Bulletin

Palm Valley Academy

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Calendar Highlights

Virtual PTO Meeting

10/5

Page 9 6:30pm 10/7 Football Game **PVA vs Freedom Crossing Plantation Park** 5:00pm 10/13 Volleyball Game HOME Girls vs POA 5:30pm **Bovs vs POA** 6:30pm 10/14 Football Game **PVA vs VRA Cornerstone Park** 5:00pm 10/15 Volleyball Game HOME **Girls vs SPMS** 5:30pm **Boys vs SPMS** 6:30pm 10/15 Virtual SAC Meeting Page 9 9:00am 10/15-10/16 Picture Day for Brick & **Mortar students** Page 8 10/16 PTO Fundraiser Page 17 10/20 Volleyball Game AWAY Girls vs FCMS 5:30pm **Boys vs FCMS** 6:30pm

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5:00pm

10/22 Volleyball Game HOME Girls vs LMS 5:30pm Boys vs LMS 6:30pm

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10/21 Football Game

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10/27 Volleyball Game HOME Girls vs VRA 5:30pm Boys vs VRA 6:30pm

10/29 Volleyball Game AWAY Girls vs LPA 5:30pm Boys vs LPA 6:30pm

10/30 1st Quarter Ends

November Dates

11/3 NO SCHOOL
Teacher Planning Day

11/11 NO SCHOOL
Veterans Day

11/19 Make-up Picture Day &
Distance Learners Picture Day

Dear PVA Families,

Welcome to the month of October! As we settle in to routines at school and at home, we are encouraged to see how hard our brick and mortar students and distance learning students are working and the continual effort they are putting forth during what has no doubt been a challenging start to a school year.

While we know that both learning environments face their own unique challenges, we have seen continual improvement, problem solving, and the overcoming of obstacles in both settings. This is a testament to the resolute dedication and commitment to the educational process that is being shown by our teachers, school support staff, students, and parents. We may never find a perfect solution to some of the difficulties we are facing, however, what the last six weeks has proven is that we are a group of people who will show up each day to do the hard work, put our heart and soul into difficult things, and fight the good fight for the betterment of our students and our school.

Whether virtual or in person, being together to do the work of educating our children is better. At times, it is still a bumpy better and there is still much work to be done, but as we enter October, I can say without hesitation, that Palm Valley is in a good place. Everything matters inside of a school setting and with that in mind we will celebrate our successes, admit our mistakes, and continue to move forward, heart first and mission bound to Pursue excellence, Value all, and Achieve success.

Please take time to review October's calendar of events along with the pages of this newsletter. In lieu of an in person Curriculum Chat, all teachers will send a virtual presentation to families on Monday, October 19th. Additional important information, reminders, and upcoming events can be found within the October Bobcat Bulletin.

Until next time, be well and Go Bobcats!

Sincerely,

Jessica Richardson-Principal

PVA Administration

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER





When to contact us?

If you believe your child is experiencing difficulty at home or at school regarding academic achievement, family changes, social skills, or adjusting to transitions it may be helpful to contact your School Counselor via phone or email.

Email the Counselors:

Corinne Fennelly

Karin Ngai-Crim

Taneen Delaney

Dawn Anzualda

Monica Ferguson

Welcome back PVA Families after a very long spring/summer break we are so excited to be back at school serving both our brick & mortar students and our distance learners. We would like to introduce our PVA School Counselors for the 2020-2021 school year. We are thrilled to welcome a 5th Counselor this year! Monica Ferguson will be joining our team as our 2nd Middle School Counselor.





Please visit the <u>Student Support</u> page on PVA's website to read more about the Counseling Program at PVA and get to know our School Counselors. Add this site to your favorites; we will be updating content throughout the year including updates, <u>resources</u> and our counselor's newsletter. Be well!



Character Counts



1st Grade



2nd Grade



4th Grade





Take turns and share • Be openminded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly • Treat all people fairly

FAIRNESS

CHARACTER COUNTS!









7th Grade





Red Ribbon Week



MONDAY

Mask up for Smart Choices - You Have the Power to Stay Drug Free Decorate or Glam your mask, wear red, capes optional:)

TUESDAY

Ohana Day - We Are Family, We Stick Together

Dress in your favorite Hawaiian Attire

WEDNESDAY

LumberJacks & Pumpkin Spice

Wear your Flannel/Plaid or Pumpkin Spice

We Are Chopping Away at Bullying & Spreading Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice

THURSDAY

Rock the Decades - Dress in your favorite Retro Wear Good Character and Good Choices never go out of style!

