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Bulletin



Palm Valley Academy

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Calendar Highlights

- 4/2 NO SCHOOL**
Student/Teacher Holiday
- 4/5- FSA Writing Gr4-8**
4/8
- 4/9 NO SCHOOL**
Teacher Planning Day
- 4/12- FSA Reading Gr3**
4/13
- 4/12 PTO Meeting**
6:00pm
- 4/15 SAC Meeting**
3:30pm
- 4/17 PTO Spirit Sale offsite**
8am-12pm Page 21
- 4/19 Report Cards Issued**
- 4/19- PTO Spirit Sale**
5/7 Page 21
- 4/19- Middle School**
4/30 District Exams
- 4/19- Teacher Appreciation**
4/23 Week



Dear PVA Families,

Welcome to Spring and the fourth quarter of the 2020-2021 school year at Palm Valley Academy. It is hard to believe what our school and classrooms looked like a year ago at this time and what they look like now. A year ago this week we were distributing textbooks, school supplies, laptops, and hotspots to all students via drive throughs in our bus and car loops. Our hallways and classrooms were silent and our building was empty. You were waving to us through car windows and we were all in the midst of figuring out our new normal, from home. While all aspects of school life are not back to “normal”, our classrooms and campus are buzzing with activity, meaningful experiences, celebrations, and enrichment opportunities. I continue to be in awe of the daily work our students, teachers, coaches, and staff are doing to bring learning to life within our building, on our fields, and around our community. It is always a great day to be a PVA Bobcat and we are ready to round out this year together with energy, enthusiasm, and excellence!

Take a look through the pages of this newsletter to see all of the exciting events that took place in March along with upcoming sporting events and tryouts that you and your family can plan to attend.

April, May and yes... June will be filled with high stakes testing for all of us. Please pay careful attention to our testing calendar, pages 5-6, and our testing website for more information. <https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/> There are many resources and our recorded parent informational meetings for grades 3-8 on the testing website.

PTO information is on page 20 and information on a new eSchool Plus Family App can be found on page 7. Consider downloading this App for an easier way to view student grades, attendance, assignments, report cards and progress reports, schedules, transportation, and notifications.

Enjoy time outside this month with your family, take in one of our sporting events, found on page 14, and encourage and support your children with a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and a positive pump up before they walk out the door for their upcoming assessments. The hard work and preparation has taken place in the classroom. Now it is time for our students to show what they know and feel confident and proud of their efforts and abilities.

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](#)



Our school has been collecting and donating our pennies and more during our Hero Squad Campaign for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

To add a little interesting twist, our students have a friendly competition between our houses to see which house will make the largest overall contribution - Catulus, Paratus, Respeto, Inspirare, Go'aan or Chenjin.

Which house will get to "pie" their house leaders?!



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

April is a busy month for National Junior Honor Society! We will, finally, be able to hold an induction ceremony for our current NJHS members on April 27 and induct new members on Wednesday, April 28.

Due to Covid restrictions, families will not be able to attend. However, we will record the ceremony and make it available for parents and students to watch together or share with family members.

Announcements and invitations are going out very soon. Parents, watch your email for more information.

March 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.



New Student Registration 2021-2022



New Student Registration Open 2021-2022 School Year

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/>



Kindergarten and new students register early!

Voluntary Pre-K: A child must be four years old on or before September 1st.

Kindergarten: A child must be five years old on or before September 1st.

First Grade: A child must be six years old on or before September 1st **AND** satisfy one of the following:

- a) Satisfactory completion of kindergarten in a Florida public school.
- b) Satisfactory completion of kindergarten in a non-public school.
- c) Previous attendance in an out-of-state school in which the student was admitted on the basis of age requirements established by the state of residency.

Registration Requirements:

- Proof of Residency.
- Proof of Immunization.
- Copy of Birth Certificate.
- Physical/Health Exam with in 12 months of enrollment.



If you are not sure which St. Johns County school your child is zoned to attend, please click on the following link: [2021-2022 Attendance Zone Locator](#)

For Hardship Out of Zone Transfer Requests, please click on the following link: [HARDSHIP OUT OF ZONE TRANSFER](#)

Questions?

