

#### **Palm Valley Academy**

#### **Calendar Highlights**

11/3	NO SCHOOL Teacher Planning Day			
	Baseball vs. Fo Home Mill			
		3:45pm		
	Volleyball vs. Pacetti Bay			
	Girls– Away	5:30pm		
	Boys– Away	6:30pm		
11/5	Baseball vs. Murray M.S.			
	Away A.D.	<b>Davis Field</b>		
		3:45pm		
	Volleyball vs. FCA			
	Girls– Away	5:30pm		
	Boys– Away	6:30pm		
11/9	PTO Meeting	Page 12		
		6:30pm		
11/10	Baseball vs. Ll	Baseball vs. LMS		
	Home Corr	nerstone		
		3:45pm		
11/11	NO SCHOOL			
	Veterans Day			
11/12	Baseball vs. SPMS			
	Away Kehoe Park			
		3:45pm		
11/16-11/20	NJHS Food Drive			
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11/18	Report Cards			
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11/19	Make-up Picture Day &			
	Distance Learners Picture			
	Day			
	SAC Meeting	Page 12		
		3:30pm		
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11/25-11/27	NO SCHOOL	18.		
	Thanksgiving Break			

#### Dear PVA Families,

Welcome to the month of November at Palm Valley Academy! While we still have to limit access to our school, we have captured many activities and learning moments that took place during the month of October within this newsletter. I would like to encourage all of our parents and guardians to review The Bobcat Bulletin so that you can gain insight into our school environment and a glimpse into our classrooms.

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Our students and staff are absolutely amazing and there is a lot to celebrate within these pages. Our sixth grade journalism class interviewed our Teacher of the Year, Rookie Teacher of the Year, and Employee of the Year and their stories can be found on pages 2 and 3.

As you move through the next few pages you will learn about upcoming community service projects sponsored by our Student Council and National Junior Honor Society, Holiday support for those in need, and a special story of service and giving by one of our own PVA students.

Our Character Counts students representing Responsibility are pictured on page 5 and you will enjoy photos of many of our learning activities and student celebrations on pages 17-22.

Information about Extended Day and Third Party Enrichments can be found on pages 15 and 16.

For an in depth look at grade level and middle school content and curriculum, please take time to watch and review our Curriculum Chat Presentations. Our teachers spent a lot of time to put together this information and it is a valuable resource. https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/curriculum-chat-videos-and-powerpoint-presentations-2020-2021/

In closing, we want to remind our families that November is a short month for school and we have two four-day weeks ahead. November 3rd is a Teacher Planning Day and November 11th is Veterans Day.

Thank you for your continued support and for remaining diligent with our safety measures and daily health screenings. Our combined efforts are working to ensure that we can maintain in person learning and growing for our students.

Until next time, be well.

Sincerely,

Jessica Richardson-Principal



## TOY/ROY/EOY





Congratulations to our 2020 Teacher of the Year, Rookie Teacher of the Year, and School Related Employee of the Year! We could not be happier or more proud! They represent the very best among St. Johns County School District teachers and staff. Their colleagues have selected them for this prestigious honor, and they will advance to compete for the countywide title.

Teacher of the Year — Kacie Meredith Rookier of the Year — Johnetta Harris School-Related Employee of the Year — Jerry Santiago



**Teacher of the Year** Kacie Meredith 4th Grade Teacher



Mrs. Meredith is the Palm Valley Academy Teacher of the Year. She teaches fourth grade, and has been teaching for six years. She has been teaching at Palm Valley Academy for three years and helped to open the school. Mrs. Meredith decided to become a teacher because her mom was a teacher. Her favorite subject to teach is English Language Arts.

Mrs. Meredith loves hearing her student's stories and how much her students make her laugh. When she found out that she had won Teacher of the Year, she was "overwhelmed with gratitude". She was thankful that hard works pays off!

Mrs. Meredith enjoys training for races and doing artwork. She considers her students to be her children, and she has a golden retriever. She advises anyone that wants to become a teacher to be passionate and to be sure to love kids.



