

BOBCAT Bulletin

Palm Valley

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Calendar Highlights

- 12/1** **Boys Soccer**
LMS @Landrum
4:15pm
- 12/3** **Boys Soccer**
VRA @Nease
4:15pm
- Girls Soccer**
SPMS @Aberdeen
4:15pm
- 12/7** **PTO Meeting**
Page13
- 12/8** **Interims**
- Virtual Spelling Bee**
9:00am
- Boys Soccer**
POA @Davis Park
4:15pm
- 12/11** **Boys Soccer**
FCMS @Davis Park
4:15pm
- 12/18** **Early Release**
- 12/21-1/1** **NO SCHOOL**
Winter Break
- 1/4** **Classes Resume**

Dear PVA Families,

As we enter the short month of December at school, please take time to review all of the wonderful events that happened around Palm Valley in November. From the launch of a student and teacher initiated recycling program, to honoring our Veterans, collecting canned food and hygiene items for homeless youth in St. Johns County and celebrating our amazing student readers and leaders, your Bobcat family continues to stay busy as we focus on being Prepared, Respectful, Inspired, Determined, and Engaged each and every day.

This month we encourage your family to utilize pages 3 and 4 of the newsletter to spark conversations about gratitude and complete random acts of kindness. We also have opportunities for your family to support others in need this holiday season. These giving projects can be found on page 6. Items from the Amazon gift registry to support students in need at PVA, Murray Middle, and Mason Elementary are due on December 9th. New blankets and holiday cards for the Veterans Nursing Home are due to Middle School teacher Ms. Rebekah Bell on Friday, December 18th.

We hope to see many of you at our next PVA Spirit Night, sponsored by The Loop at Nocatee Town Center. This event will take place on December 10th from 5:00-8:00 pm. A percentage of your in dining or take out sales will go directly back to Palm Valley and our Positive Behavior Program. No flyer needed, just mention that you are at The Loop to support PVA! (More information on page 7.)

During this holiday season, I am grateful for all of our students, parents, staff, and community members that make up our wonderful school family. This amazing group continues to stay focused on our mission and shows up each and every day to give their best, whether in person or virtually, and for this act of service and dedication I could not be more proud or more appreciative. It truly is a team effort to be a part of a school organization and each person, students and adults, are contributors making a difference in the daily life of PVA.

Continue to take good care of yourselves and each other and until next time, be well.

Sincerely,

Jessica Richardson— Principal

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](#)

PVA is Going Green!

We are thrilled to highlight another PVA student along with a PVA teacher this month. 5th grader Skylar Cole one of our 2020 Character Counts Citizenship winners and 7th grade teacher Kelly Hart have collaborated and started a recycling program here at PVA!

When Skylar Cole, a 5th grade student at Palm Valley Academy, gets home from school she has a few household chores to complete. She helps her family by emptying the trash and sorting out the recycling. She was impressed with the number of things she found at home that were recyclable, especially the paper. Skylar started to think about all the papers her classmates throw away daily and she had an idea! If she can do this at home, why not do it at school as well? Skylar and her mom emailed Jessica Ricardson, the principal of Palm Valley Academy, to inquire about the recycling options the school offered.



Around the same time, Kelly Hart, a 7th grade computer teacher at Palm Valley Academy, was throwing away her fifth hand sanitizer bottle of the month. She tossed the bottle into the trash can and noticed it laying there on top of water bottles, a cardboard tissue box, and discarded student papers. Everything in that trash can was recyclable. She thought... if she recycles all these items at home, why wasn't she doing it at school? Later that day, Ms. Hart sent an email to Ms. Richardson, offering to coordinate a recycling program at Palm Valley.

Ms. Richardson, recognizing the serendipity of these two emails arriving in her inbox within days of each other, responded enthusiastically to both Skylar and Ms. Hart. She arranged a meeting for the three of them to discuss current and potential recycling options with Jerry Santiago, maintenance coordinator at PVA. Mr. Santiago shared news of the cafeteria's recycling efforts, and they made a plan to extend those efforts into the classrooms. A recycling program was underway at PVA!

Palm Valley teachers and students have joined in this mission and are now looking at their trash a little more closely. One piece of paper or hand sanitizer bottle at a time, PVA is going green!

What Are You Grateful For...