Contact the Registration Team:

Mary Dominguez at Mary.Dominguez@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Jen Mitchell at Jennifer.Mitchell@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Spring Testing Schedules

Dear Parents, As we wrap up the last quarter, we also have our end of the year testing. Please help your child prepare by making sure they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive to school on time. Writing your child a note of encouragement on testing days is a great way to make their day! Thank you so much for your support!

During FSA and State Assessments, PVA will have silent hallways.

We ask for you to please refrain from scheduling appointments for your child(ren) during their testing dates and times. All assessments will be given in the morning and we anticipate for students to be finished with their test session by noon.



Palm Valley Academy 2020 - 2021 Assessment Calendar



APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 4th and 7th Grade FSA WRITING (AM)	6 5th and 8th Grade FSA WRITING (AM)	7 All Virtual Learners FSA WRITING (AM)	8 6th Grade FSA WRITING (AM)	9 Teacher Planning Day
12 3rd Grade FSA READING (AM) 3rd Grade Virtual Learners FSA READING (AM)	13 3rd Grade FSA READING (AM) 3rd Grade Virtual Learners FSA READING (AM)	14 Make-Ups	15 Make-Ups	16 Make-Ups
19 Middle School Final Exams 8:30-11:35 Period 1 & 2	20 Middle School Final Exams 8:30-11:35 Period 3 & 4	21 Make-Ups	22 Middle School Final Exams 8:30-11:35 Period 6 & 7	23 Middle School Final Exams 8:30-11:35 Period 5
26 Middle School Distance Learners Final Exams 9:00-12:15 Period 1 & 2	27 Middle School Distance Learners Final Exams 9:00-12:15 Period 4 & 5	28 Make-Ups	29 Middle School Distance Learners Final Exams 9:00-12:15 Period 6 & 7	30 Make-Ups

Assessment dates and times are subject to change

Spring Testing Schedules



Palm Valley Academy 2020 - 2021 Assessment Calendar



MAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 CIVICS EOC B/M + Virtual Learners 6th Grade FSA Reading	4 6th Grade FSA Reading 3rd Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners	5 4th-8th Grade Virtual Learners FSA Reading	6 4th and 7th Grade FSA Reading 3rd Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners	7 4th and 7th Grade FSA Reading 3rd Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners
10 5th and 8th Grade FSA Reading 2nd Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners	11 5th and 8th Grade FSA Reading 2nd Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners	12 4th-8th Grade Virtual Learners FSA Reading	13 4th and 7th Grade FSA Math 5th Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners	14 4th and 7th Grade FSA Math 5th Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners
17 3rd and 8th Grade FSA Math	18 3rd and 8th Grade FSA Math	19 3rd-8th Grade Virtual Learners FSA Math	20 5th and 6th Grade FSA Math	21 5th and 6th Grade FSA Math
24 5th Grade FSA Science + Virtual Learners K and 1st Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners	25 5th Grade FSA Science + Virtual Learners K and 1st Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners	26 3rd-8th Grade Virtual Learners FSA Math	27 8th Grade FSA Science + Virtual Learners 3rd Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners	28 3rd Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners

Assessment dates and times are subject to change

JUNE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
31	1 2nd and 5th Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners	2 2nd and 5th Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners	3 Physical Science Honors Final Exam K and 1st Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners	4 K and 1st Grade iReady B/M + Virtual Learners
7 ALGEBRA and GEOMETRY EOC	8 ALGEBRA and GEOMETRY EOC	9 Make-Up Exams	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25

Assessment dates and times are subject to change

eSchoolPLUS Family Mobile App

Parents/Guardians,



The St. Johns County School District (SJCS D) has recently implemented the eSchoolPLUS Family Mobile App for parents/guardians. This mobile app allows parents to see many of the Home Access Center (HAC) features from their mobile phone. This application uses the same login credentials as Home Access Center (HAC).

Here is what the eSchoolPlus Family app looks like in the app store (Apple or Google):



Here are some of the key academic areas displayed by this mobile app:

- Student grades
- Attendance
- Assignments
- Report Card and Progress Reports
- Schedule
- Transportation
- Notifications

In addition, we discovered that some parents were using other untrusted 3rd party mobile apps to provide similar data pulled from our system by providing them with their personal HAC credentials. This can be dangerous because, the District has no connection or affiliation with these other vendor apps. By providing them with your credentials, you have granted them access to your child's personal academic data. If this is the case, we recommend you remove the 3rd party app from your phone and then change your password in HAC. Then download and use the new eSchoolPLUS Family app (shown above).