## TOY/ROY/EOY



#### **Rookie of the Year**

Johnetta Harris Middle School STEM teacher



Mrs. Harris is the Palm Valley Academy Rookie Teacher of the Year. She teaches middle school STEM, and has been teaching for two years.Before becoming a teacher, she worked with animals at a zoo. It is while working at the zoo that she realized the importance of STEM.

Mrs. Harris works hard to create a comfortable classroom that is full of discussion and laughter. She loves getting to share her love of science with her students. She enjoys working at Palm Valley Academy because of the "family

environment". When it was announced that she had won Rookie Teacher of the Year, she felt very surprised, proud, and excited.

When Mrs. Harris is not teaching, she enjoys crafting and playing video games. She has three daughters

named Jayla, Jiselle, and Jordyn. She also has a cat named, Jackson. When asked what advice she had for students that may want to be teacher someday she challenged them to volunteer!



### School-Related Employee of the Year

Jerry Santiago Maintenance Manager



Mr. Santiago is the Palm Valley Employee of the Year. He is the PVA Maintenance Manager. He has been working in schools for 29 years, and has worked at PVA for almost two years. He enjoys working at Palm Valley Academy because every day is different here.

Mr. Santiago says that it is his job to make sure that the school is in "tip top shape". He arrives early in the morning every day so that he can walk around and check on the school. He enjoys getting to help the teachers and students. When he found out that he had won Employee of the Year, he felt surprised and happy.

Outside of work, Mr. Santiago likes to fish, cook, and read. He has three kids, and two dogs. When asked what his advice would be to students he said that we should stay focused, be respectful, and work hard. He said that if we do those things that nothing is impossible!



# 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

<u>Taneen Delaney</u>

<u>Dawn Anzualda</u>

Monica Ferguson

## **Super Star Student**

Griffin Garnecki is a typical 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at PVA. He loves to play baseball (he has been playing for about 6 years) and has a big heart for animals. He hopes to play catcher for the New York Mets in the MLB when he grows up, but his back-up plan is to be a vet and take care of animals. When Griffin asked for a birthday party for his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, he was just looking forward to having a fun time with his friends. He was not seeking to get a lot of presents because as Griffin puts it, he "already has enough stuff." So Griffin and his mom, Jaime-Lyn Garnecki (who is also a teacher at Palm Valley Academy), started talking about ways he can help others families in lieu of getting presents. They contacted Ms. Ngai-Crim, one of the school counselors, who told them about how they can support some PVA families with gift cards to purchase holiday meals. Griffin loved the idea! Mrs. Garnecki shared that while he is very quiet, Griffin has the biggest heart and cares deeply about helping people and animals. He is always the first to give.

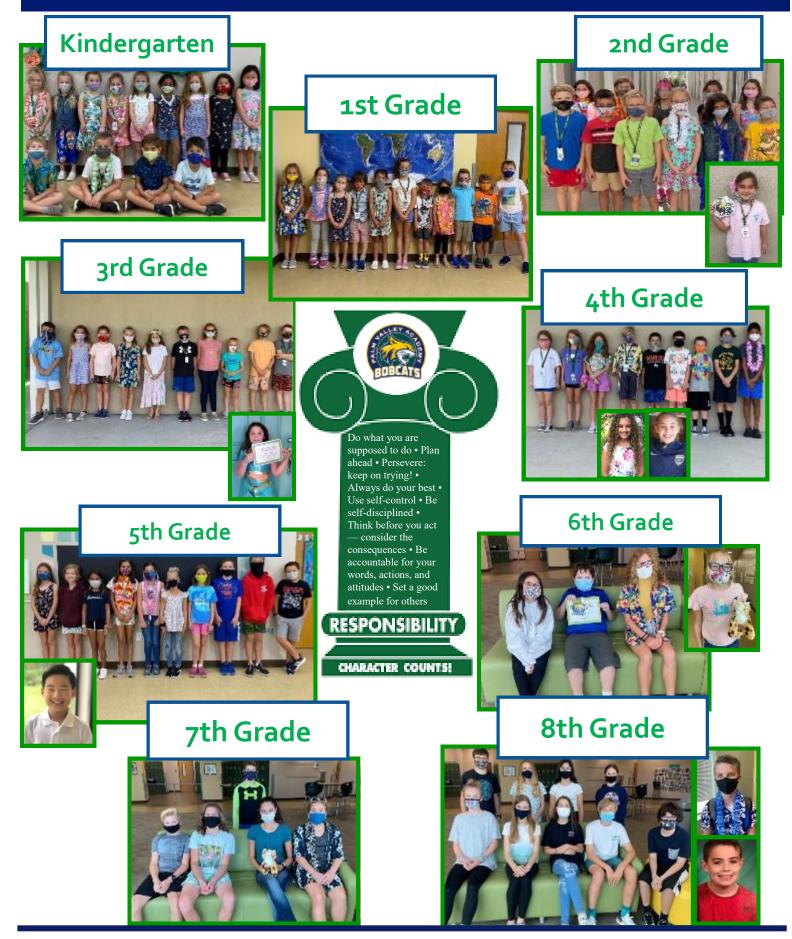
Griffin had an epic time celebrating his birthday with friends and the icing on the cake was that he collected \$500 in money and gift cards for families. This will help 10 PVA families purchase food to celebrate the Thanksgiving and Winter Holidays! And, that is the best birthday present according to Griffin. When asked how he feels knowing that his thoughtfulness and generosity will help 10 families during the holidays, Griffin, with a big smile, simply replied, "good."



