The Transition to College

By: Ashley Sager

Now that the school year is coming to an end, seniors have college and furthering their education to look forward to.

The last few months of high school are like a big celebration; getting ready to walk across the stage and receiving a diploma is the main goal. Graduation is huge; it’s taking a step out the door and getting ready to embark on a journey to start your future.

After four years of high school, students are ready to start new chapters in their lives and learn new things on their own. Being able to go to college and reach their dreams is a huge milestone for high school seniors, but getting into college is also a huge transition.

Making the transition from middle school into high school is nothing like the transition into being a college freshman. To help, some seniors gave a few suggestions they think will help the transition into college life easier and run more smoothly.

First, seniors going into college need to make short and long term goals for themselves. This includes getting good grades to keep stress low.

Second, your relationship with your family will definitely change as you mature. You should make time to keep in touch with them, so they could help you cope with new experiences.

Third, peer pressure is something that many college freshmen encounter. Planning how to deal with certain situations can help prevent accidents or injuries in the future.

Living without their parents and having to be more responsible is going to be a tough transition for many seniors. Students will have a new kind of independence when they leave for college. Getting through all kinds of pressures and decisions will be stressful and demanding. College (Continued on pg. 2)

Author Jay Asher Visits Park View

By: Conor Flores

Suicide is an issue seldom talked about in society, even less so in schools because of its controversial nature. Jay Asher, author of the bestselling novel Thirteen Reasons Why, decided to confront the subject and created a novel where his female protagonist, Hannah Baker, commits suicide and sends seven double-sided audio tapes to people to explain her reasons to end her life.

Clay Jensen, a fellow student at her high school, ends up in possession of the tapes and the reader goes on the journey to find out Hannah’s reasons why along with him.

“We don’t usually talk about that in school,” junior Luis Gomez said. “It sort of changed my life because we have to think of how we treat people. We don’t always know what they’re going through.”

As Mrs. Kristie Browne’s junior English classes read the book, Dr. Karen Banks, Park View Reading Specialist, visited her classes to discuss ways students, peers and adults can communicate better with each other.

“It’s important when you’re talking about very sensitive emotional experiences to help people learn skills to listen and talk to each other empathically,” Dr. Banks said. “What I presented in class was shorter training of these skills so they can process and understand the book and each other.”

Asher himself came to Park View on April 19th to give a presentation about his book and how he became a bestselling author.

“It was very informative,” junior Sindy Andino said. “He explained the book and all the steps it took him to make it.”

He explained that he got the cassette tape idea from listening to a taped tour guide at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, and felt the idea of hearing a story from a woman’s voice on a cassette tape was eerie and would make a good suspense novel.

Asher said that he came up with the topic of the novel after a relative of his attempted suicide. He began by consulting his wife and some female friends to perfect the teen perspective in the novel. After he finished, it took him three years and 13 tries to sell the manuscript.

“I always wanted to have creative ideas and write them well,” Asher said. “But I never thought I’d be a best seller.”

Asher felt the story was important because it is not something that is openly discussed and is often shunned by teenagers. His novel is opening the lines of communication between teens and adults as well as with their peers.

Asher said he really enjoys going to schools and libraries across the country to explain his book in further depth, especially when it is on the chopping block to be banned from schools. Thirteen Reasons Why (Continued on pg. 3)
Many seniors also say they will pay a lot more attention and put more time into their college education then they have in high school. Ebtihal Tora said, “I will work harder because I am paying for college.” Tora will be attending Northern Virginia Community College, “After NOVA I was thinking of going to George Mason University, University of Virginia, or James Madison University.”

Our seniors are looking forward to the independence, but not so much the work and money that go into college. “I’m looking forward to the flexible times and more freedoms,” Tora stated. College won’t be easy, but our seniors have what it takes to achieve great things.

