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PV Teacher Becomes United States Citizen

by Destiny Colbert

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

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 United States for almost 15 years now and it 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 citizenship 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.

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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 show.

Struve’s fifth show, and Walser’s ninth show and 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 a student is afraid 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.

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”

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 will be the last to have them. 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 DiStefano, Mr. Kirk Johnson, Ms. Michelle Menna, Mrs. Susan Noh, Mr. Michael Neuser, and Mr. Michael Verbe. As the month of November was coming to an end, the SCA evaluated the top three teachers who were in the lead. Mr. Verbe, Ms. Menna, and Mr. Neuser were all potential winning candidates.

The three contenders were nervous about winning. Mr. Verbe, 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 win 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.

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

Students Show Their Musical Talent With World View

In November, Park View High School performed World View 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 concert 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 Mr. Longo 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 Wilson shared, “I love being in a group because everybody is really close and every class we just play music and have fun together.”

Having Fun With First Fruits

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 help with the project organized by the First Fruits program.

First Fruits, an annual community service project organized by the Reston Bible Church, took place from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, November 22nd. This purpose is to raise money by completing tasks around the yard, such as raking leaves, laying down mulch, and layering mulch. “I don’t want to be the person who watches,” she said."

Tiffany Gomez, an sophomore, shared that she was given the help they need to help each other out, she shared. "I don’t want to be the person who watches," Tiffany Gomez, finds it important to give back to the community. "We’re showing people that we care about others, that there are volunteers who can shop for a month’s worth of groceries and thanksgiving meal for families in need in the community. This year the First Fruits program raised a grand total of $48,000. I think they are happy because it helps around the house some assistance."

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

Sophomore Edwin Sanchez was glad to have been able to give back to the community too. "We take advantage of every volunteer opportunity and we need to give back," he said.

He also agreed to volunteer because he enjoyed because he had already done it the previous year, he loved being with the great people and he wants to continue to help people. Many students at Park View were happy to help out, some even found themselves benefiting from their participation in First Fruits. For example, Lina Colvin ColmFeliz who learned that how to care more for people. She signed up because she wanted to help out and serve God.

Dr. Campos poses 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 students were given the help they needed, and the participants had a great time working together to contribute to something great.
Eleanor & Park: Not Your Typical Love Story

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Eleanor & Park is a young-adult romantic 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 fearfulsiblings.

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 change often, it still flows well.

Eleanor and Park also cannot express any emotions. I felt everything from sadness, to anger, to happiness because it felt like the book is unpredictable. Anytime I thought I knew what was going to happen next, I was wrong.

The most unpredictable part of the book was the ending. The conclusion was not much of a conclusion instead it was a 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 development and less unanswered questions.

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

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 Catches Fire in Theaters

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Every year, The Hunger Games series releases a remarkable movie from its line of books. In 2013, 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 because 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. They believe the movie will be better than the book,” stated sophomore Jake Wallace. In my opinion, books of any type of series will always end up better than the movie. Sophomore Elizabeth Rivera, agreeing with Stanski and I, responded with, “The books will always be better than the movies.”

With Peeta Mellark captured and tortured by the Capitol, Katniss agrees to be district thirteen’s ‘Mockingjay’ after being taken advantage of by the Capitol. After agreeing to be supportive of thirteen, the entire district make an agreement with their rebellion against their beloved government. As the games begin, Peeta is being brainwashed with multiple drugs by the Capitol, causing him to resist Katniss. This is another way of trying to get the people of all thirteen districts to somehow dep- sise Katniss. Katniss is convinced that the capital wants her dead once and for all, which makes all of her fans空前 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 try- ing to conquer President Snow’s mansion. Her friends will abandon her in search of better opportunities in different districts, and she will have Peeta in her mind, imagining him be- ing tortured for his mis- takes that she made during the second Hunger Games. Even if she does end up winning the rebellion against the Capitol, Katniss herself said, “There are no worse games to play.”

Why Young Women Need Feminism

Amy Hensler
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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 my fact with people because this reaction is powered by taboos, misconceptions of feminism. There are some stereotypical ways that come with being a feminist. I do not blame people for not wanting to associate with the stereotypical feminist personas, but that is not what femini- nism is.

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, feminism is “the belief that men and women should have the same rights and opportunities,” it is not the belief that women are better than men. It is the belief that all women want to eliminate the male race, it is the belief that women should have the same political, social, economic, and educational opportunities and, work opportu- nities as men.

Young women need feminism because in a predominantly patriarchal world, girls should be informed about the inequalities of women. Also feminism, when correctly enforced, can be an amaz- ing thing that can greatly boost a girl’s confidence. The idea of standing up for something you believe in empowers and excites people.

Gender equality in the United States is worse than people think. People seem to be in a protective bubble when it comes to sexism and sexual prejudice. People fail to see inequality in society and think that sexism is just some myth that doesn’t exist and it will never happen to them. The books will always be better than the movie.

Yik Yak: Controversy Surrounds This New Application

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Imagine a place where you had the freedom to say anything you wanted to. Now, imag- ine that you are anonymous, but anonymous 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 things that are relatable and funny, but now because the post is anonymous, it is usually used to call people out.

Due to the wide- spread bullying and harass- ment committed through Yik Yak, many schools and school districts have taken it upon themselves 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 dan- gerous. Some colleges have taken action to prevent this from spreading by blocking the application.

“The anonymity is hurtful and says more about the person that’s posting than the person they’re talking about,” says senior Haley Crawford. Probably the most harmful effect of the app is the bullying from spreading by not downloading and supporting the use of the application.
Athletes of the Season

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 the court. "She's just really outgoing and knows how to push people to do their best," stated senior teammate Alejandro Rios. "She's really stepped up to be a great leader," shared Vice 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.

Positive 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 Adam, a sophomore, states, "She has a really great attitude and has a positive outlook on everything."

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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."

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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 she does. 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 do.” The wrestling team needs to learn how to give.

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 Laura Romero-Olivares

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

He enjoys teaching new plays and techniques to his players. He believes if he were to raw 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.

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nately, 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 team has been 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 Claxton 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 Krzyewsk, 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 decide 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.

As the temperature plummeted, 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 inexpensivе 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 Keenia Quintenilla about her favorite winter item.

Keenia 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 outfit to include a long cardigan and an over-sized, layered scarf.”

Dressing fashionably does not mean dressing excessively! “H&M has the best prices on clothes. I got a nice sweater for $3,” shared senior Jose Per ez. 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 cute, affordable outfits.

Photos by Liana Jackley

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

Supreme Freshman Lizzie Orozco is dressed very warm in multiple layers and top her outfit off with a burgundy scarf.

Left: Junior Moea Hernandez is wearing a comy, warm scarf, one of this season hottest trends.
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 very 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.

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, Mansoor’s senior year is going really well. Despite the test scores 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 so he’s been taking almost all AP classes “It’s not a year of relaxation it’s kind of a madhouse.”

Ms. Christine Ramasis
Social Sciences

After living overseas for about 20 years in Europe and Africa, Christine Ramasis moved to Loudoun County just a few years ago. New to Park View High School this year, the teacher teaches US/VA History here and Economics at Freedom High School. “I like that I’m extremely practical, but I especially enjoy the diversity of my students.” she said.

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

She hopes to bring more of the atmosphere in her classrooms and throughout the school. “I like teaching and helping people achieve their goals in life.”

Living overseas for about 20 years must have been great overall but Ms. Ramasis’ 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 promoting Model United Nations teams and support- ing today’s youth as they consider ways of solving critical situations facing the world today.”

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