Taneen Delaney (school counselor), Griffin Garnecki (student), Jaime-Lyn Garnecki (parent and teacher), Karin Ngai-Crim (school counselor)

For more information on ways you can help support the families during the holidays at Palm Valley, or our sister schools, Otis Mason Elementary School and Murray Middle School, please contact Karin Ngai-Crim, school counselor, at <u>Karin.Ngai-Crim@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> or (904)547-4217.

## **October Character Counts Winners**



## **Student Council News**

STUDENT COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Our meetings will meet virtually via Microsoft Teams on the following Tuesdays at 3:30PM

October 20 November 17 December 15 January 26 February 23 March 16 April Meeting Date TBD May Meeting Date TBD



Our Palm Valley Academy Student Council had their first virtual meeting on Tuesday, October 20. New representatives were nominated from middle school homerooms and we have some returning members from last year. Student Council is an inclusive



organization and anyone in middle school can join, but the deadline to join is November 6.

Students interested in joining should come by Mrs. Anzualda's office in 923 or send her a Schoology message. The student will be added and invited to the Student Council Group Schoology page, where all information is disseminated. Meetings are once a month on Tuesdays via Microsoft Teams. A link to each meeting is posted on the group page and the meeting lasts about 45 minutes.

Student Council is excited to be adopting Station #18 – Nocatee Fire Department this year. We look forward to showing our appreciation and honoring the service of these brave men and women.

If you have any questions about Student Council, please call Dawn Anzualda at 904-547-4216 or email at <u>dawn.anzualda@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>.



## **NJHS Food Drive**



## **PVA Holiday Cheer**



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Jessica Richardson - Principal Drew Chiodo, Brian Green, D'Niessa Slocum, Caitlyn Stewart, and Zachary Strom - Assistant Principals

October 26, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The winter holidays are fast approaching! We realize that it can be a financially and emotionally challenging time for families with a hardship. Fortunately, our school family is able to offer assistance to help make sure every child receives holiday cheer. While all gifts are donated and we cannot guarantee specific requests, our goal is to provide every child with at least one gift.

If your family would like assistance, please complete the enclosed form for your child. If you have other children living in the household who do not attend Palm Valley Academy, we would like to support them as well. Please make copies of the form and complete it for those children. If you need additional copies, please contact Karin Ngai-Crim at Karin.Ngai-Crim@stjohns.k12.fl.us or (904)547-4217. Return all forms in a sealed envelope to the attention of Karin Ngai-Crim, School Counselor, by Friday, November 6, 2020.

All requests for assistance will be kept confidential and we will contact you to schedule a time for you to pick up the gifts for your child(ren) during the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely, no

Jessica Richardson Principal

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## PALM VALLEY ACADEMY HOLIDAY CHEER FOR BOBCATS

## PLEASE COMPLETELY FILL OUT EACH SECTION AND RETURN TO KARIN NGAI-CRIM, SCHOOL COUNSELOR, BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020.

