

BACK TO SCHOOL

COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER

Not even a rainy day can stop Vista from celebrating the annual Power Zone Barbecue. Filled with live music performed by Vista's band, food, games, and fun activities, the members of the Vista Ridge clubs and organizations put together a night for the Power Zone community of all ages. **Power Zone**

Superintendent Theresa Ritz, discusses the actions it took to plan this event. She said, "My favorite part about the BBQ is that it provides an opportunity for the community to gather together and have some fun, and support us as a zone. There's been a lot of people behind the scenes and working hard to plan this event and put things together. It has

also taken lots of volunteers many hours to make sure that everything is running smoothly and perfectly, and we also have businesses in the community who have partnered with us to come and have dessert trucks for our families, and also all of the clubs at Vista who have jumped in to have activities and to provide those for the little ones. We would like to add as many activities as possible in future years, so if we could get more involvement with Vista Ridge Clubs or more businesses as we can that would be great." **Principal Rebecca Sims** states, "My favorite part is getting to see all of the smiles from the students."



SENIOR BACKPACKS



"I think the trend started from the class of 2022 where everyone just bought kids backpacks, and I kind of want to keep the tradition alive. Even though it wasn't talked about for class of 2023, it turns out that there was a bigger population that did follow. Literally it fits all my stuff in there, but barely so."

- **Gavin Gaytan, 12**

"I was back to school shopping and I saw the kid's backpacks and was like, 'I want to be a cool senior and have a cool kids backpack...'. I actually don't like Batman, I prefer Superman, but this is the only backpack they had. I was expecting it to like, not be able hold all my stuff but it still can."

- **Cassandra LeVay, 12**



"It's the last year to be a kid. You know, who cares if you have a silly backpack? Like, nobody is gonna judge you and if they do you'll never see them again because you're graduating. It's just a fun little senior tradition."

- **Anastasia and Alyssa Drivas, 12**





Show choir students provided face painting for students. **Natalie Keltner, 9**, received Vista colors and a VR to prepare for Vista's first home football game after the BBQ.



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1. HOSA set up corn hole for students in the gym. Groups took turns playing against each other before the football game.
2. **Asa Zbozien, 12**, hosts the anime club stand with the opportunity to play games and earn prizes. He says, "I really like the energy in here, it's fun and chill at the same time and you can see how friendly everyone is, and see all of the new students coming in. I really like the bouncy house. It's just awesome."
3. **Matthew Lohr, 11**, plays Jenga with his friends at the Yearbook game section. "I really liked just how happy everyone looked, everyone was having a great time!"

COLOR DANCE

In addition to the Barbecue, the cheer team put together a color powder dance to kick off the new year. They included games, music, dances, and even a dunk tank!



"It was pretty fun. My favorite part of it was me and the cheer team dancing, next time we should put more lights so it isn't so dark." - **Anaya Guerra, 11**



"The color dance was really fun, I really enjoyed the music and all the dances, just because I was very active during the dancing and during the mosh pit that happened, that was pretty cool." - **Ryden Evangelista, 10**



"My favorite part of the color dance was the food trucks because they had a lot of options and good food. I kind of wish it was an indoor event though because it was kind of windy and stormy outside during the dance." - **Savannah Satterfield, 11**