GRATITUDE PROMPTS



1. A **strength**  of mine for which I am grateful is...
2. Something **money**  **can't buy**  that I'm grateful for is...
3. Something that **comforts me**  that I'm grateful for is...
4. Something that's **funny** for which I'm grateful for is... 
5. Something **in nature**  that I'm grateful for is...
6. **A memory**  I'm grateful for is....
7. Something that **changes**  that I'm grateful for is....
8. A **challenge**  I'm grateful for is....
9. Something **interesting**  that I'm grateful for is...
10. Something **beautiful**  I'm grateful for is...

Grateful 

Random Acts Of Kindness

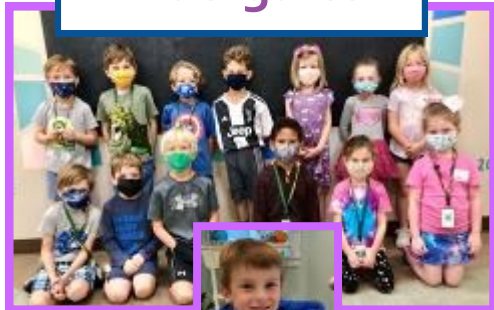
December Random Acts of Kindness

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		Smile at 5 people you don't know 1	Make a card for a teacher 2	Pledge to use less plastic to reduce your carbon footprint 3	Hang a Candy Cane on your neighbors door 4	Play Holiday Music  5	
	Donate used toys 6	Write an inspiring message on social media	Make homemade cookies for someone special 8	Pass out air hugs all day  9	Give out hugs to your family 10	Leave a kind note for your postman. 11	Facetime your grandparents 12
	Donate a new collar or a new toy to a pet shelter 13	Thank a service member for their service  14	Check under your table at lunch for trash 15	Get a friend or 2 and go caroling 16	Give your classmates each a holiday pencil 17	Play with your pet 18	Lay under a tree and watch the leaves and the clouds 19
	Take a drive to see holiday lights 20	Leave everything for S'mores for the Amazon delivery guy 21	Give your mom or dad a hug 22	Offer to walk your neighbor's dog 23	Open the car door for you mom	Take a walk and notice nature 25	Leave a friendly note for a sibling 26
	Offer to wash your parents' cars 27	Bring in all the neighbors trash cans 28	Write thank you notes for any gifts you received 29	Say hello to 5 new people today 30	Compliment someone's hard work 31		



December Character Counts Winners

Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade



6th Grade



7th Grade



8th Grade



Special thanks goes out to our PVA PTO and Endless Summer Realty for sponsoring our Character Counts Citizenship Representatives this school year.



Holiday Happenings



A huge thank you to all the PVA families who have helped spread holiday cheer!!! In just one week, all bikes and gift cards for holiday meals have been purchased. Let's continue the season of giving and gratitude.

There are still two ways you can help: purchase one or more items on the Amazon Gift Registry, which contains the children's wish list, and by donating a new blanket and holiday card for the veterans who reside at the Clyde E. Lassen Veterans Nursing Home. Go Bobcats!

HOLIDAY MEALS IMMEDIATELY	BOYS	AMAZON REGISTRY
<p>Amazon Gift Cards for the Holiday Meals may be dropped off at the front office to the attention of the school counselors by Wednesday, November 8th.</p>	<p>Pieces may be dropped off at the front office to the attention of the school counselors. We kindly request that all pieces are fully assembled.</p>	<p>All gifts purchased through the registry will be mailed directly to the school to the attention of Karin Ngai-Crim, School Counselor.</p>
<p>Please have all items dropped off or delivered by Wednesday, December 9th to allow the school counselors time to organize and distribute to the families at PVA and our sister schools. If you have any questions, please contact Karin Ngai-Crim, School Counselor, at (904)547-4217 or Karin.Ngai-Crim@stjohns.k12.fl.us.</p> <p><i>Thank you for bringing smiles and holiday cheer to children and families!</i></p>		
<p>HOLIDAY CARDS AND <u>NEW</u> BLANKETS FOR VETERANS</p> <p>Another way of giving during the holiday season is by honoring the veterans for their service to our country. Due to COVID, many veterans are not able to have their family visit. We can bring some holiday joy and lift the spirits of the veterans who live at the Clyde E. Lassen Veterans Nursing Home.</p> <p>Please bring new blankets and holiday cards to your homeroom teacher or Ms. Bell's classroom in room 908 by December 11th.</p>		



PBIS Fundraiser

Palm Valley Academy PBIS

THE LOOP FUNDRAISER

IN SUPPORT OF POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INITIATIVES

THURSDAY
DEC 10
5-8:00 PM

The Loop Pizza Grill - Nocatee
101 Marketside Avenue
Come out and enjoy dinner with friends & Family
PIZZA - MILKSHAKES - BURGERS -
SALADS & MORE

Our Bobcat Entrepreneur



Jameson Shaw, an 8th grade Bobcat, is a talented artist, baker and entrepreneur. With the help of her dad, Jameson started her own cookie business, KukiDoodle Baking Company, in 2019 to raise money for Alzheimer's Research.