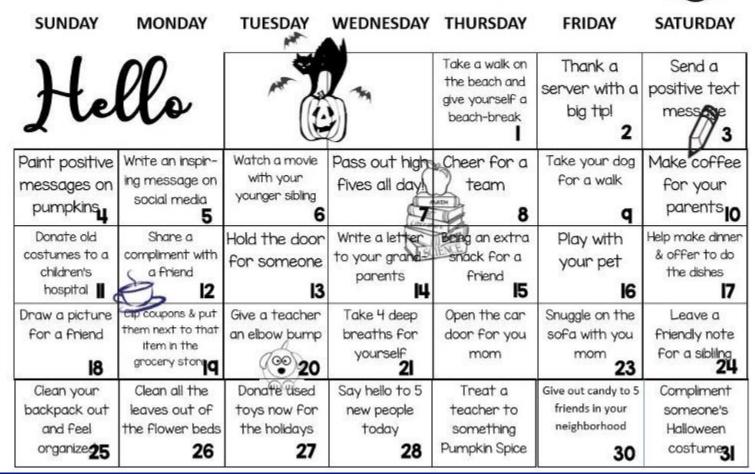
FRIDAY

Everyday Heroes - Dress as your favorite Hero I am Brave, I am Strong, I am Drug Free

All attire for theme days must adhere to school dress code

Random Acts of Kindness

October Random Acts of Kindness



Unity Day



Everyone Wear Orange
All attire for theme days must adhere to school dress code

Rainy Day Dismissal

RAINY DAY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

2020 - 2021

RAINY DAY HOLD vs. RELEASE

What you need to know...

Rainy day dismissals require an all-hands on deck approach, in which we will all need to work diligently to ensure students get home safe and sound. This is not an ideal dismissal scenario, but by working together, all students will get home as safely and quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience and support as we work to accomplish this feat.

There are TWO different types of Rainy Day Dismissals that we will use at PVA. One for passing weather and another for severe, sustained weather. Depending on local skies, administration will make the call to do one or the other by 2:30 p.m. if necessary. A school messenger will be sent out announcing the dismissal changes (BE SURE YOU ARE SIGNED UP AND RECIEVEING TEXT ALERTS VIA SCHOOL MESSENGER). Please read and become familiar with BOTH types of Rainy Day Dismissals and prepare as necessary.

RAINY DAY HOLD:

A Rainy Day HOLD will be called when inclement weather is in the area but looks to be quickly passing. If this is called, all bridge goers will be held within the building. Once the weather lightens and it is safe for student travel, the hold will be lifted and students will be able to <u>dismiss as normal</u>. In a HOLD, students will go home as planned, they will just be delayed. A school messenger will be communicated to parents both when the Rainy Day HOLD is placed and when it is lifted. No check-outs will occur at this time.

RAINY DAY RELEASE:

A Rainy Day RELEASE will be called when inclement weather is in the area and looks to be long lasting. If this is announced, all BIKER/WALKER/GOLF CART students will be held within the building and EVERYONE will become a car rider. The bridge gates will remain locked and closed, as NO walk-up check-outs will be allowed. A school messenger will be communicated to parents when a Rainy Day RELEASE is announced (no later than 2:30 p.m.) so arrangements can be made for student pick-up. AGAIN, THERE WILL BE NO BRIDGE ACCESS WHEN A RAINY DAY RELEASE IS CALLED AND ALL STUDENTS WILL BE CAR RIDERS. Please make sure you have your students name and grade level on your dashboard, along with your ID.

In the event of Rainy Day Hold or Release, please be attentive to all School Messenger alerts and messages

PVA Picture Day

Brick and Mortar Students ONLY

FIGTURE DAY 15

Thursday and Friday October 15th and 16th



Look for scheduling information coming soon from your teacher.

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Distance Learners

If you are a distance learner, you will have the opportunity to have individual pictures taken on November 19th. An invitation will be sent to you in November to sign up for a specific time.

SJMSAA Sports



SJMSAA Football Remaining Games

10/7 vs. Freedom Crossing Academy @5pm Plantation Park

10/14 vs. Valley Ridge Academy @5pm Cornerstone Park

10/21 vs. Sebastian Middle School @5pm Cornerstone Park

10/28 Playoffs Begin!