A Note from Nurse Fasula & Nurse Whitchurch

Health Clinic Updates

Alice Fasula, BSN, RN

Kara Whitchurch, BSN RN

Health Clinic Webpage: <https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/clinic/>

Found under "Departments" on PVA website

- ❖ **Illness Guidelines:** In an effort to reduce the spread of illness, please keep your child home if he/she is not feeling well. Our webpage has some checklist tools for guidance in determining if your child is appropriate for school.

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

- ❖ **COVID-19 Updates:** Check out our webpage for parent FAQs and how to contact the St. John's Health Department via their APP for faster communication.

BIKE SAFETY: Helmets are important!

Students should be wearing their helmets when riding to and from school.

- Helmet should sit level on your head and low on your forehead - one or two finger widths above your eyebrows.
- Adjust the slider on both side straps to form a V-shape under and slightly in front of each ear.
- Open your mouth wide. The helmet should pull down on the head.

EYES



EARS



MOUTH



WHEN RIDING BIKE

Wear bright neon or reflective colors so that you can be seen by others.

Keep your brain safe. Wear a helmet.

Check your breaks and tires. Make sure they work properly.

Control your bike by having at least one hand on the handle bars.

Look both ways and every way before crossing a street.

Watch for potholes, glass, gravel, and other hazards. These can cause accidents.



Testing Tip of the Month: Start your day with a good breakfast!

Whether you sit down to eat or grab and go...breakfast makes a difference!

- Improved Concentration and Memory
- Better Test Scores
- Increased Energy



BREAKFAST TIME!

Just For Laughs: Why did the mattress go the doctor?

ANSWER: It had spring fever.

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 be available for purchase. Also if you would like to put a restriction on your child's account at anytime please e-mail

All students need their café card student ID to get Lunch , Breakfast, or snacks. If they may bring it home by mistake please make sure they keep it in school at all times. The cafeteria is extremely busy and this ensures that it is the correct account etc. If you have any café questions you can e-mail Christopher.parker@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Attention 6th Grade Parents



The Tdap immunization is required for all 7th graders. Proof of this immunization on the DH 680 Form can be brought to the front office, faxed (904-547-4205), or emailed to Mary.Dominguez@stjohns.k12.fl.us even if your student is still in 6th grade. Please do this as soon as your child receives their shot.

Per district policy, all 7th grade students are required to submit an updated DH 680 form to include Tdap, prior to the start of 7th grade.

Kids Heart Challenge



The American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge event kicked off this week! To get ready for our three-week heart healthy program, help your child sign up at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/palmvalleyacademy> or search “Kids Heart Challenge” in your app store to download the app and register. Our e-envelope can be found here: https://www2.heart.org/site/SPageNavigator/ym_khc_get_started_guide.html. Envelopes and a parent letter also went home the week of March 29th with your child. All donations are due by April 20th.

Students can take a heart challenge, learn CPR and heart facts on the website, along with how to maintain great heart health!

To learn more on what the American Heart Association is doing to make an impact during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit: heart.org/coronavirus

Spring Photo Opportunity



Leonard's will have their Studios open for an in person spring photo opportunity at both their Jacksonville and St. Augustine Locations for any K-8 student who would like a chance to take their outdoor spring photo.

Please use these sign up links:

Here is the St Augustine Studio sign up list:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/staugstudiosp>

Here is the Jacksonville Studio sign up list:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/jaxstudiosp>



Ponte Vedra High Sharks Cheer Tryouts



INFORMATIONAL TRYOUT MEETING

MAY 6TH | 6:30PM - 7:30PM | PVHS CAFETERIA
PARENTS AND ATHLETES WELCOME

TRYOUT CLINIC DATES

MAY 13TH & MAY 14TH | 5:30PM - 7:30PM
PVHS CAFETERIA
MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS TO TRYOUT

TRYOUT DATE

SATURDAY, MAY 15TH | 9AM - 1PM
PVHS CAFETERIA
TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT EVENING



FOLLOW US
[@pv_sharkscheer](https://www.instagram.com/pv_sharkscheer)

We look forward to answering all your questions at the meeting.



SJMSAA Football Tryouts

SJMSAA FOOTBALL!!



5th, 6th, and 7th Graders who would like to Try-out and Play Football This Coming Fall...

