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Enhancing, Enriching, & Extending the Quality of Education Provided to Vista School

Vista Students Perform Seussical Jr. by Alison Schulz

Vista School's Seussical Jr. was a smashing success! From the moment the hat dropped to the final curtain call, the audience was drawn into the ridiculously fun, dual worlds of the Whos in Whoville and Horton's jungle. This was the second elementary junior musical that Vista has performed, and it did not disappoint. Directed by Alison Schulz, the 2nd-5th grade cast took on the immense vocal score, hugely dynamic characters, and the woven storylines of Dr. Seuss's most beloved stories, creating a spell-binding adventure that did not miss a beat. MTI Jr. Musicals like Seussical Jr., are available to be performed by students up to 17 years of age, making this musical achievement by such a young cast even more impressive. Many of the props and set pieces were created by Vista students, as well as having all of the tech run by an older group of Vista students. The level of performance achieved on stage is a testament to how well the students have been trained in singing, dancing, and the theater arts by their teachers at Vista School. Every Vista student is placed in a music/art or dance class starting in 1st grade. The dedicated teachers who made up the remainder of the Seussical production team include: Lacey Williams (music), Olivia Thomas (dance), Allie Koller (theater arts), and Jennifer Hepworth (production assistant).



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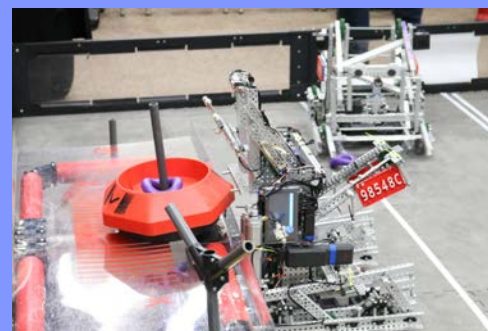
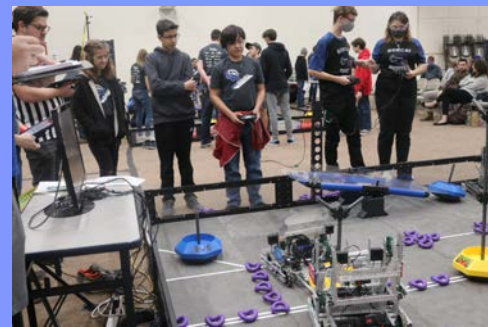
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VRC/VEX Robotics to World Championship Competition

by Andrew Egbert

The Vista Vex Robotics team has accomplished so much in the four years since it was started. This was the first year that Vista competed with Vex IQ teams, and they are the first teams in all of Southern Utah. The Vex program is a fantastic way to teach students teamwork, critical and computational thinking, and problem solving. Each year Vex challenges students to build and program a robot that competes head to head with other robots. The goal is to score the most points in a game that changes yearly. Vista has had at least one world qualifying team for the last three years, but due to Covid, this will be the first year Vista Robotics will be traveling to the World Championships. There are four teams that have qualified from Vista - three Vex VRC teams (grades 8-12), and one Vex IQ team (grades 4-8). These teams have worked diligently since September to design, build, program, re-design, re-build, re-program robots that qualified them for the Utah state tournament. The teams then did well enough at the state level to qualify for the world championship, which takes place in Dallas, Texas, May 3 - 13. The world championship will have teams from over 30 different countries, all competing to come out on top as the 2022 Vex World Champion. Good luck and best of success to our teams!



Students participate in Vista's 100 Days Celebration by dressing as if 100 years old.





The Magical, Musical Treat of Willy Wonka by Jacob Thomas

Vista School's student performers and technicians rose to the challenge when announcing Vista School would produce the full-length version of Roald Dahls' Willy Wonka the Musical. They did not disappoint. Audience members could not stop complimenting the students on their portrayal of these well-known and beloved characters. Audience favorites were Grandpa Joe, played by Frankie Schulz and Reese Wheeler; Mrs. Bucket, played by Roxie Sparling and Melanie Pertesen; and the over-spoiled Veruca Salt, played by Abby Terry and Parlee Stout. Willy Wonka himself, played by Jackson Aikens and Carlee Gibbs, were done originally and most delightfully! Theatre-goers were not expecting to be transported to a world of a steam-powered chocolate factory run by "minion-esque" Oompa-Loompas, and were pleasantly surprised by the all-encompassing atmosphere created in Vista's Theater in the Round. The most memorable moment for all was witnessing Augustus being sucked into the chocolate pipe. Joseph Kaiser and Ammon Aikens' physicalities and facial expressions were spot on! We are highly anticipating the announcement of the next Vista School production! Stay tuned.



May Events

- May 3 Advanced, Platinum Chamber Orchestra Concert 6 p.m.
- May 4 4th/5th Grades Drama Play Night 5:30 p.m.
- May 5 Band Concert 6 p.m.
- May 9 MDT Showcase 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Youth Symphony Concert @ Kayenta 6 p.m.
- May 10 VRS Showcase
- May 11 Songwriting Showcase 6 p.m.
- May 13 Concert Choir/Vocal Xpressions Concert
- May 14 Advanced Choir 4th/5th Grades VRS Concert
- May 16 PTO Splash Bash @ Washington County Community Center 4 p.m.
- May 17 Advanced Guitar Recital
- May 18 9th Grade Recognition Night 6 p.m.
Kindergarten Graduation
- May 19 Duathlon
Tech Awards 6 p.m.
- May 23 3rd-5th Orchestra Concert 6 p.m.
- May 24 9th Grade Promotion 6 p.m.



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Help the Vista Band Dept.

Do you have an instrument lying silently at home? Give it new life by donating to the Vista Band Program! We are in need of all instruments.

Donations are also accepted to help procure and maintain instruments for students in need.



Donations to Vista School

Vista School Foundation seeks to enhance, enrich, and extend the quality of education provided to the Vista School community. The Foundation seeks to generate non-public dollars as an alternate revenue stream. Foundation leadership will work with the Vista Board and Administration to raise and allocate additional funds for the following purposes:

- Provide scholarships to Vista graduates as they pursue advanced educational opportunities.
- Create monetary awards for outstanding teachers to encourage excellence and commitment to Vista and its students.
- Fund advanced professional development and/or teacher research efforts.
- Extend Vista's reach by supplementing travel for Vista's performing and competition groups.
- Enhance Vista's performance facilities in order to provide students and audience with a more professional experience and finished product.
- Establish an endowment fund that will enable Vista to weather the volatile environment of public funding for schools.