

# VEGAS VALLEY ADVENTIST ACADEMY

## VVAA FALL FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

-JAMES W. GILLEY

Fall Festival is an event where people can come together at our school to have fun with games and use booths. This year in particular we are fundraising for a new A/C and heater so students may feel warm during the winter and cool during the summer. This will allow future students and faculty to enjoy being in the gym and make it more satiable. We encourage you to come and have fun. Classes will form booths from food to games that will cost tickets for certain items and snacks. We hope to see you there on October 22 this Sunday, from 10 AM - 2 PM!

## RED RIBBON WEEK

-JOSHUA M. SILVER

We've all heard it at some point in our lives: "Don't do drugs." This may seem like a no-brainer statement, but it's important to fully understand why we say this. Drugs are a powerful force, as misusing them can have destructive effects. These are just a few of the health risks that come with the use of certain drugs: heart disease, cancer, lung disease, diabetes, as well as eye and immune problems. Red Ribbon Week is a week that acknowledges this issue, and promotes the good health of children who don't use harmful drugs. This campaign was started in 1988 by the US Congress to prevent children from hurting their future through the early use of drugs. Red Ribbon Week occurs from October 23 to October 31.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGINEERS

-JUNIA STAMP

The engineering minds of younger folks than me myself, using their skills and being creative to help out others then. Each of the people listed in the article had a creative reason to be there, and they had shown it by what they used it for. These kind souls helped out others with certain problems and disabilities that most people don't have. These kind doings were from their empathy and pity, and the projects had love poured into them from the people who knew they could help. For example, Aasritha Duriseti felt empathy for her grandmother, who struggles to open bottle caps on her own. With that bit of pity, Aasritha was able to create and design a little invention for her grandmother to use to help her with this problem! That was so cool seeing how the smart kids put together little contraptions for the people who they cared about just to help them with their struggles, how inspiring!



# CALENDAR

- Oct. 22  
Fall Festival
- Oct. 23 -26  
Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 27  
Nevada Day (NS)
- Nov. 4  
Church Visit
- Nov. 10  
Veteran's Day (NS)
- Nov. 17  
Family Lunch
- Nov. 20 -24  
Thanksgiving Break

## ADVENTISTS INITIATIVE ON WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY.

-MARIÉ ENTERINA

Dr. Peter Landless and Dr. Torben Bergland talked about The Reminded Initiative at a meeting, "Reminded" is a program to increase mental health awareness in churches and communities. They said it's important because it's World Mental Health Day. They want to share the Adventist health message, which includes body, mind, spirit, social, and emotional well-being. Like Ellen G. White says, "A person whose mind is quiet and satisfied in God is the pathway to health." They think Reminded can help bring healing to people and lead them to Jesus. The World Health Organization says mental health is crucial for overall health. Reminded wants to work with faith-based groups like Church to help with mental health issues. Their goal is to be a starting point for people to learn more about mental health. The Church believes in taking care of people's minds, and they want to spread the message of holistic health. Dr. Bergland says Reminded is not just a project, it's a movement to make the world a better place by helping people with their mental health and well-being.

## THE GIFT OF LIFE

-ROBERT CASTRO

The G20 (Group of 20—a group that brings together the world's top economies) honored the Adventist Education Network in southern Brazil for its sustainability project focused at installing photovoltaic panels to use solar energy in its schools. Leaders from 19 nations and the European Union attended the event, which was held in New Delhi, the capital of India, on September 9 and 10, 2023.

In collaboration with Petinelli, a business that specializes in renewable energy management projects, and Copel, the state's primary electricity distributor, the project to install solar panels in Adventist schools got underway in Paraná. Later, the initiative was expanded to include the network's educational facilities in the states of Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina.

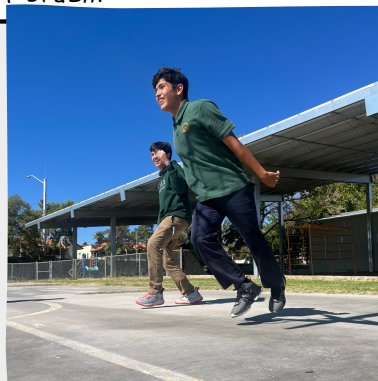
Currently more than 60 schools already have this supportable technology which correlates to 44,000 square meters of photovoltaic panels. The goal set for 2025 is to progress this technology to the southern region of Brazil.



## GAME ON!

-MCRYLEIGH PIERRE-LOUIS

The Las Vegas Raiders came out on top to win their suspenseful game between the New England Patriots. But sadly, the Aces received a loss from the New York Liberty as Chelsea Gray unfortunately exited the game with a foot injury. But do not worry, Aces will be crowned champions in the next game! Based on how well they rebound, block, and score, they will surely succeed! Tons of exciting and disappointing games from last week's football games. The NBA preseason has commenced and we have already seen lots of potential to possibly win the "chip". All the teams are looking to give all they have to win, with the competition being fierce as ever. Stay tuned to see all sorts of surprises, blowouts, and many more!



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Failure is only the opportunity to begin again, only this time more wisely."  
- Henry Ford

## SILLY GILLEY

What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A gummy bear!

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