Registration is Open!

Register Your Student By Visiting

<https://www.sjmsaa.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1771621>

**** Please Note: There is a \$25 Non-Refundable Try-out Fee**

The 2021-2022 Season will be a Combined Team between PVA and PJA!

****Be sure to Register under Your Home School****

Tryouts

Week of April 5th

Times and Field

TBD

Coach

Tony Hodge

tonyhodge22@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please reach out to our coach. We look forward to seeing you there!



GOOOO BOBCATS!!

FRIENDLY REMINDER...

PVA SJMSAA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

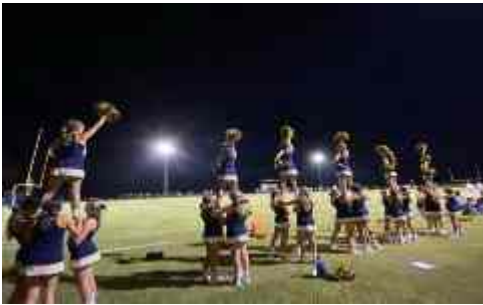
Mrs. Taylor Leigh Beamer Taylor.Beamer@stjohns.k12.fl.us

NOTICE

The Saint Johns Middle School Athletic Association ("SJMSAA") middle school sports program is not operated or sponsored by the St. Johns County School District. SJMSAA is an independent, private non-profit corporation, which uses District middle school names and facilities under a license agreement with the District, and which is solely responsible for the operation of the SJMSAA middle school sports program and its individual teams.

SJMSAA Bobcat/Dolphin Cheerleading Tryouts

SJMSAA BOBCAT/DOLPHIN CHEERLEADING!!



Current 5th, 6th, and 7th Graders who would like to Try-out and Cheer for our Bobcats ...

Registration is OPEN!

Register Your Student By Visiting

<https://www.sjmsaa.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1771625>

*** Please Note: There is a \$25 Non-Refundable Try-out Fee*

*****Based off Registration Numbers the 2021-2022 Season could be a Blended PVA/PJA Team*****

*****Be sure to Register under Your Home School*****

Try-Out Informational Meeting

Tues. Mar. 30th

6:30 - 7:30pm @ PVA Cafeteria (Mask)

Tryout Clinic

Mon. May 3rd – Thurs. May 6th

4:30 - 6:30pm @ PVA Gym (Mask)

Try-Outs

Fri. May 7th

4:30pm – On @ PVA Gym (Mask)

PVA Head Coach: Taylor Leigh Beamer

(904)392-6482

Taylor.Beamer@stjohns.k12.fl.us

If you have any questions please reach out to Coach Beamer. We look forward to seeing you there!

GOOOO BOBCATS!! GOOOO DOLPHINS!!

SJMSAA PVA Sports



Baseball

Date	Field	Visitor	Home
4/01/21	Davis Park	Green	Palm Valley Academy
4/06/21	Cornerstone	Palm Valley Academy	Landrum (White)
4/08/21	St. Augustine LL Complex-AD Davis	Orange	Palm Valley Academy
4/13/21	Mills Field	Palm Valley Academy	Freedom Crossing Academy
4/15/21	Mills Field	Swiss Point	Palm Valley Academy
4/20/21	Cornerstone	Valley Ridge Academy	Palm Valley Academy

Softball

Date	Field	Visitor	Home
4/01/21	Aberdeen	Palm Valley Academy	Mill Creek Academy
4/06/21	Davis Park	Liberty Pines Academy	Palm Valley Academy
4/08/21	Davis Park	Sebastian	Palm Valley Academy
4/13/21	Treaty	Palm Valley Academy	Murray
4/15/21	Davis Park	Palm Valley Academy	Valley Ridge Academy

Tennis

*We have 2 Teams...Palm Valley Academy Varsity AND Palm Valley Academy Black

Date	Location	Visitor	Home	Time
4/01/21	Marsh Landing	Palm Valley Academy Varsity	Landrum Cornerstone	4:00pm
4/01/21	Nocatee Park	Gamble Rogers Silver	Palm Valley Academy Black	4:00pm
4/08/21	Beachwalk	Palm Valley Academy Varsity	Freedom Crossing/Valley Ridge/ Mill Creek Academy	4:00pm
4/08/21	Nocatee Park	Murray	Palm Valley Academy Black	4:00pm
4/15/21	Palencia Center	Palm Valley Academy Varsity	Pacetti Bay Palencia	4:00pm
4/15/21	Nocatee Park	Swiss Point Black	Palm Valley Academy Black	4:00pm
4/22/21	Nocatee Park	Sebastian	Palm Valley Academy Varsity	4:00pm
4/22/21	Durbin Crossing	Palm Valley Academy Black	Patriot Oaks Academy	4:00pm
4/29/21	Nocatee Park	Fruit Cove	Palm Valley Academy Black	4:00pm

