include volunteering throughout the community, mentoring students in after school programs, and most importantly, leadership.

Volunteering is one of the most eye-opening experiences that I have ever participated in. During my junior year, I volunteered for a community outreach project called First Fruits. The goal was to complete various yard work tasks in return for donations, so that at the end of the day you and your team can shop for groceries for a family in need within the Sterling community. The best feelings that I took back from volunteering are the senses of community, friendship and unity with the people around you. You realize the real life struggles that people go through in the community, and you are doing something to make a change. Although not everyone has the opportunity to volunteer personally in the community, thank fully, the Park View family’s spirit in giving serves as an alternative platform for service and community involvement.

During my junior and senior year, I was given the opportunity to apply for the PEER program. Excitingly, I got in. The PEER program at Park View pr ovided me with a career center here at Park View would be holding on-site admissions for Longwood University.

On-site admissions are when you present your application, essay, transcript, and recommendation letters to a counselor from the college and they give you a decision of whether you have been accepted or not right on the spot. After hearing about this event, I realized that it was a once in a lifetime opportunity for me. It was also a huge money saver because I would not have to wait a few months for a response.

After attending Longwood University in the fall, I realized that it was the perfect fit for their school and that they would love to have me there. After hearing these words, I could feel all the stress being lifted off my shoulders. I knew I was going somewhere and I could be successful in life.

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NOVA For Now: A Second Chance

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Throughout high school I always imagined myself going to a four-year university in a new place, meeting new people, and almost half of what everyone else is paying, I do not have that many opportunities in front of you. Overall, my college experience has been different than anyone else’s, but it was just the people around me that I could chase my dreams at a place where I know I truly belong.

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Franklin Amaya earned this title by being a supportive role model for his team. Not only does he work hard and uplift his teammates, but he represents Park View’s soccer department in the best way possible.

Amaya works hard on and off the field. He knows how to keep the team together even at their worst of times. Every single one of them looks up to him. “He’s a wonderful person to be around with,” said varsity coach, Mr. Jimenez. Amaya’s teammates refer to him as the “scoring machine,” always scoring at their games. Even though Amaya may be the Athlete of the Season due to his strong soccer characteristics, but just like everyone else, he is not perfect.

“The only problem is that he needs to get more vocal,” said Jimenez. Obviously with a full field and soccer being a team sport, you need to communicate with each other on the field. So being loud and social is a necessity and very helpful.

Franklin Amaya attempts to get past his opponent.

Sophomore Jeo Gonzalez says, “He’s very hard working and dedicated to the team.” Before games Amaya and his teammates form together a prayer circle and hold hands. As they pray it helps them mentally. Through-" 

Dr. Victor O’Neill

Sara Vasquez tries to score a goal.

Park View Scores a Determined MVP

by Ihbais Ton

Hunter and she has stated that Vasquez is a great player. “Sarah is a great player and a very important part of the team,” said Coach Hunt-" 

Emily Knowles competes in the triple jump. "Track has definitely made an impact on her life. I don’t know if I’ll be on a team after high school, but I’ll definitely keep running,” she said while talking about running track in the future. Burrell also has good opinions about Knowles. He finds that the team seems to always listen to her and that she has a positive attitude. “Emily’s on the 4x100 team almost, or has, won several times and came second in nearly every big meet this year,” he added.

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Sprinting to Success

This year’s Athlete of the Season for Park View Track and Field is Justin Mooney and Emily Knowles. These two athletes were chosen by their coaches because of their leadership and the tremendous amount of hard work they have put into the season.

“As a person, she is really fun, but when she is on the field, playing, she is very determined but she never lets her fun and determination overlap at any time.” “One time during a game, I was out of the lineup. During that time Randy while they were both just cracking jokes and having fun,” explained Sheehan. Her energy is always up and ready to get anything done and accomplished during practices and after school.

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Uyen My Dao and Tony Pham work hard on the tennis court.

Pham and Dao
by Ericka Torres

My Dao is captain of the girls tennis team and a positive leader on the team. Although he’s a second-year playing tennis player, she is their number one singles player. “Uyen My works very hard on her game over the summer and has become a solid tennis player. The hard work she put into school as an exception to her teammates,” said Coach Larry Henders.

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Ryan Breaks Records

Emma Ryan is a junior lacrosse player who represents Park View High School. Ryan currently holds two school records. She has been playing lacrosse since the third grade. Ryan started lacrosse in private school.