### Meet the Senior Editors of The Patriot!

By: Michelle Rosado and Emily Mooney

Laura Brawley has been a staff member of The Patriot since her sophomore year. She began as a reporter and was moved up to take the role of an associate editor in her junior year, covering Sports, Features, Entertainment, and Clubs. “I’m going to miss going out to interview people and getting to know more about the school,” Brawley said. “I will also miss working side by side with my best friend since we’ve been together in the newspaper for the past three years.” Although she has not yet decided which college she would like to transfer to, she plans to attend NOVA for the next two years and would like to major in special education.

Michelle Rosado became involved with journalism her freshman year at Park View. “I like writing and talking to random people,” Rosado said. Her sophomore year she was a reporter before progressing to become Editor-in-Chief her junior and senior year. “I’m going to miss being Editor-in-Chief and being able to make the spread.” Rosado said. This upcoming fall, Rosado will be attending George Mason University where she will be a pre-med major. “I want to be an orthopedist. I relate to them [patients] because I’ve been injured before.”

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### “Senioritis” Hits Park View

By: Melanie Ayala

As a high school student, once senior year comes around, you get all the types of emotions. Laziness, procrastinitis, and the most severe of them all: senioritis. The term “senioritis” comes from the word senior; -itis gives it the image of a disease. This “disease” is a term many use to describe the behavior seniors show during their senior year progresses. This behavior includes low grades, tardiness, and absences.

For seniors, the “senioritis” phenomenon is very real. “I think it’s real because a lot of seniors just don’t do their work after they get accepted to colleges. High school isn’t as important any more,” senior Kevin Vu said. They claim that this is their time to lay off work and finally take a breather after working very hard their junior year. Their main goal becomes enjoying their last few months at Park View as much as possible.

Many agree, though, that senioritis has hit them fairly hard. “It hit me after I got my acceptance letters from colleges,” Vu said. For some seniors, senioritis hit them either early in the year or a little before fourth quarter. Seniors say though that they don’t mean to give up on school work on purpose, it just naturally happens. It becomes very hard to concentrate in class and they don’t find a great interest in school work as much as they used to. They start to find school work not worth the hassle.

The classes that seniors only claim they try are in their hardest classes of the year, which usually are about one or two classes. “Every other class I stopped trying,” senior Michael Battle said. Teachers, though, try their very best to keep students on top of their work. Teachers fight against this “disease” to keep students from failing or from getting low grades in class throughout the whole year.

The best thing teachers could do is make homework or classwork more interesting for students to do. Yet after a while, they can’t do much to change the way these seniors act once senioritis takes them over.

After being in high school for almost four years, it’s understandable that some seniors, being a fully committed student isn’t their first priority. Seniors have gone through the pointless drama between friends, the heartbreaks, the constant hassle to keep grades up in order to get accepted into their top colleges, the SAT’s and AP exams, and the challenge to get it all graded. Therefore, it doesn’t hurt if students come down with a little senioritis. It’s all part of finally being a senior.

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### U.S. ARMY

Vasquez already has an idea of the job he wants. “I am planning on being a Corpsman because after my schooling I want to go into the dental career.” There are many benefits for joining the armed forces after high school. You have a steady pay and job stability, plenty of job benefits, your education could be completely paid for, career transitions, learning valuable life skills, building character and serving your country. Vasquez decided to join the United States Navy after high school is finished. “I decided to go into the military over other choices because even though I am able to go to college, I believe the military would put me on the right path to have a successful future. I also think it would be a great opportunity to finish my schooling.”

Senior Leonel Santos is getting ready to leave for boot camp. He is joining the Marines. “I’m nervous and excited because of all the stories that I hear about it [boot camp]. I’m excited that I’ll be able to travel the world, but nervous about not seeing my family and friends as much.”

Even though the military may be a good choice for a student, their parents might not be too fond of the idea. Some parents do not know much about the military and are unaware of what their child will be getting into.

Santos’ parents were shocked about his career choice, “At first they were really shocked, but then they gradually started to support me and my decisions,” Santos said. “My parents are proud to see that I am going down a good path and that I am going to help my country. I can’t wait for boot camp; it will be an experience I don’t think I’ll forget,” Vassquez stated.
2014 Looks Ahead to Senior Year

By: Kirby Struhar

Senior year of high school has always meant a lot of changes to a lot of different people.