Jameson has liked to bake since elementary school. She really got her start when her mom encouraged her to learn to make her own blueberry muffins, by herself. Jameson was hooked, she loved it! And although blueberry muffins are not on the menu at KukiDoodle, Jameson does offer her "secret recipe" chocolate chip cookies, coconut cookies and has recently branched out, making chocolate cakes.

Jameson says, "business is a little slower due to Covid", but she does average a few orders a month. She is hopeful that with the holidays coming up, she will see an increased revenue stream.

To honor her late grandfather, Poppy, Jameson donates a portion of her profits to Alzheimer's Research. She said that she wanted to find the silver lining in his passing and help to find a cure for the disease. It is his memory will keep her baking cookies.

Jameson's business has not gone unnoticed. She has been featured on the news and has her own business Facebook page. Interesting story – after seeing the news about Jameson, a couple from the area found out that Jameson was saving to buy a stand-up mixer to help with her growing demand. To everyone's surprise, the Jeffreys bought Jameson a fancy new



Kitchenaid Standup Mixer and cookie making tools and supplies. It seems that one good deed spread to another.

We are super proud of our Bobcat, Jameson! Keep up the baking and good works.



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 dismiss as normal. 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****

PTO Updates and Events



Want to get more involved with the school?

Join us for the next PTO Meeting on Monday December 7th at 9:00 am via Zoom. <https://wellbox.zoom.us/j/4416512993>



Introducing Pride Rock

Want to do something special for your child, recognize a birthday or special accomplishment? Want to show appreciation for your favorite teacher or staff member? Pride Rock is a great way to send a message for everyone to see! Sign up here (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4eaca928a7f58-pride>) to reserve your week for a donation of \$50. All reservations are first come, first serve!



Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/palmvalleyacademypto> to learn the date, time and location of the next PTO Surprise Pop-up!



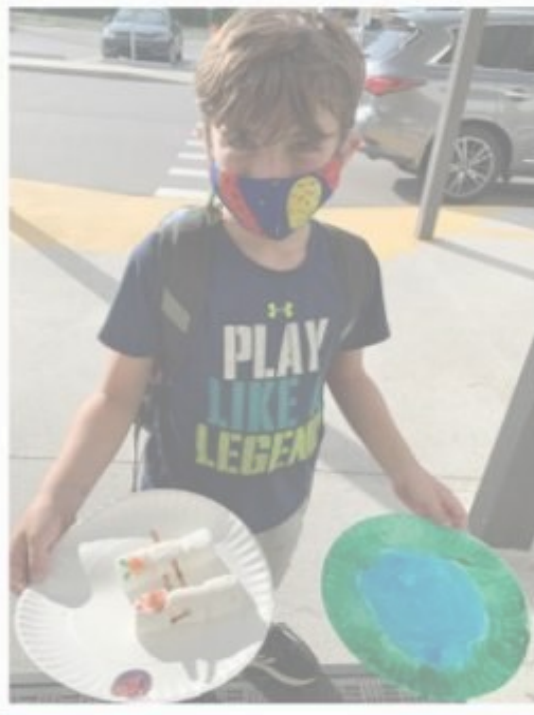
PVA Extended Day/ Enrichments

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 [website](#) 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>
- * **PVB Champions (Tennis)**

Tuesday:

- * **Drama Kids** – <https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/regv2.asp?id=498026&hc=&initEmpty=&hdrColor=&WL=1&preLoadClassID=11462871&loc=>
- * **LEE Spanish** – [http://leestjohns.pbworks.com/w/file/fetch/141080712/REGISTRATION FORM FALL 2020%20PVA%20JCE%20final.pdf](http://leestjohns.pbworks.com/w/file/fetch/141080712/REGISTRATION%20FORM%20FALL%202020PVA%20JCE%20final.pdf)
- * **Training for Warriors (TFW)** – <https://trainingforwarriorspvb.wufoo.com/forms/q1mxhxa004ts8kg/>
- * **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**

Thursday:

- * **Kids Can Code** - <https://kidscancodejax.jumbula.com/AfterSchoolEnrichments20202021/PalmValleyAcademy>
- * **Drama Kids** – <https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/regv2.asp?id=498026&hc=&initEmpty=&hdrColor=&WL=1&preLoadClassID=11462935&loc=>
- * **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>
- * **Robotics**

Social Emotional Learning SEL

Our elementary school counselor Karin Ngai-Crim uses her SEL lesson with Ms. Baxley's 3rd grade class. They focus on emotions, coping strategies, circle of control, and having a tool box to cope when emotions become overwhelming. She shares what is in her toolbox and how she can use the tools to bring emotions back down to a manageable level when they are overwhelming. They discussed the circle of control, and the students got to make two stress balls to add to their tool bags.



Media Center SSYRA Readers

The Media Center is so happy to announce that the following students have read and reviewed all 15 SSYRA books for their grade levels. Way to go! Readers are leaders! Keep it up.



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



Mikayla Bolden
4th Grade



Carter Bond
4th Grade

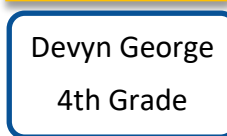


Drew Gaetano
4th Grade

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
★ Not Pictured ★
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Star Reed
4th Grade



Devyn George
4th Grade



Kira Simmer
5th Grade



Savannah Kornahrens
5th Grade



Luke McCollum
5th Grade



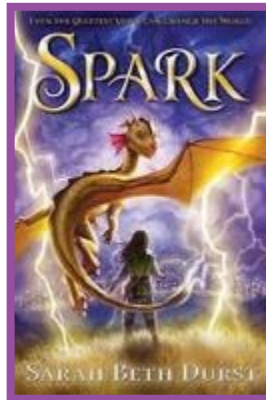
**Sunshine State Young
Readers Award
2020-2021
Grades 6-8**



Karli Maa
6th Grade

Media Center Fun!

We highlighting the SSYRA book, Spark by Sarah Beth Durst, for Middle School during the month of November. After reading the book, participating students learned about the words “Altruistic” and “Assertive” and shared ways they can help improve their world. The first 24 students who read the book and completed the activity received a hand-painted dragon egg with their own inspirational dragon. They put their hopes and dreams that they wrote for the future into their egg for them to nurture.



At PVA, we are thankful. Third grade are showing us all the many things we can be thankful for. They are writing the things they are thankful about on a leaf and we are displaying the leaves on our tree of thankfulness scene.

We had great participation for the Spark activity for Middle School. The book we are highlighting for December is called Inking by Kenneth Oppel. This book happens to be on both the Lower Academy and Upper Academy lists, so grades 3-8 can all participate. Beginning December 1st, anyone who has read the book can come to the Media Center to pick up the activity. This activity involves story creation and drawing graphic novel pages. Return the completed activity and receive a prize! Teams of two (or solos) will be allowed. All entries will be judged and a grand prize winner will be announced before the holiday break. There will be one grand prize winner for grades 3-5, and one for grades 6-8. We can't wait to see all your creativity!



Cafeteria News



Our cafeteria staff was awarded the **"Ain't It Great To Be Great"** award from the districts Food Service. This award is given to the school that is the busiest and has the most served lunches in the district. Go Bobcat cafeteria!!



NJHS Port in The Storm Collection

Thank you to every Bobcat that donated items for the NJHS Port in the Storm Collection! The character of our school community really shines when we care about others and demonstrate that through our actions. In one week, our school collected over 2300 items.



Our collections will go a long way to help youth in our area during the holidays! Thank you for your generosity!



PVA's Girls Volleyball 2020 District Champions!

Congratulations to our girls volleyball team. They won the District Championship with a 9-0 record. Way to go girls!



Ponte Vedra High School girls volleyball visiting our PVA team in support.



PVA Celebrates Our Veterans

PVA honors our family and friends for Veterans Day



PVA Civics team created a Veterans Day wall

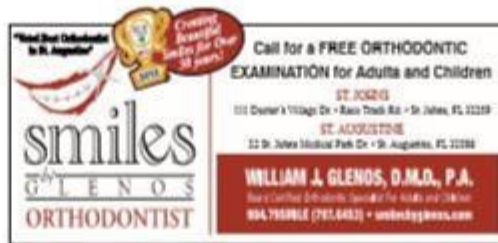


Paul Parson one of PVA's Paraprofessionals shares his experience in the Navy with Ms. Knapp's class on Veterans Day.



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