Golf

Date	Location	Visitor	Home	Time
4/06/21	Palencia	Swiss Point	Palm Valley Academy	4:00pm
4/13/21	Jax Beach	Palm Valley Academy	Landrum Jr Varsity	4:00pm
4/22/21	Palencia	Landrum Varsity	Palm Valley Academy	4:00pm
4/27/21	Royal St. Augustine	Palm Valley Academy	Valley Ridge Academy/South	4:00pm



Summer Basketball Camp



Bailen Basketball **Summer Basketball Camp** **@ Nease High School**

Boys and Girls Head Coaches
Sherri Anthony & Josh Bailen
Boys and Girls entering 4th - 9th Grade
Monday- Friday Time: 9am - 12pm



Coach Bailen's Basketball camps is the place for fundamental basketball teaching and fun! Successfully hosting hundreds of kids in the community every summer over the last 10 years!

The camp director is Nease Head Boys Basketball Coach Josh Bailen. Josh Bailen played High school basketball at Nease graduating in 2006, Played 4 years of NCAA DIII basketball at Ripon College, WI. For legendary Coach Bob Gillespie. Coach Bailen coached at the NCAA DI level as a Graduate Assistant at Jacksonville University under Cliff Warren from 2010-2012.

The camp is coed and players will be grouped according to both age and skill level. It is highly instructional so that both experienced and inexperienced players will both benefit from the camp. Emphasis is placed on individual skill development and the understanding of team offensive and defensive concepts in a fun, competitive environment. Camp staff will consist of former and current high school coaches and current and former high school and college players.

Leadership & Character Development:

Developing young athletes into leaders on their team and in their community.

Some of the most important lessons in life can be learned through the game of basketball. How individuals respond to adversity and obstacles is where true character is revealed. We believe in instilling qualities in our players that help them succeed not only on the court but in life. We choose to lead by example and never allow the intensity of the game diminish that standard. We believe in building character and leadership traits in our players not only maximizes our success on the court but in life, long after our playing days are over.

Session 1 6/14-6/18

Session 2 6/21-6/25

Session 3 6/28-7/2

Session 4 7/5-7/9

Session 5 7/12-7/16

Session 6 7/19-7/23

To Register Visit:

*www.joshbailenbasketball.com
Or Venmo Josh-BailenBasketball
Cost: \$150.00 Per Session*



Facility -The Panther Den is an air-conditioned gym with 6 glass backboards with breakaway rims. Campers will have access to state of the art training equipment and automatic shooting machine, restrooms, water, and camp store.

Camp Outline and Highlights

Fundamental Skill Development Stations

Small Group Skill stations are our primary focus of the camp. We approach fundamental skill development with passion and enthusiasm! Coaches will teach the campers that game speed repetition and attention to detail is the key to improving skills. Our stations include a variety of passing, shooting, ball handling, defensive drills. We TEACH the fundamentals of the game. Our coaches differentiate our instruction to the individual needs of each camper.

Competitions & 1/2 Court Games

1 on 1, 2on2, and 3 on 3 Tournaments. Hot Shot/ Shooting contests, and more! Campers earn prizes and championships in our daily contests and games.

Live Full Court Play

We apply the fundamentals that we teach in our stations to the live action. Campers are grouped according to age and skill level.

Campers must bring: Basketball shoes, shorts, t-shirt, water bottle, and any other necessary personal items. Money for the camp store is recommended (pizza, hot dogs, snacks, Gatorade, water)

Each Camper will receive a T-Shirt, Prizes, as well as an individualized report card with specific feedback for their individual development!

Reading Scholarship



90%
OF STUDENTS WHO
FAIL TO EARN A HIGH
SCHOOL DIPLOMA WERE
STRUGGLING READERS IN
THIRD GRADE.