SJMSAA Boys Soccer

CONGRATULATIONS to the players who made the Boys Soccer Team at PVA! We had over 35 kids try out this season and it was our best group yet. These boys performed well over our two weeks of tryouts. Coach D'Amato and Coach Robin are excited for the upcoming season. Our first game will be November 10th. We hope to see some Bobcat Fans out there! GOOO BOBCATS!!



Virtual PTO Meeting



PTO Meeting

October 5 @ 9:00am

https://wellbox.zoom.us/j/4416512993

Virtual SAC Meeting

SAC Meeting

October 15 @ 9:00am

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting



Birthday Treats and Class Celebrations

At this time, for safety reasons, please note the following: We are unable to have parents provide treats (homemade or store bought) for classrooms.

For the time being, there will not be able to have class celebrations that involve volunteers or food. Teachers may host parties that includes crafts, but again no volunteers in the classroom.

It is our hope that we will be able to lift some of our in school volunteer restrictions in the near future.



Lost and Found

Is your child missing a coat, lunchbox, soccer ball, book, mask, or water bottle? Check out the lost and found which is located in **Room 812** near the cafeteria. How can you retrieve your lost item?

- 1. Students ONLY can pick up lost items during their lunch time.
- 2. Contact your student's teacher and let them know what item is in the lost and found and ask if they can remind your student to pick up the item at lunch time.



Please try to retrieve anything from the lost and found before the end of each 9 weeks. All the current items in the lost and found will be donated at the end of each 9 weeks if not claimed.

Media Center News

PVA eBooks with MackinVIA

PVA students and families have access to over 5,000 e-books to read with MackinVIA. Some can be used as a read aloud/audio book, while others are simply a standard book to be read online. Some e-books are multi-user while the others are single user check-out.

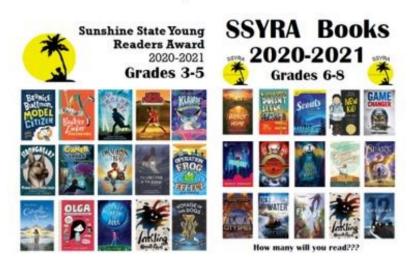
Username = S-Number for students

Password = Schoology/school account access password

If you can't log-in to your account, you can go in as a guest, don't choose a location, username pyareads and password - bobcats.

SSYRA at PVA!

The Sunshine State Young Reader's Award (SSYRA) Program is a statewide reading motivation program in Florida for students in grades K-8. Sunshine State books are selected for their wide appeal, literary value, varied genres, curriculum connections, and/or multicultural representation. Each year, students are challenged to read books from the appropriate SSYRA List.* See below for this year's lists:



*More information regarding the SSYRA program at PVA will be coming soon.

St. Johns County

Public Library System

Don't forget to check out the St. Johns County Public Library at https://sjcpls.org/ for more books and additional resources. You can also follow all of the SJCPLS Virtual Programming, including story time, on their YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/user/sjclibraryvid.

Any additional information regarding the Media Center and our collection can be found online at https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/.

A Note from Nurse Fasula and Nurse Whitchurch

Health Clinic Updates- Welcome back to school!

Please continue to send any pertinent medical information about your child to the clinic.

- ✓ New medical diagnosis, needs or alerts? It is important that the school have up to date medical information. If you need to add anything to your student's health record, please send in a written note ("Attention: School Nurse") to be placed with your students file.
- ✓ Need to leave medication at school?
 - Download any forms from the PVA "Health Clinic" department webpage (https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/clinic/)
 - Bring the forms in to your pediatrician. A parent and doctor must sign the forms for them to be valid.
 - Medications must be in their original container with a readable pharmacy/ consumer label, unopened and unexpired. Please see our Medication Policy on the website for any further questions (see link above)

FOOD ALLERGIES: As a school, we have taken steps to reduce exposure to these allergens in our common areas. Your child's teacher will reach out if you need to take extra precautions to protect a student in the class who has a severe food allergy. We appreciate your continued support of all of our students and ask that you remind your children that eating should be limited to the cafeteria or areas directed by your teacher. No students should be eating on the school bus before or after school.

Breakfast: Essential for success at school

Students who do not eat breakfast are not prepared to tackle the activities of the day. They have poor performance in academics, inability to focus, lack of coordination during PE and recess.