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“I appreciate that my mom tries her best to come to every game,” Emma says. Ryan’s dad is the coach for the girls lacrosse team. “I think my dad is a good coach because he is very straight up and honest about everything. He knows we won’t win every game but we always try our best” said Ryan. In addition to lacrosse, she also plays field hockey and enjoys playing that as well. Ryan loves playing lacrosse, but she doesn’t like morning practices because she doesn’t enjoy waking up so early in the morning, especially on Saturday mornings. Ryan loves the people she plays lacrosse with. She sees her teammates almost every day for practice or to hang out with them. The team has a very close bond and relationship with one another.

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A Girl’s Place is at Home Plate

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Eric Armstrong

Sophomore, Eric Armstrong, is a hardworking and determined individual. Eric keeps a busy schedule with not much room for free time; however, when he does he likes to play video games or talk to his girlfriend. Armstrong's after school activities include marching band, swim team, and track and field.

Armstrong shows true dedication to school and sports. Every morning before school, he goes for a swim at Claude Moore and then after school he goes to the track for a run. When he gets home, he does all of his homework so he can eat, sleep, and start the day over. He is also in marching band and the symphonic band which he plays the alto saxophone in and in junior band he plays the trombone.

He hasn't decided on a college yet, but he has his eye on University of Virginia, William & Mary, and Christopher Newport University. School and sports are among his most important priorities in life at the moment because it will affect him later in life. "If I'm going to be here I might as well try," he says.

His biggest motivators at the moment are to make his parents proud, and to make himself proud. Armstrong is taking all honor's classes and AP World History to challenge himself. In the future, Eric wants to be a scientist that studies epidemics so he can help find cures for epidemics like Ebola. His friends think he is a very competitive and kind hearted friend that they can always count on.

Armstrong is the kind of guy to set high goals for himself and do anything it takes to achieve them. He focuses on school and sports mostly but enjoys tangling out with friends.

Ms. Laura Gray is in her second year of teaching Reading at Park View High School. Her previous experience includes teaching in Pennsylvania at an all-male alternative school called Summit Academy. She works as a Reading teacher and an English teacher. Ms. Gray is married and has two children. Prior to teaching, she was a newspaper and magazine writer. There were many students that couldn't even read third grade books," Ms. Gray commented.

This experience really inspired her to become a reading teacher.

Ms. Gray has taught in several colleges in different places. "I earned my Bachelors of Science in Secondary Education and English at Clarion University of Pennsylvania," she stated. She also studied abroad at Cranfield University in England while attending Clarion.

"I got my Masters of Education in Reading from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania," Ms. Gray said. "Edinboro University offered me one of the best online programs that fit my schedule and would fit my schedule the best right," she added. Her online school was tougher than she originally thought it would be due to the fact she did not have guidance from a professional.

"I really enjoy teaching here because the students make such great connections with each other and it's different and so diverse. I want to give them a great base to help them in their reading skills," she concluded. She also feels that her students have shown themselves to be a great asset to Park View, as she is not only an enthusiastic and passionate teacher, but an inspiring coach. She coaches the Junior Varsity Girls Basketball team as well as the Varsity Girls Soccer team.

Mr. Wellington is the history teacher at Park View and this is his first year of teaching. Mr. Wellington is from Sturbridge and is a graduate of Park View High School.

This is his first year teaching at Park View, and he is excited to be returning next year.

Mr. Wellington went to Christopher Newport University where he acquired his Bachelor's degree in History and Master's degree in teaching.

This year, he is teaching World History II which focuses on global events from the end of the Middle Ages to the present. He is also teaching one World History course which covers global events from the start of civilization to the Middle Ages.

Ms. Hunter is a new ninth grade Physical Education teacher. She has shown herself to be a great asset to Park View, as she is not only an enthusiastic and passionate teacher, but an inspiring coach. She coaches the Junior Varsity Girls Basketball team as well as the Varsity Girls Soccer team.

It is clear that sports play a big role in his life. She went to the University of North Carolina Wilmington, where she played soccer for four years. Now, as a soccer coach, she says, "I think that sports give girls unique opportunities to learn a lot of life skills and lessons that will help them be very successful in the future; and I want to be able to help all of my players and athletes get there."