DID YOU KNOW? 90% of students who fail to earn a high school diploma were struggling readers in third grade. If your student is struggling to read, we recommend that you look into additional services funded by the state of Florida that may be available to your child to help ensure they continue to reach their goals!

The State of Florida funds Reading Scholarship Accounts for struggling readers – a \$500 scholarship that can be used for tutoring and other services - that your child may be eligible for! If you would like further information, please email reading@sufls.org, or call us at 887-735-7837.

YOUR CHILD COULD
BE ELIGIBLE FOR A

\$500 SCHOLARSHIP

THAT CAN BE USED FOR
TUTORING & OTHER SERVICES

IT'S *easy* TO APPLY

YOU NEED:

- ☐ Your students 2018-19 ELA score report
- ☐ Your student's FLEID number
- ☐ The public-school district code and DOE code from the school your student attended in the 2018-19 school year.

The application process is easy! To apply you will need:

- Your students 2018-19 ELA score report. If you do not know your students ELA score, contact their school or contact the [Assessment Coordinator](#).
- Your student's FLEID number that can be found on the front of your child's ELA score report.
- [The public-school district code and DOE code from the school your student attended in the 2018-19 school year here.](#)

[Apply here now!](#)

Apply **TODAY!**

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For more information about the Florida Department of Education, visit www.fldoe.org.

We are located at:
325 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

A Day Without Violence Contest

Betty Griffin Center's "A DAY WITHOUT VIOLENCE" 2022 Art & Poetry Contest

It takes a community to end domestic abuse and it can begin with just one day without violence. Students from all over St. Johns County can submit original artwork or poetry reflecting a day without violence to become part of a countywide awareness campaign.

AWARDS: 1st Place -- \$50.00, 2nd Place -- \$25.00 and 11 honorable mentions will be presented \$10.00 each! All 13 winning artists / 12 poets will have their art or poem reproduced in the Betty Griffin Center "A Day Without Violence" 2021 Calendar. They will also receive special recognition and have their work displayed at the "A Day Without Violence" Art Show.

RULES: To be eligible, artwork must be in color and able to be reproduced at 8 x 10 and suitable for framing (**horizontal format only**). All original 2D media is acceptable. No crafts, please. The theme "A Day Without Violence" must be reflected in the art or words. An entry form must accompany each submission.

All entries due April 30, 2021

For more information, visit :<http://bettygriffincenter.org/day-without-violence-calendar-contest/>

Entry drop off locations: At one of the Betty Griffin Center Thrift Shoppes or any of the 6 St. Johns County Libraries.

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Betty Griffin Center "A Day Without Violence" 2022 Art / Poetry Project

Open to all St. Johns County students ages 6 - 18

Please Print Clearly:

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____

What School do you attend _____ Teacher's Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____

State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

*Artist agrees to donate the rights to reproduce the artwork to Betty Griffin Center.
Completed entries should be taken to one of the 8 drop off locations by 4/30/2021.
(Unfortunately, Artwork or poetry submitted cannot be returned to student)*

AN ENTRY FORM MUST BE TAPED TO THE BACK OF EACH POEM AND/OR PIECE OF ART

Media Center News

In the Media Center, we have four more students who have read and reviewed all 15 of the SSYRA books (Whoop! Whoop!). Our new inductees onto our SSYRA Window Wall of Fame are...



Cooper Hall
3rd Grade



Picchu McClelland
3rd Grade



Brandan Laughlin
3rd Grade



Tilly Sellars
5th Grade



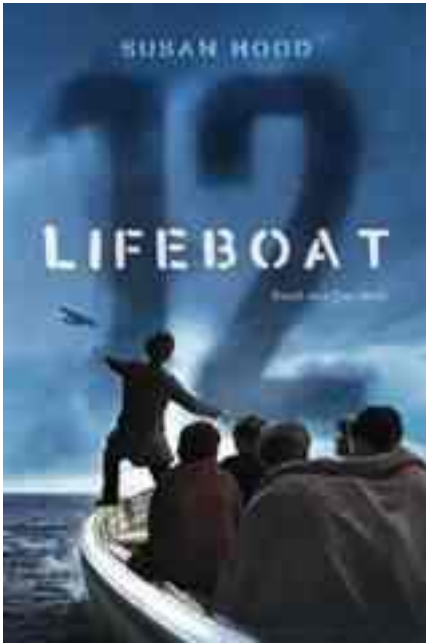
Sunshine State Young
Readers Award
2020-2021
Grades 3-5

We'd like to give a special shout out to both our Elementary and Middle School Battle of the Books teams. They competed in one tough battle this year and it was a wonderful group effort. We appreciate all their hard work. They are all eager for the upcoming year's SSYRA books to be announced, so they can be extra prepared for the next battle.