THIS FORM WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL WITH THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR.

Age	_ Grade	Teacher	
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#### PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS AND WANTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

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Books:	1			
Art/Music/Hobbies:	/			
Toys (Under \$30):	2			
Check if your child in need of a	D bicycle	(size)	lock	
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PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL GIF	TS ARE DONATED A	ND WE CANNOT	UARANTEE SPECIFIC	REQUESTS.

## **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:

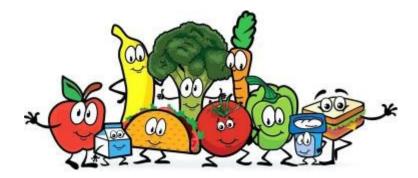
A **Rainy Day HOLD** will be called when inclement weather is in the area but looks to be quickly passing. If this is called, all bridge goers will be held within the building. Once the weather lightens and it is safe for student travel, the hold will be lifted and students will be able to <u>dismiss 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 <u>ALL STUDENTS WILL BE CAR RIDERS</u>. 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\*

### **Cafeteria News**



The USDA has approved free Lunch and Breakfast now until the end of the school year. A lunch or breakfast consists of a main entrée with a milk, fruit and vegetable on the tray for the free meals. A la carte items are not included as part of the no cost meals but will available for purchase. Also if you would like to put an restriction on your child's account at anytime please e-mail <u>Christopher.parker@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>.

### **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.

## **SJMSAA Sports**



#### SJMSAA Boys & Girls Soccer

- The season will begin 11/09/20 Girls

- The season will begin 11/10/20 Boys

Congratulations to our football team. They did a fantastic job and worked hard this season. With an amazing record of 6-1. **Go Bobcats!** 



#### **PVA Sports**

Come out and cheer on our Boys & Girls Volleyball teams.



11/3 vs. Pacetti Bay

Girls Away @ 5:30pm Boys Away @ 6:30pm

11/5 vs. Freedom Crossing AcademyGirls Away @ 5:30pmBoys Away @ 6:30pm

#### **Virtual Meetings**

### **PTO Meeting**

November 9th @ 6:30pm

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



### **SAC Meeting**

November 19 @ 3:30pm

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

## **PTO Updates and Events**



#### Want to get more involved with the school?

Join us for the next PTO Meeting on Monday November 9th at 6:30 pm via Zoom. <u>https://wellbox.zoom.us/j/4416512993</u>



The PTO is hosting a pop-up event at the Twenty Mile Post park on Friday November 6th from 7:30am - 4:00 pm. We will have apparel and books available for purchase and we will have board members available to speak with parents and answer any questions you may have about the PTO.

We are also excited to announce a new opportunity to support the school - the PVA Pride Rock! Keep your eyes open for more information on the launch of the program!



Help raise Scholastic Dollars for our school! <u>Order a Book today!</u> Check out the Scholastic Flyer and List of SSYRA books and send in your order form!

#### Join the PTO!

Why Join the PTO? Your funds help purchase computer software, teacher professional development, classroom setup funds and materials and books for the classroom. You support events that give opportunities for PVA families to social and get to know each other. Kids are product of their involved parents.

Joining the PTO is not a volunteer commitment. Learn more about it today!



### **Come Cheer on our Baseball Team**



## **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.





## **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 <u>Candice.Goodwin@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>. Payment can be made by check, cash or Schoolpay, <u>https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Enrichment-Program--NonExtended-Day-/S9Y6eN?p=yes</u> 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 – <u>https://northflorida.soccershots.com/search?</u> loc=61& ga=2.140384819.1056957470.1601056457-702325015.1601056457 \*PVB Champions (Tennis)

#### <u>Tuesday:</u>

\* Drama Kids – <u>https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/regv2.asp?</u>

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\* LEE Spanish – <u>http://leestjohns.pbworks.com/w/file/fetch/141080712/</u> REGISTRATION FORM FALL 2020%20PVA%20JCE%20final.pdf

\* Training for Warriors (TFW) – <u>https://trainingforwarriorspvb.wufoo.com/forms/q1mxhxa004ts8kg/</u> \*PVB Champions (Tennis)