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Ms. Headley does not have much free time, but when she does her favorite thing to do is read a good book or write. Her favorite subject is World History “I’m always fascinated with the different types of cultures there is around the world." She said. A fun fact about her is that she loves Greek Mythology so much. She is really outgoing and very friendly which is what her students love about her.

One of Ms. Headley’s mottos would be “Carpe Diem” which means “Seize the moment” in Latin, because “you have to worry about what’s going on right now not the past or future.” It was a great pleasure to get to interview my own Spanish teacher I learned new things from her, things that I would never guess she liked. Whenever gets her as a Spanish teacher next year should be considered very lucky.

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Life After Graduation: Park View Grad Becomes Successful Children’s Author

By Isabella Willett

“We were afraid that no one would show up,” Verma shared. “We reached out to local restaurants and from what I could see, they didn’t want to do it. A lot of places turned us down, but we still went ahead to make sure the kids had a good experience and performed for the event.”

With a goal to raise $2,000, Verma said “that was just to raise that and a grand total of $3,000. They were ever so glad they did put together such an event.”

This success inspired many to begin the Helping Town project.

She received her bachelors from Liberty University and her masters from the University of Pennsylvania. Verma moved to New York City to be a part of the financial service industry. “I was offered promotions and jobs with many companies, but after a while I wanted to be home,” she said. “That’s when my husband said, ‘I’m going to help you find a place to help people. It’s good to be able to assist people with all their needs. If it’s a new opportunity, go for it.’”

Verma shared. “I have high hopes that it will be successful. However, in order to start their new foundation, they have accumulated with fundraising data. This is down the concept for Sal, and while it is challenging, it’s fun.”

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White House Promposal
by Destiny Cubert

All across the country, thousands of young teens have been making a big proclamation about who they want to take to their upcoming prom. Many teens have spent a lot of money and days of preparation to achieve perfection with their proposal.

Promposals can occur during or after school and they are often extravagant. One famous promposal is when a boyfriend asked his girlfriend by making a music video with all of his friends singing her favorite song; he then played it in the morning announcing her in class.

The famous promposal that secured in Washington D.C, it also ended up on the news, was a fellow patriot expressing just how he felt in his asking to prom.

Soror Ouail Khalfaoui and Nina Motazedi are on a class trip to Washington D.C. for Global Ambassadors along with other teens in Loudoun County. The students were in D.C to attend a ceremony with President Barack Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Preparation for this marvelous proposal took time and effort. Friends of the two, Senior Grace Perira and Nathalie Zomata helped out with making the famous proposal. Zomata said, “He definitely had the idea about doing it in the White House, but he didn’t know how to exactly do it.” She also stated, “He said he needed our help because he had really bad handwriting.” Perira said, “We texted in the group chat and we came up with a bunch of ideas. We actually had to do the poster three times because we kept messing up.”

Surprised was one word Motazedi couldn’t stop saying, “I didn’t expect it at all. There was a lot of people and it was super crowded. I hadn’t known until he did it and I was really surprised!” She also said, “In one word, I was super surprised.”

It seemed like Khalfaoui had it all together. When asked whether it was difficult he stated, “The sign took a while because we had to make it smaller.” He also said, “I came up with the idea myself and they came up with the slogan and the drawing.”

He said, “Ms. Heath told me if I was going to do it, this would be the white tie while we were on the White House lawn.” Khalfaoui had known to some extent that this would blow up. The idea was charming and doing it on the White House lawn made it unique.

Though it took preparation and perfect time our fellow patriot pulled off a thoughtful, memorable, and adorable promposal.

Senior Ouail Khalfaoui and Nina Motazedi are on a class trip to White House in his asking to prom.

Prom is an end of the year dance that juniors and seniors look forward to every year. It takes months to prepare for such an event, in order to plan out the details of your evening; however, the most important thing in a student’s eyes is what you will be wearing. Everyone wants to look their best from head to toe.

There are so many different types of dresses in stores and online. You can choose between hundreds of styles, different necklines, what kind of sleeves you want, with the option for embellishments, and an unlimited amount of color options. No matter what you’re looking for, there is something for everyone to look incredible.

Senior, Cynthia Berrios, says she is looking for something that really stands out, “It’s my senior year, so you juniors better not try and look better than me.” Everyone is competing to look their absolute best.

The theme for Park View’s Prom this year is casino night. Several students believe that this will impact what colors people will look for in a dress, such as, red, white, gold, and black. by Isabella Willard

Junior, Eden Gordley, commented, “The theme is something fun and obtainable, I definitely think people will want to participate and choose something to go with it.”