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss

Media Center Fun!



Our middle school highlight book for April is Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood. It's a historical fiction based on a true story written in verse. It's a quick and very fascinating read.

With Nazis bombing London every night, it's time for thirteen-year-old Ken to escape. He suspects his stepmother is glad to see him go, but his dad says he's one of the lucky ones—one of ninety boys and girls to ship out aboard the *SS City of Benares* to safety in Canada.

Life aboard the luxury ship is grand—nine-course meals, new friends, and a life far from the bombs, rations, and his stepmum's glare. And after five days at sea, the ship's officers announce that they're out of danger.

They're wrong.

Late that night, an explosion hurls Ken from his bunk. They've been hit. Torpedoed! The *Benares* is sinking fast. Terrified, Ken scrambles aboard Lifeboat 12 with five other boys. Will they get away? Will they survive?

Award-winning author Susan Hood brings this little-known World War II story to life in a riveting novel of courage, hope, and compassion. Based on true events and real people, *Lifeboat 12* is about believing in one another, knowing that only by banding together will we have any chance to survive.

Those who have read the book can come by the Library to pick up the activity to earn a prize. This month, the activity is to write your own original poem or copy down your favorite poem (Make sure to give credit to the author by including their name!!! ☺). And BONUS, if you write an original poem, you can also submit it to Ms. Nettles in Room 905 for a chance to appear in PVA's first literary magazine, *The Collective*! Ooh la la!



We LOVE Nease High School! The wonderful students of Nease have made us some spectacular book marks. These bookmarks are for any Middle School student who checks out a book with us. So come on down to the library, find a good book, and get a cool bookmark too.

There's a lot to choose from. Here are just some of our favorites.

PTO Updates



Upcoming PTO Board Meeting and Elections



The next PTO meeting will be held on Monday April 12th at 6 pm via Zoom. If you are a PTO member please try to attend this meeting, as we will be voting in the 2021-2022 PTO board.

Please note: You must be in attendance at the PTO meeting to cast a vote. A zoom link will be sent via email in advance of the meeting; please keep your eyes open and join us if you can!

Spirit Wear Online Store and Next Spirit Wear Pop Up Sale

Has your child hit a growth spurt? Need to refresh your PVA spirit wear? You can purchase online at: <https://pvapto.org/SpiritWear>. Orders will be filled and delivered to teacher boxes at school.

You can also purchase Spirit Wear on sale at our next Pop Up on Saturday April 17 from 8-12 at the Willowcove Yard Sale. It will be located at 16 Stately Shoals Trail.

Please contact Anne Chance at annedchance@gmail.com with questions.



PVA Extended Day/ Enrichments

Extended Day Program

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.

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

Important Information

Extended Day Coordinator:

Ms. Candice Goodwin

(904) 547-4197

Candice.Goodwin@stjohns.k12.fl.us



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](#)
[PVB Tennis Champs](#)
[Kidzart](#)

Tuesday:

[Drama Kids](#)
[LEE Spanish](#)
[Training For Warriors](#)
[PVB Tennis Champs](#)

Wednesday:

[Gift of Dance](#)
[Challenge Island](#)
[S4 After School Sports](#)
[Club Scientific](#)

Thursday:

[Kids Can Code](#)
[Drama Kids](#)
[Training For Warriors](#)
[Engineering for Kids](#)

Friday:

[Armada Soccer](#)
[Kick START](#)
[Robotics](#)

Enrichment
Programs

2021-22 EXTENDED DAY



Families New to Extended Day

Please follow instructions below for Extended Day Registration:

1. [2021-2022 Parent Handbook](#) – Please review prior to completing the online registration form.
2. [2021-2022 Rate Sheet](#) & [Schedule of Fees](#) – Please review these documents to assist with selecting schedule on the registration form.
3. After reviewing the items mentioned above, please click [HERE](#) to complete the online Registration Form (one for each child).
4. Registration Fees can be paid via check made out to Palm Valley Academy, cash or schoolpay by following the links below:

[1 Child - \\$75](#)

[2 or more Children - \\$125](#)

You will receive confirmation via email that you are enrolled as soon as your registration form, fee and Parent Handbook Signature page are received.