#### 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
- \*Club Scientific

#### <u>Thursday:</u>

\* Kids Can Code - <u>https://kidscancodejax.jumbula.com/AfterSchoolEnrichments20202021/</u> PalmValleyAcademy

\* Drama Kids – <u>https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/regv2.asp?</u>

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- \* Training for Warriors (TFW) <u>https://trainingforwarriorspvb.wufoo.com/forms/q1mxhxa004ts8kg/</u>
- \* Engineering for Kids https://campscui.active.com/orgs/RenaissanceYouthLLC#/selectSessions/2867504

#### Friday:

- \* Armada Soccer <u>https://jacksonville-armada-fc.square.site/</u>
- \* Ponte Vedra Cultural Center Art –

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

\* Robotics

## **Media Center SSYRA Readers**



We are so proud of Ms. Boyer's ENTIRE 2nd class for reading and reviewing all 5 SSYRA JR books. Readers are leaders! Well done Ms. Boyer's class!

### These students have completed all 15 SSYRA books and reviews. What a huge accomplishment!

4th Grade



**Sunshine State Young Readers** Award 2020-2021 Grades 3-5



Sunshine State Young **Readers** Award

> 2020-2021 Grades 6-8



## **Media Center Fun!**



Middle schoolers participated in the Media activity for the 6-8 SSYRA book, Float by Laura Martin. They wrote down things they have done in their lives that they deemed worthy for their "Life List," as well as things they would like to do in the future. Students received a mini-Rubik's cube for participating. For next month's book, we are highlighting Spark by Sarah Beth Durst. The first 24 middle school participants will receive something special.

We have a pumpkin jar full of candy corns in the Media Center. All  $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$  grade students who have read and reviewed 5 or more SSYRA books have been invited to try to guess the number of candy corns. Our winner was announced Friday morning 10/30/20. Congratulations Sawyer Straw from Ms. Harrah's 5th grade class with the closest guess without going over!



Our middle school History classes participated in a Mock Election held in our media center. Classes throughout the day came in to vote!









## **Unity Day–Unite Against Bullying**





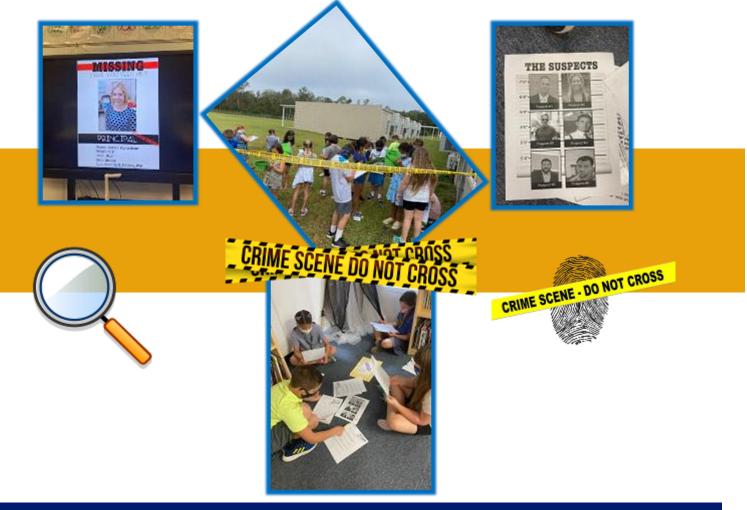






## **Fun Around PVA**

Ms Downey's 4th grade class had fun with an Inferencing activity in a crime scene.



Ms. Kelley's 3rd grade class enjoyed a science experiment called the "Great Cookie Dunk." Students tested the buoyancy of different cookies and made observations about how the cookie changed after it was dunked.

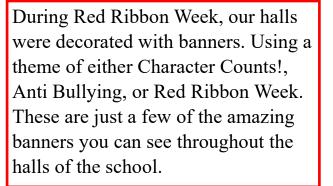


# Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon week was full of themed days intended to help students focus on Anti-Bullying, Saying No To Drugs, Character Counts, Unity, and Bobcat PRIDE. As students enjoyed each themed day, they were encouraged to continue practicing these lessons each and every day.



### **Red Ribbon Week Banners**





## FortifyFL



FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