To some, it’s the idea of being the so-called “big man on campus” or the feeling of ruling the school. To others, it’s the idea of the future and what it can hold, or trying to figure out what your plans are for after high school.

For many, if not all, it’s the last year to spend with great friends and people you have grown up with.

“One of the biggest reasons I’m looking forward to senior year is applying to colleges; you’re starting your future outside of high school,” junior John Peters said. “Senior year is all part of the process.”

The biggest thing about senior year that comes to everyone’s mind first is graduation—that’s the biggest thing on everyone’s mind for the start of the year.

“I’m really looking forward to graduating,” junior Nicole Rodriguez said. Junior Ryan Carter agreed, saying that starting senior year he is much closer to graduation and getting his diploma. Carter added, “I’m looking forward to being able to pursue whatever path I want to from here on out.” It’s all about becoming independent, and being able to make your own decisions.

But along the way to pursuing whatever path we choose, everybody remembers one simple word about Park View: family. Together, we’ve made so many friendships and so many memories that will stay with us long after we reach whatever the next chapter of our lives is.

“The ultimate goal is to not lose touch with everybody,” Carter said. Junior Anthony Cleric agreed, saying that Park View was “like a wolf pack; no matter where we go, I’ll always remember the memories we made and the stories we shared and the things we have gone through together.”

So what’s the big deal about senior year of high school? Is it really something to be focused on? Or is it just another year and one step closer to the rest of your life?

Maybe it’s neither. Maybe it’s our chance to have one more year to make memories, have fun, and enjoy the time that we have left. It’s our time to take our spot as role models for the underclassmen, to enjoy our final year together, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

2014 Class of 13: Life After Park View... By: Michelle Rosado and Laura Brawley

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Students Get Financial Aid for College

By: Jessica Landrum

Scholarships are a sum of money or other aid granted to a student because of merit. Often scholarships are based on financial need, academic achievement, particular talents or skills, or a combination of these.

Some scholarships specific to Park View are: Alpha Tau Scholarships, The Closet of Herndon, Loudoun County Retired Teachers Association Education Scholarship, Ron Mace Memorial Scholarship, Patriots Club Scholarship, and The Perseverance Award. Often, private organizations grant scholarships, as well.

Although college may seem expensive, keep in mind that anyone can be eligible for scholarships, financial aid, and grants. Things to help you obtain a scholarship include community service (volunteer hours), internships, jobs, recommendation letters, etc. For every scholarship there are usually only two things you need to think of, three at the most. Those things are criteria, deadline and selection.

Criteria is important because you need to know if you fit the standard that the people awarding the scholarships are seeking.

An example is, “Demonstrated interest and involvement in church or community service activities,” whenever the student with average to good academic potential, or “Great potential need.”

Some specific sources of scholarships and financial aid are scholarships from colleges, union scholarships, industrial, professional, and civic scholarships, and financial aid sponsored by religious organizations, rehabilitative services assistance, co-op educational programs, military benefits, ROTC scholarships, academic appointments, and military service.
In our society, technology is starting to be used more and more. It may not necessarily be a bad thing. You can get a message out faster, do projects easier, and check things quicker.

Technology can be used as a great way to keep in contact with people who are far away. The only problem with this is no censoring of communication. Sometimes communication can be used in a way that is not wanted and can hurt someone else.

With more technology, people spend less time talking face to face. It is easier for someone to text instead of asking someone to come over to hang out and talk. With this new barrier, our generation runs the risk of becoming socially inept and unable to communicate as passionately.

Technology can also create misunderstandings. Words can get lost in translation. Someone could mean something sarcastically or joking and then it can be received as something negative and hurtful. Words are a powerful thing.

This new age of technology has also helped to bring about more pain. People can be bullied easier online. The person on the other side doing the bullying does not have to look you in the eye, they can use a fake profile, and they can exploit you.