Breakfast tips for a successful day

- · Make muffins or banana bread on the weekend with your child
- · Keep a stash of breakfast bars on the counter or in their backpack
- Try Yogurt or Ready-made shakes they can drink on the go
- Keep grab and go fruit handy like bananas and apples

Elementary Parents: Accidents happen! Food spills, mud puddles, and more.

PLEASE keep a spare set of clothing in a Ziploc in your child's backpack.

This will save them the lengthy trip to the clinic or a phone call home to find clothes and change.

ILLNESS GUIDELINES: In an effort to reduce the spread of illness, please keep your child home if he/she is not feeling well. Please see PVA Health Clinic website for updates and further guidance.

A good day of rest at the beginning of illness can set your child up for a faster, healthier recovery.

PTO Updates and Events



Please don't forget to join the PTO - membership forms are available online at https://pvapto.org/Membership. (flyer below)

The Birthday Book program is back in action! (flyer below)



The PTO has been hard at work supporting teachers, staff and students as they transitioned back to school this year. Each classroom has received a \$25 gift card for classroom enhancement, \$7500 worth of additional hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes were purchased and distributed throughout the school, PVA masks were



purchased and distributed to all teachers and staff, recess kits were provided for all K-5 classrooms. We also purchased and distributed a complete set of sunshine state books for every classroom K-5, all ELA middle school teachers and the media center.

Upcoming Events

In lieu of a Fall Event, this year the PTO will be offering gift wrap and gifts through Charleston Wrap. This fundraiser will kick off on October 16th and is an amazing opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done while supporting your school! (flyer below)

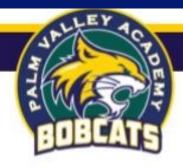


Elementary Art has already begun working on their Artome Art Show pieces, which will be held digitally this year. The Art Show will go live on Tuesday, November 17 and run through Sunday, November 29.

Please join us at our next PTO meeting on Monday October 5th at 6:30 pm via Zoom. We will be discussing the implications of school rezoning on the PTO. https://wellbox.zoom.us/j/4416512993



Join our PTO!



What is the PTO?

The Parent Teacher Organization, or PTO, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that exists to fund and organize projects that benefit the school.

What does it mean to join the PTO?

Becoming a PTO member is a financial donation that directly benefits the school. It requires no time commitment.

Why join the PTO?

- PTO funded school events, like the Fall Family Festival and Art to Remember, create memories that will last a lifetime, while fostering a strong sense of community.
- PTO funded school enhancements, such as library books, playground equipment, and access to technology, provide our children additional opportunities to thrive.
- It's fun, easy, and, as they say, membership has its benefits!

How do I join?

You can join online at any time by visiting: https://www.pvapto.org/Membership. Support funding of educational resources for the classroom, materials and supplies for school resource programs, campus enhancements, and protective landscaping.



Joining the PTO, at any level, helps provide a better school for your children!



Bronze Level -\$25 Contribution



Silver Level -\$50 Contribution



Gold Level -\$100 Contribution



Platinum Level -\$250 Contribution



Bobcat Level -\$500 Contribution

PTO Membership Levels & Benefits



Bronze Level - \$25 Contribution - Bronze level members receive:

An exclusive PVA Car Magnet



Silver Level - \$50 Contribution - Silver level members receive:

- An exclusive PVA Car Magnet
- An exclusive PVA golf cart decal



Gold Level - \$100 Contribution - Gold level members receive:

- An exclusive PVA Car Magnet
- An exclusive PVA golf cart decal
- Participation in a permanent collaborative art project*



Platinum Level - \$250 Contribution - Platinum level members receive:

- An exclusive PVA Car Magnet
- · An exclusive PVA golf cart decal
- Participation in a permanent collaborative art project*
- 2 vouchers for 1 adult and 1 child sized PVA T-shirt of your choice



Bobcat Level - \$500 Contribution - Bobcat level members receive:

- An exclusive PVA Car Magnet
- An exclusive PVA golf cart decal
- Participation in a permanent collaborative art project*
- · 2 vouchers for 1 adult and 1 child sized PVA T-shirt of your choice
- 3 entries for online gala raffle

*Must join before October 1st to participate in the art project



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PTO Birthday Book Club



BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB



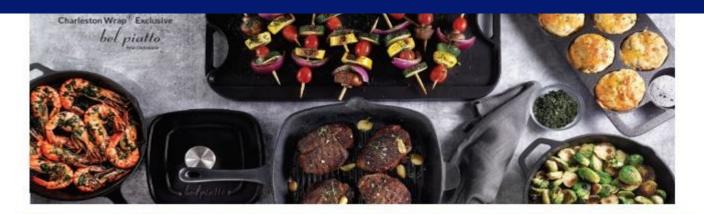
Celebrate your child's birthday by donating a book to Palm Valley Academy in his/her honor! Your child will be given a Birthday Book from a great selection of new, popular titles based on availability and their interests. The cost is \$20.00 to participate. Please make checks payable to PVA PTO or you may send cash. Thank you SO MUCH for supporting your school through this fundraiser!

