

PACK PEERS

LEADING THE PACK



Isadora Reynolds, 11, meets her group on Freshmen first day and said, "I feel I have given my freshmen a space where they can be honest and talk about issues they see here at Vista."



Pack Peers meet for group bonding; **Lillian LeVake, 11**, said, "Pack peers works together to make sure that incoming freshmen have a great experience starting out at Vista Ridge. We are all very compassionate and love helping out wherever we can."

New this year, staff recommended a select group of students to form a group called Pack Peers, which aims to help guide freshmen into high school. These students advise freshmen academically and socially in order for them to feel more welcomed in a new environment. History teacher Mr. Santiago works with this group and said, "What we want to do is make sure they have someone who can help them besides a teacher; a peer who can sort of bring them into the culture of high school, which is really a tough

thing to do." Santiago continued with, "The Pack Peers themselves, learn to become more caring. They start to develop this idea of 'we need to take care of each other.' Then they become leaders in a sense that as they become mentors to the freshmen, they start to see a lot about themselves that they couldn't see last year. Pack Peers gives a good opportunity for both the peers and freshmen to grow and learn as people."

MEET THE PACK PEERS



"I really love talking to people, getting new experiences." - **Nadine Hughart, 11**



"I joined to give guidance that I didn't personally have freshman year." - **Aadrina Hicks, 11**



"It's always nice to know that they can come to me if they need anything." - **Fiana Surace, 12**



"It's helping me become a leader in the sense of helping people." - **Thaddeus Dawson, 11**



1. **Logan Bergquist, 11**, is with **Ryden Evangelista, 10**, during an after school group bonding session and said, "They know who to go to when they need anything."
2. **Lincoln Anderson, 10**, plays games on the field with the freshmen during Freshmen First day. "It was cool to meet all the people and all the freshmen, and to know that I'm helping them get used to high school. I enjoyed introducing something completely new to them."
3. **Aniayah Young, 9**, plays a board game with Pack Peers after school, and talks about how Pack Peers has helped her though her year. "They showed us where our classes are going to be, and some clubs available I can join like the golf club."

3.

LITTLE MISS & MR

"THESPREZ: I AM THE MOST STEREOTYPICAL THEATRE KID " -KIANA BONENFANT, 11



"FASHIONISTA- I DO A GOOD JOB OF SETTING THE STANDARDS." - AMELIA DONE, 12



"SHORT FRIEND: I AM THE DEFINITION OF T.S.F." - HAYDEN SAUERHAGEN, 10