“When you talk through technology you act different than when you are face to face with someone,” said freshman Veronica Rosales. So when a bully is talking online and hiding, they may not be that confident in real life. Technology makes it easier to exploit people; there are pictures and IM’s that can all be made public. It is hard to stop this from happening because even if you shut down the account of the bully, they can still make another one. What is stopping them?

Bullies use communication all the time to torment someone else. Your social networking site that you use can be used against you. Also, everything put on the internet, even if you delete it later, can still be traced and found.

Communication is effected by technology in different ways – some negative, some positive. So the next time you want to talk to someone you should not text them, but you should go talk to them face to face and avoid the miscommunication.

Park View High School’s drama crew presented the musical “How to Succeed in Business” on April 18-20, 2013.

The play is about a man named Mr. Finch (played by Ryan Duncan) who is starting in the business world. He is trying to find his way around, and ends up doing very well in business.

He slowly tries to make his way up to the top, but he has to do a lot of convincing to managers to get a better position.

One of the secretaries, Rosemary (played by Padi Qoudarzi), at his job starts to slowly fall in love with him, and he is too focused on his job to see it.

The play is a funny, smart, witty show that has a different twist to it. All of the actors were very synchronized and did an amazing job working together.

The play featured many parts so everyone interested in the play could participate.

All the actors did a great job. Freshman Alyssa Link said, “I got the part that I wanted, and it has been a great experience working on this musical.” Everyone that participated in the play worked really hard and it showed in their performance.

All the actors said they had an amazing time working on this play, and they are really excited for more plays, however, the seniors are really sad about leaving the Park View Drama department. Everyone worked together very well to make the last play of the year one to remember.

The audience of the musical also enjoyed the play very much.

“This play was by far my favorite play of the year. It was very entertaining and I hope they continue to make more plays like this one,” freshman Tram Mac said.

The audience was very interested during the play, and every part had a different shock or twist to it. The last play of the school year was a really fun and different musical, and it will always be remembered.
pigment, called melanin, which causes the tan color change in your skin is a sign of damage." The UV rays that cause the increase in melanin can damage skin so much that one may even develop skin cancer – the risk increases the more often you tan. My family has dealt with this personally as my grandfather and the majority of his siblings have developed different forms of skin cancer throughout their lifetimes. My grandfather grew up on a farm in the 1950s and rarely wore a shirt when he was outside; he never even thought to put on sunscreen. Just because the skin is not getting UV rays straight from the sun does not mean that tanning beds are safe. A report done in 2009 by cancer experts compared tanning beds to be as dangerous as arsenic, smoking, and mustard gas according to health writer for Today.com, Melissa Dahl. With all the negative advertising towards cigarettes, everyone knows that they can result in deadly cancer so having tanning compared to that highlights how great a danger it really is.

“The new report, published in the medical journal Lancet Oncology, looked at 20 previous studies and concluded that the risk of skin cancer increased by 75 percent when people start using tanning beds before age 30,” Dahl wrote. Besides a case of sunburn or the development of cancer, tanning can cause further damage. Many men and women who tan often see signs of premature aging. Their skin can become wrinkly, leathery, and have dark spots (not freckles). People who abuse tanning may also see the development of actinic or solar keratoses, a skin condition which may later develop into cancer. Eye damage may even occur due to overexposure. Photosensitivity is like sunburn to the cornea – this can result both from both natural and artificial UVB light.

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**School Year Memories**

By: Hannah Ford

All throughout the school year, many important and interesting memories and events have been made. For many people, homecoming and the pep rallies have been their favorite experience this year. For freshmen Christine Phung and Paul Justiniano, just the experience of starting out in high school has been their favorite thing. “This year has been awesome. I never thought that high school would be so much fun, and I’m really excited for the many years to come,” Justiniano said. Even though school has been going pretty well, they are both upset about the seniors leaving. Sophomore Lilian Alvarenga also thought this school year was pretty good. She loved the picnic that we had for the first time, and was very proud that she brought up her grades. Pamela Diaz also had a good year. “My favorite memory from this year was when the German exchange students came; they were awesome,” Diaz said. Both of them said they will miss all the friends in their classes from this year, but they are excited to see who they will be spending a lot of time with next year.