How the Program Works:

- Detach and complete this form and include payment (cash or check) in a sealed envelope labeled Birthday Book. You may send it in your child's Classroom Communication Folder or hand it in to the front office staff. Payment is due at time of enrollment. Please send the forms/payment in as early as possible.
- A special bookplate featuring your child's name and birthday will be placed in the front of the book.
 Your child will get to read the book first and has the option of keeping the book, or donating the book back to their classroom library!
- If you child has a birthday in a month that school is not in session, you can choose the month to celebrate!
- For questions, email <u>birthdaybook@pvapto.org</u> Returning the forms/payment as early as possible allows us to better schedule ahead and buy ample books to ensure a better selection for your child.

	Student's Birthday
	Teacher & Grade
Parent Name	
Parent email address	
CHECK # CASH +Mark envelo	pe with <i>Birthday Book</i>
ubject matter or type of book your child enjoys, i.e. graphic no	ovels, animals, non-fiction, etc. (no specific titles please)

PVA's Fundraiser



ATTENTION! Please REGISTER NOW for PALM VALLEY ACADEMY's fundraiser!

It's super easy! Please help support our fundraiser by following the steps below to register online today. When you register, we'll know you're committed to supporting our fundraiser and helping us reach our goals. To help our organization even more, send 10 email invitations to friends & family and spread the word about our need for help. With over 2,500 gift ideas, supporters can shop and check-off their holiday gift-list, all while supporting our important cause.

Will you follow the instructions below and register today? It's easy, it's simple, and it's important!

Here's how to register today and help us spread the word!

Invite friends and family (even if they're out of town), online orders ship directly to the purchaser!

Organization ID:

20489



Step 1: REGISTER at www.charlestonwrapstore.com (use organization ID to the left)



Step 2: Use our Email-Invite Generator to invite out-of-town friends & family to shop and support! Plus, share your unique invite links via text and social media.



Participant Registration

Ultra-Heavy Gift Wrap



Personalization



Holiday Décor



Kitchen & Home





PVA Extended Day/ Enrichments

Extended Day Program

Off to a Great Start!

The launch of Palm Valley Academy's in-house Extended Day Program is off to a great start! We have enjoyed welcoming returning families and several new families! Our Extended Day kiddos have enjoyed making new friends, creating cool crafts, playing outside, and STEAM activities.

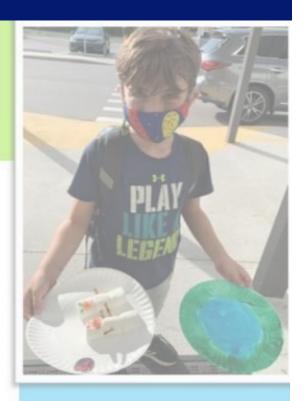
We are currently on a waitlist, but are hiring and hope to accommodate all families in need of afterschool care in the near future. Please visit our <u>website</u> for more information.











Important Information

Extended Day Coordinator:

Ms. Candice Goodwin (904) 547-4197

Candice.Goodwin@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Afternoon Pick-up: Extended Day Students can be picked up no earlier than 3:20PM (2:20PM on Wednesdays)

Afterschool pick-up will be relocated to the stage. You will need to enter up the ramp on the side of the cafeteria – Look for the Responsibility Pillar and Pole #3.





PVA Extended Day/ Enrichments

Third-Party Enrichments

Enrichments are open to all PVA families on a first come, first serve basis - There is no placement guarantee.

If you enroll your child(ren) in an enrichment, but are not registered for Extended Day, you must complete the attached form and remit an administrative fee of \$25 per family. Forms can be returned to Palm Valley Academy, or emailed to Candice.Goodwin@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Payment can be made by check, cash or Schoolpay, https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Enrichment-Program-NonExtended-Day-/S9Y6eN?p=yes

Please see below for registration links under the day of the week that the enrichment is offered. Please contact Enrichment Vendor directly with any questions about their program.