Since there are so many different dress options out there, everyone is searching for advice as to what would look best on them. Many people ask their friends for inspiration and assistance. “I’ve been asking everyone just so I could get some new ideas,” Berrios said.

One of the most important questions regarding any formal event would have to be, heels or flats? Berrios said, “Flats are definitely way more comfortable, but heels because beauty is pain.”

Gordley agreed with this statement saying, “Heels definitely because I just don’t get the chance to wear them.”

It was a common consensus that guys have it a lot easier than girls while preparing for prom. “I’m just wearing a black tux with whatever colored tie my date is going to wear,” senior Chris Guzman claimed.

When regarding what his date would be wearing, he believed confidence is key. “She just needs to be comfortable in her outfit, and out there killing it on the dance floor with me,” Guzman said.

The closer we get to Prom, the uneasier students get. Everyone is looking forward to seeing if they will be wearing what, and praying that no one else has their dress.

Joes’ Italian Pizzaeria serves lunch, dinner, and the popular buffet option that runs Monday through Friday. Joe’s Pizzeria also provides the pizza we sell every Friday in the schooloyer!

Prom and Potomac Falls’ staff had a chance to play against each other in a basketball game on Thursday, March 26th. Both schools are located in Sterling, which leads to some rivalry in the area. Mr. Phil Rosenblad, an English teacher at Park View, stated that playing against Potomac Falls, “is more like a Civil War,” than just a regular match of teachers between two high schools.

The faculty game between both of these schools was thrilling. Mr. Wayde Byard made an appearance to announce the player line ups. Throughout the entire game the score was really close. In the beginning of the game, Park View had the lead. Shortly, at the end of first quarter Potomac Falls gained the lead, and held the lead throughout the entire match. Park View ended up losing 45-61 to Potomac Falls.

A large amount of Park View students attended the game to support our faculty against Potomac Falls. Students filled up the bleachers to cheer on our school. Mr. Mark Murray, a teacher from Potomac Falls, said, “The school spirit was great. Park View fans were clearly the majority of the audience and they did a great job staying loud and enthusiastic throughout the game to create a great environment to play in.”

Murray has some experience with playing varsity basketball. His reason for participating in the game was “I was enjoying basketball and thought it would be a good chance to interact with other students from Potomac Falls as well as interacting with Park View Teachers.”

Mr. Allan Edwards, a history teacher at Park View, described the game as “exciting, because it was a close game.” The best moment for Edwards was “When Mr. Powell drove to the basket and scored a lay up.”

Mr. Luke Rosa, a teacher at Potomac Falls, said the experience against Park View was “painful.” Rosa said “I had the duty of guarding Park View High School’s Assistant Principal Mr. Powell, who has about a three foot advantage over me in terms of vertical leap. I’m pretty sure each time I tried to go up with him he caught me with an elbow as well.”

Patriot’s Set the Scene With Prom Fashion
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Going out With a Bang:
FINAL PEP RALLY OF 2015
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Showing Off Park View’s Diversity: Parade of Nations
by Bri Carter

Park View is known for its diverse student body and it is something that should make all Patriots proud. The annual Parade of Nations during the last pep rally is how Park View shows how worldly it is.

In addition to all the Park View students from other countries, international students from Italy, Estonia, and Germany were asked to join the parade and carry their own country flag. “It’s a great way to meet different people from different countries and make friends across the world,” said Senior Nina Motazedi.

Last year she had the opportunity of hosting a student from Turkey and this year she hosted a student from Italy. Valerie Knowles, a sophomore, said, “I like to travel and I’ve never been out of the country so I thought it would be nice to have a student from another country see what America is like.” She’s hosting a student from Estonia.

Some things the hosts hope to learn from their international student. “I hope to learn language” said Motazedi. “Definitely her culture, its different.” said Knowles.

Park View takes so much pride in its diversity, but is even more proud to have had the international students join the cultural celebration and add to the school’s diversity, even if only for a little while.

Not everybody gets to have students from different countries stay with them so what does it mean to our hosts? “I like being able to teach someone our culture,” said Knowles.

Many students enjoyed learning about someone else’s culture as well as being able to teach them about American culture. Students should take the time out to learn each other’s cultures as well as share their own, like the international hosts were able to this week.