Junior Emily Loewendick and Nicole Rodriguez both loved homecoming. “I thought homecoming was really fun this year,” Loewendick said. Even though Emily loved this year, she can’t wait to be a senior next year, but she said they will miss all the seniors that are graduating this year. Nicole loved all the boys’ soccer games from this year, and she is really proud of them.

“Seniors cheer during the winter pep rally.”

Photo courtesy of Shannon Malari

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**Warning: The Truth about Tanning**

By: Hannah Ford

As soon as the spring sunshine starts to emerge, teenagers from all over the country rush outside to enjoy the warm weather and tan. In search of acquiring a new summer glow, they may go to a tanning bed or simply let themselves bake in the sun (after applying tanning oil of course). However, most have no true knowledge about the damage they are inflicting on themselves in order to get that perfect tan.

The most common way of tanning is simply lying out in the sun. While most know that not wearing sunscreen at the beach is not the best idea, few are aware of how dangerous even a slight burn from a soccer game could be. According to fda.gov, “There is no such thing as a safe sunburn.”

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**A Drama Family Farewell**

By: Nicole Robinson

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G i r l ’ s  S o c c e r  M a k e s  I m p r o v e m e n t s

By: Jessica Landrum

Soccer is about passing, blocking, defending and running, but the most important to remember is teamwork.

Teamwork is important because no one person wins the game. Every time a goal is scored, there are multiple people who contribute.

The goal of the game is simple: win. You win by scoring more goals; getting the ball in the net, and all your coaches will recognize that and applaud you.

This year, several sports offered at Park View had new coaches including girls soccer. For Varsity the new head coach is Davorin Husadzini and the assistant coach is Phil Rosenthal, who is an English teacher here at Park View.

Varsity’s record was 5-11. Their record really improved from last season when their were 1-14-1. There are many players on the girls Varsity team, consisting of five seniors, four juniors, six sophomores and one freshman.

The seniors include forward Michelle Rosado, mid-fielder Nada Guerouji, mid-fielder Jessi Kinney, defender Amanda Godby, and goal keeper Clara Parker.

The juniors are mid-fielder and forward, Vilma Guardado, mid-fielder Sherine Tajini, defender Karina Hernandez and goal keeper/forward Emilee Pierson.

The sophomores include their dedication and commitment to the sport and the team in general.

“Our number one and number two doubles are very consistent,” Chea said. “We have a great dynamic group with a lot of dedication to the sport and I hope that next year, we will have a stronger team,” Coach Fissmer said.

W e l c o m i n g  t h e  T e n n i s  T e a m

By: Junior Guardado

The tennis team is a sure team to watch out for this year, especially with all the young talent that this squad possesses. All of these players are excited about this season, practicing afternoons and mornings for six days a week for every upcoming match they have. With two of their top seniors leaving last year, there are only a couple of seniors left to lead this young squad to their goals.

It is going to be interesting how the seniors of this year lead their squad to a victory each time they face a new opponent. Not only do they have the leadership and wisdom of their seniors, they have their coach too to help out, Mrs. Tanuel Fissmer.

The team has optimistic teammates ready for the season, including Lee Chea, a sophomore. “The season’s pretty fun,” said Lee who also says that the team has gotten better and that their captain has especially gotten better as a leader and as a player.

The team has their strengths, many of which include their dedication and commitment to the sport and gain an advantage. “Our number one and number two doubles are very consistent,” Chea said. “We have a great dynamic

H a r d  F o u g h t  G a m e  f o r  t h e  P a t r i o t s

By: Kyhre Gray

A lot of Patriot players were thinking this game against the Loudoun Valley Vikings was going to be an easy game. This game ended up not being as easy as what they thought.

On April 16th, the Patriots were against the Loudoun Valley Vikings. It was a very competitive game.

The Vikings scored an early goal against the Patriots in the early minutes of the game. A free kick was given because of the yellow card drawn on freshman Paul Justiano.

