

Palm Valley Academy

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Calendar Highlights

5/02- Teacher Appreciation 5/06 Week

5/06 8th Grade Semi Formal Hope Pavilion 6:00pm

5/13 8TH Grade Gradventure

5/16 PTO Meeting via Zoom 6:00pm Page 15

5/19 SAC Meeting @ PVA 3:45pm

5/30 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

5/31 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony @ Nease 6:00pm

JUNE 6/02

Last Day of School
1 Hr. Early Dismissal



May 2022

Greetings PVA Families,

I am in disbelief that we are already in the last month of this school year! It has been quite the adventure during my first year here at PVA. I have loved getting to know your children better and working alongside our amazing teachers and staff to do our very best for our students every day.

This last month will bring many events and opportunities for involvement. I ask that if you are planning to volunteer in the building or on a field trip to please take a moment and review your school access status. If you have applied in past years, please be aware that there are expiration dates. Call the front desk if you are in doubt, and they can ensure that you are up to date. If you have never attended a function or event during the school day, please apply for school access status at https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/

Our students have been working diligently through this final testing season and I know they have done their very best. We want to make sure that we take time to celebrate and enjoy our last few weeks of school as well. Our PBIS team has planned some fun events for both our elementary and middle school students. Field trips are happening, and we are also getting ready to promote our 8th grade students to high school! It will continue to be a busy month, but I hope one of fun memories and friendships.

Finally, as we wind down this year, our administrative team is also getting ready for next year. Our teachers, counselors, students and parents are working through the course recommendation and class building process for middle school students. I am asking for feedback from Kindergarten through 4th Grade parents on a parent input form that is attached to the newsletter email this month. If you haven't already, please take the time to fill out that form and get the information to me so our team can have your input as we work to build classes from next year.

I continue to be inspired by all of the parental and familial support received this year and am truly blessed to be a part of the PVA Family. Thank you for such a great school year!

Sincerely,

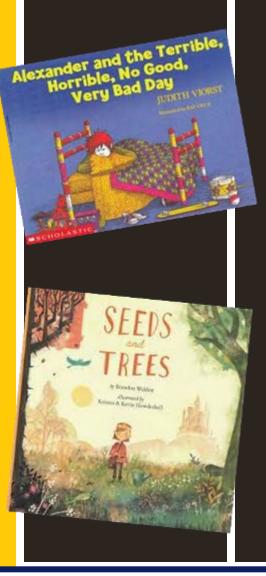
Joy Reichenberg

Principal

Counselors' Corner



Kindergarten – 3rd Grades <u>Karin.Ngai-</u> <u>Crim@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> (904)547-4217



Hello Families!

As the school year winds down, we are in the final lessons for the different grade levels. Kindergarten and 1st grade students are learning about circle of control using Playdoh and rocks. We are reading Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst and identifying the things that are within Alexander's control and the events that are out of his control. The kids practice identifying what is in their control through an activity using the hula hoop, which symbolizes the circle of control. Second and Third Grade students are learning about the power of words. We use toothpaste to symbolize how words, both positive and negative, stick with us so it is important to T.H.I.N.K. before we speak. We are reading Seeds and Trees by Brandon Walden and making connections on how words are powerful and can have lifelong effects on people.

Many kiddos asked for the directions for making the two most popular calming tools. I told them I would include directions in the newsletter. As promised, below are DIY directions for making stress balls and calming glitter bottles.

With much gratitude for your continued partnership,

Karin Ngai-Crim

Stress Ball Directions

- 1. Put balloon over the mouth of the funnel.
- Fill with one cup of flour (use a chopstick to help push the flour through the funnel).
- 3. Tie a knot and you have a Stress Ball,
- Squeeze the Stress Ball anytime you need to release the big feelings to return to your peaceful spot.

Option One: Directions

- Any empty water bottle (Voss water bottles are great for this activity).
- Fill the bottle halfway with baby oil.
- 3. Add 1-2 packets of fine glitter.
- 4. Add a pinch or two of larger glitter,
- Fill the rest of bottle with water.
- Add 4-5 drops of food coloring.
- 7. Hot glue the inside of the lid to seal the bottle.
- 8. Shakeitup!

Option Two: Directions

- Any empty water bottle (Voss bottles are great for this activity).
- Fill the bottle halfway with warm water.
- 3. Fill the rest of bottle with clear glue.
- 4. Add 1-2 packets of fine glitter.
- 5. Add a pinch or two of larger glitter.
- Add 4-5 drops of food coloring.
- Hot glue the inside of the lid to seal the bottle.
- 8. Shakeitup!