Currently Enrolled Extended Day Families & Waitlisted Families as of 2/28/21

Early Registration was open from Monday, March 22nd through March 31st and is now closed.

Please click [HERE](#) for additional information about the Extended Day Program.

Celebrating Dr. Suess's Birthday

Ms. Sisneroz's Kindergarten Class



The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



Ms. Meyers's Kindergarten Class



4th Grade Titanic Tea

Ms. Downey's Class



Ms. Meredith's Class



Ms. Richardson's Class



Ms. Stevens's Class



Ms. Taylor's Class



4th Grade Jim Sawgrass Field Study



Ms. Stevens's Class



Ms. Richardson's Class



Ms. Burton's Class

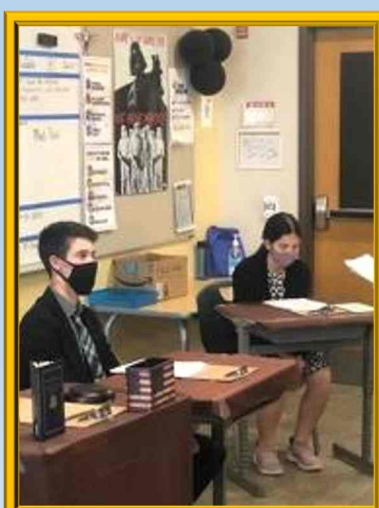
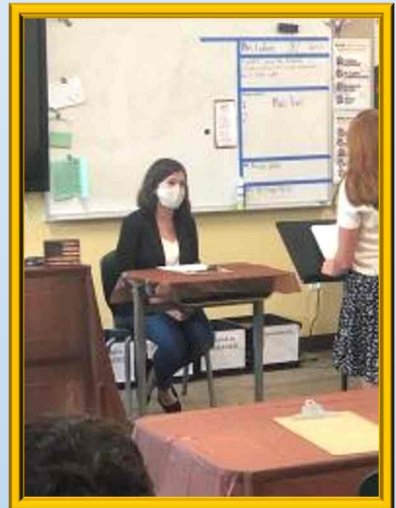
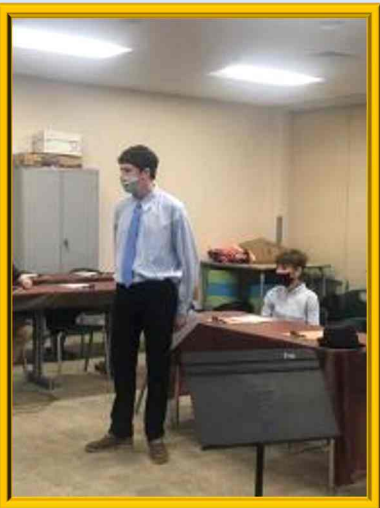


Ms. Meredith &
Ms. Leitman's Class



7th Grade Mock Trial

The entire 7th grade dressed up and participated in a mock trial. All students were assigned a role in the court and performed brilliantly.



Around PVA

The Women's National Football Conference is tackling reading in schools across our states. Ms. Bell, 8th Grade US History teacher, plays for our local Jacksonville team called the Florida Avengers. Here she tackled reading in Ms. Beamer's 1st grade class.



Mrs. Leavell's sixth grade language arts class compared media, genres and text. Students presented plays and creative stories as part of this unit of study!



Around PVA

On March 25, FBI Jacksonville Special Agent in Charge Rachel L. Rojas recognized our teachers Ms. Hart and Ms. Stofko along with their students who earned multiple top national awards in the FBI's Safe Online Surfing Internet Challenge (FBI-SOS) in 2019 and 2020. SAC Rojas and other special agents visited select classrooms to formally present the awards and congratulate all participants. Palm Valley Academy was among the first schools within the 40-county FBI Jacksonville territory to incorporate the FBI-SOS program into its curriculum and is the only school to earn top national scores three times (September 2019, and September and October 2020).



Ms. Rideout's student had his Uncle, who teaches 3rd grade in England join her class as a virtual reader. He read a book to the class and the classes got to ask each other questions.



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