Then, right before halftime freshman Edgar Martinez scored a goal off a fast break. Now the score was 1-1 at halftime. Going into the second and final half of the game the game was tied and the Patriots started the game with the ball. The Patriots started off with a good possession but missed the goal on a fast break.

The Vikings got the ball back then they scored a goal off a fast break. A Vikings player got a red card for making a foul on senior Leonel Santos who then got a free kick and made a goal. The score was 2-2.

For a good majority of the game it was a tough game. People got close to scoring a goal but missed.

With one minute left in the game, sophomore Franklin Amaya made a heroic winning goal for the Patriots off of a fast break. The final score of the game was 3-2.

After the game, senior Joel Rivera said, “This was a hard game and we played tough.” Rivera added, “This team is more team-oriented and more united as well.”
If you are a student that loves learning great stuff about history, someone who wants to meet and talk to new people who love the subject of history, or someone who needs help with it – history club is for you! They currently meet every two weeks or so.

“History club is a club where people come together and work on projects to help the staff in the history department,” said one of the two sponsors of the club, Ms. Heath. Ms. Heath is an AP World History and World History 1 teacher, and Mrs. Barton, the second sponsor, is a World History 2 teacher.

History club goes on field trips and finishes projects. They plan on going to Monticello in Charlottesville, Va. Monticello is the plantation where President Thomas Jefferson lived. The latest project they are working on is a time line of events in history. They are making this timeline as a favor to the History Department and hope that it will help students pass the SOL.

If you are worrying about an upcoming test or quiz, the final exam, the AP test, or the SOL, the club can definitely help you. They can provide you with many resources to help you pass all of the tests. You can learn through working with a provided tutor or by assisting in their projects. “It can help you a lot; you put the events on the timeline in chronological order and know when certain events happen,” Ms. Heath said.

There are many reasons why you should join history club: it is fun, it helps you learn and prepare for history test, and it allows students more time to study for the AP test. If you would like to join contact Mrs. Barton or Ms. Heath for more info.

Musicians Expand their Talents in Guitar Club

By: Ryan Apple

Park View has its very own guitar club full of talented musicians. Anyone can come and join the club because no experience is necessary.

The club offers many things to members such as playing tips, learning new genres of music, and learning to become a better performer.

The club meets once a week and they perform to each other to get better. The club also performs at different places, such as Zeitoons, Russ Library in Leesburg. Guitar Club holds concerts and competitions at Park View as well as taking commissions from anyone interested.

The club also provides members with thirty-two guitars and two contrabass. They are taught basic techniques and build up from there.

Dr. Miroslav Loncar, the club sponsor, teaches everyone new things and gives them all advice on how to become the best they can be.

Junior Sean Ghosh has been in the club since his freshman year. “The number of students who join the club each year varies, but there aren’t many this year,” Ghosh said.

“So if you’re interested in playing guitar or bass, this could be a great opportunity for you.” The number of students who show up to the club each day can vary from twenty-five to a group as small as five students.

Senior Ryan Duncan is another member of the guitar club. He has been in the club since the beginning of his junior year. Duncan’s favorite thing about the club is being able to become a better guitar player. “Getting better at the instrument is fun,” Duncan said.

Spring Outdoor Picnic

By: Melania Ayala

Earlier in March, students were promised an outdoor lunch in which they were to eat outside for a period of 90 minutes and have fun with their friends if they raised more than $3,000 dollars for Louisa County.

On Wednesday, April 10th, 2013, students finally got their wish. Students got out of their 7th block class and headed down to the football stadium to commemorate their fun afternoon. The weather was very warm and perfect for the occasion. In the end, students had the choice to play games or to walk around the track. “I sat and walked around for the most part,” junior Hajran Inam said. There were games set out all across the football field like soccer, football, volleyball, etc. Others even played some classic games like tag, frisbee, and corn hole.

During the picnic, senior, junior and freshman class officers got pied by either a friend or a teacher of their choice. This was due to the amount of money their class as a whole raised for Louisa. Senior class officers got slimed as well since they raised more than $1,500.