Monday:

* Soccer Shots - https://northflorida.soccershots.com/search?
loc=61& ga=2.140384819.1056957470.1601056457-702325015.1601056457

Tuesday:

* Drama Kids – https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/regv2.asp?
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Wednesday:

- * Gift of Dance https://giftofdance.net/extended-day-program-dance-classes/
- * Challenge Island https://login.challenge-island.com/eventDetail.php?record=11216
- * S4 Sports https://www.s4sportsacademy.com/after-school

Thursday:

- * Kids Can Code https://kidscancodejax.jumbula.com/AfterSchoolEnrichments20202021/PalmValleyAcademy
- * Drama Kids https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/regv2.asp?
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- * Training for Warriors (TFW) https://trainingforwarriorspvb.wufoo.com/forms/q1mxhxa004ts8kg/
- * Engineering for Kids https://campscui.active.com/orgs/RenaissanceYouthLLC#/selectSessions/2867504

Friday:

- * Armada Soccer https://jacksonville-armada-fc.square.site/
- * Ponte Vedra Cultural Center Art -

https://app.etapestry.com/cart/CulturalCenterAtPonteVedraBea/default/item.php?ref=4138.0.1187020967

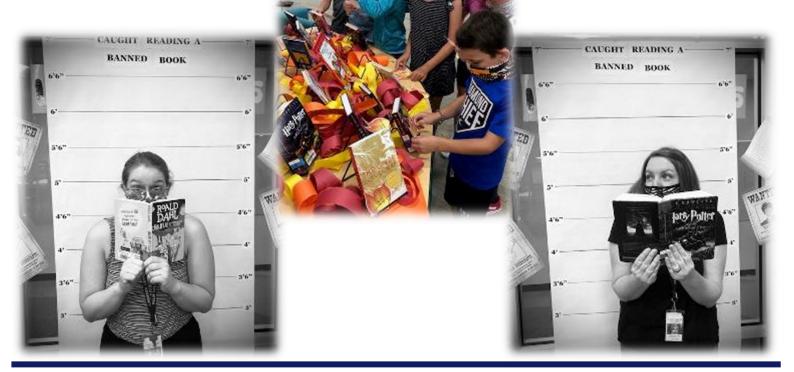
Media Center Fun!



The We're in this TOGETHER sign is a project we're working on that will incorporate a tiny tile of art from every student and staff member at PVA (hopefully!) We are all working hard together to have a successful year at PVA! We are so impressed with everyone's dedication to keeping healthy and makin' it work!

Below: This week in the library, we observed Banned Books Week. Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. The books featured have all been targeted for removal or restrictions in libraries and schools. The students were highly intrigued to discover what books had been targeted for banning in other schools and





Pirate Day

Ms. Meyers's Kindergarten Class

Ms. Lupica's Kindergarten Class





Ms. Anzualda







Ms. Durr



4th Grade Text Feature Surgery



Ms.
Downey's
4th Grade
Class



Hispanic Heritage Month

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Governor Ron DeSantis and First
Lady Casey DeSantis invite all Florida students to participate in the
2020 Hispanic Heritage Month art and essay contests with the theme
of "Celebrating Untold Stories and Contributions of Hispanic
Americans in Florida." To ensure Florida students have an opportunity
to participate, the deadline for all submissions has been extended to
5:00 pm Eastern Time on Thursday, October 15, 2020.



Students in grades K-3 have a chance to win a cash prize by submitting their original artwork, and students in grades 4-12 can earn a 4-year Florida Prepaid Scholarship through the essay contest. In addition, students, parents, teachers and principals are invited to nominate full-time educators in elementary, middle and high schools for the Hispanic Heritage Month Excellence in Education Award. The deadlines for the artwork, essay contest, and Excellence in Education Award are included in the extended deadline, due 5:00 pm Eastern Time on Thursday, October 15, 2020.

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated September 15-October 15, 2020, and is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about the countless contributions of Hispanic Americans in our state's history. I hope your teachers will incorporate this theme in their lesson plans and instruction so all students have the chance to take full advantage of this opportunity to enhance their appreciation for Hispanic American History *and* prepare financially for their own future education aspirations.

To learn more about Florida's rich history of contributions by Hispanic-Americans and for more information about the art, essay and educator contests, please visit

www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com.



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- student education programs or other early intervention services

If you have questions or concerns about a child (Birth - 5 years of age), contact:

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