Representatives from Louisa County and United Way came to the outdoor picnic to pick up the donations we raised just for them.

Although many agreed they had great time, some can’t help but feel disappointed in the fact that it wasn’t an actual cookout as previously stated. Students still had to purchase their own lunch in the school cafeteria. They were to eat in the stands because no food was allowed in the track.

That mere downer though did not stop them from having fun and enjoying the free ice cream they were provided. Students relished the long period of time they were outside. “The main reason I went was to cut class and enjoy the nice weather,” senior Marilyn Cid said. Students admit they wanted more activities.

There should have been some water type of game since it was so hot,” said Sid. Many of those who don’t do sports just walked around the track for the most part.

Many students agree Park View should do this picnic next year. The outdoor picnic was a great success.
(Jay Asher continued) is number three on the banned books list according to the Office for Intellectual Freedom.

Principal Dr. Virginia Minshew also attended Asher’s presentation. “I think it’s important for us to have meaningful and directed discussions about the book,” she said. “It’s a great way for kids to springboard into conversations they don’t normally know how to bring up.”

The book has not been censored by Park View, but students did have to return a permission slip signed by their parents in order to read the book.

“I think that the young adult literature that kids have access to should relate to their lives and the issues they’re dealing with, especially the hard issues,” Dr. Banks added.

Asher and his book were well received by students and faculty, even being asked to sign some books before his presentation even started.

“He seemed like a really cool guy,” junior Matt Hopkirk said. “He cares more about the people reading his book than just the book selling.”

The book itself impacted different students in various ways.

“It gave me a different perspective of how to treat people,” junior Harshanie Bandara said.

“Thirteen Reasons Why has sold in over 30 countries, three-quarter million copies sold in the United States alone.”

Park View’s Salsa Sock Hop A Success

By: Taylor Peyton

Students from Park View, as well as delegates from the Dominion International Summit enjoyed a fun night of dancing to salsa music, and Latino music Friday, April 12th from 9:30 to 11 p.m.

Mrs. Pam Smith organized this event in honor of the Costa Ricans’ visit in April. It was a good way to celebrate the occasion, as salsa is very popular in Costa Rica.

It was estimated that about a hundred people were there. “It was pretty good,” Mr. Jonas Minino, a Spanish teacher said of the attendance.

“The kids that were there had a great time,” said Mrs. Sarah Letina, also a Spanish teacher who chaperoned the event. “It was a bit like a Salsa club,” she added in regards to the atmosphere.

The people who attended enjoyed dancing to Salsa music and thought very highly of the DJ. The Spanish teachers agree that the fact that we have had an event such as this says a lot about the diversity at Park View.

“It was funny to see all the different students from all the different countries,” said Mr. Minino. The majority of Park View’s students are Latino, he noted; “it was fun to have an event they could appreciate.”

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Her husband, Jon, is a resident of Lanesville, Virginia his whole life. He has a wife and a son that is thirty four years-old. When Mr. Greene was in high school he was always a good and responsible student and followed the rules. During that time he also played football, basketball and participated in wrestling.

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Get to Know Mr. Greene!

By: Matthew Howard

Some people may not know Mr. Teddy Greene, but he is the security officer at Park View High School.

He explained that he heard about this job from a friend. “My favorite thing about this job is seeing the kids grow up and change throughout their four years of high school,” said Mr. Greene.

Mr. Greene loves his job, the students, and the faculty. He enjoys finding people’s stolen belongings because when he finds them, students are happy and that makes him happy.

One thing he would change is not letting the students bring their cell phones or any other electronics to school because they can easily be stolen and some students aren’t responsible with these expensive items.

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Mrs. Leiva-Moore said, “It symbolizes that we celebrate different cultures at Park View. It also invites other students to participate in cross-culture activities.”

Mrs. Leiva-Moore also went on to compare it to the Multi-Cultural show that took place a few weeks after the dance. “It’s a bit like what’s happening in the Multi-Cultural show. Everybody enjoys learning about new cultures.”