New Student Registration 2022-2023



NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION 2022-2023 OPENS TUESDAY MARCH 1, 2022

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE

To enroll for Kindergarten, your student must be 5 on or before September 1st.

Please look at the following list of items required to register your child:

- 1. Complete Online Registration: https://secure.infosnap.com/family/gosnap.aspx? action=21094&culture=en
- 2. Three proofs of residency (Mortgage Statement, Deed or lease agreement, utility bill, and one additional bill)
- 3. Birth Certificate
- 4. Completed Florida immunization form 680 (out of state immunizations must be transferred to FL form)
- 5. Physical must be dated within one year of enrollment (can be from any state)
- 6. Final Report Card for school year 2021-2022 (1st 6th grades) showing grade promotion You will be contacted after we review your registration.

If you are not sure which St. Johns County school your child is zoned to attend, please click on the following link: **2022-2023 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

Health Services Parental Consent

Have you completed the Health Services Parental Consent Survey for your student?

Without parent consent on file, the office staff will be assessing your child when there is a health issue instead of the school nurse (Band-Aids, ice packs, temperature checks when not feeling well, etc.) and you will be called to pick your student up if further attention is needed.

- Please read the <u>Health Services Parental Consent FAQ</u>, make your informed decision and complete the survey at the following link: <u>Parent Consent for Health Care Services</u> (office.com). You will need to know your child's student ID number.
- In the event of a medical emergency, school nurses and staff will respond appropriately as necessary to protect the student's health and safety given the circumstances of the emergency with or without consent.
- If you are not sure what your student's ID number is or are not sure if you filled this out already, please call the school and we can assist you. It will take 24 hours for this form to process in the school system to allow our amazing nurses at PVA to see your child during the school day should they need to visit the clinic.
- For more information, please call the Health Services Department at (904) 547-7693.

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.

May Character Counts All Pillars Winners





1st Grade



3rd Grade



The Six Pillars of Character®



4th Grade



5th Grade



Character: Counts

6th Grade



7th Grade



8th Grade





Spring Testing



Dear Parents,

As we wrap up the last quarter, we also have our end-of-year assessments. 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. Thank you so much for your support!



THINGS TO KNOW:

- Testing begins at 8:45. Most testing should end by noon.
- Please refrain from scheduling morning appointments on testing days. If a student leaves campus before completing a test session, they will **not** be allowed to return to that session.
- If a student is late to school, they may not be able to join a testing session that has already started.
- Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cellphones, smartwatches or earbuds at any time during testing or during breaks, even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them. If a student is found with an electronic device, their test will be invalidated.
- Please refer to the 'Parent Notification Letters' posted on the PVA website testing link for additional information.
- Make-up exams will be given as soon as possible upon a student's return to school.

Testing Coordinator

Audra Wilson

audra.wilson@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Spring Testing Calendars







Test Proctors are needed to help proctor FSAs and EOCs. Test Proctors are crucial to ensure that these tests are given and that staff members are not shuffled around to cover as Test Proctors.

Check out the dates and times on the SignUp Genius Link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4eaca928a7f58-testing

You may choose one day or several. We are grateful for any help during this important testing time.

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
2022	25	26	27	28	29	30	15
MAY	FSA Grades 4-6 Reading Session 1	CIVICS EOC FSA Grades 4-6 Reading Session 2	Grade 5 Reading Ready Select Stude	FSA Grades Reading Session 1	7-8 FSA Grades 7-8 Reading Session 2	7	8
2	9 FSA Grades 3-6 Math Session 1	FSA Grades 3-6 Math Session 2	FSA Grades 7 Math Session crade a reading ince select students	FSA Grades Math Sessio		14	15
	FSA Science Grade 5 (Session 1) & Grade 8	FSA Science Grade 5 Session 2	Grade 5 Reading (Ready Select Stude		20	21	22
	Algebra & Geometry EOC Session 1 Grades 2-3 iReady Reading	Algebra & Geometry EOC Session 1 Grades K-1 Ready Reading	Physical Scienc Honors Final Exa Grades 2-3 (Reading		27 Grades K-3 iReady Reading	28	29

News From Nurse Fasula and Nurse Whitchurch

Health Clinic Updates

https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/clinic/

School Nurses - Alice Fasula and Kara Whitchurch



If your student has medication in the clinic: Please make time to stop by to pick it up before the end of the school year. District policy does not allow for medication to remain in the school over the summer. It will be important for you to make arrangements to pick up your child's medication since medications may not go home with the student. Any medication left in the clinic after Friday, June 3th at 11:00 a.m. will be discarded according to district policy.

Paperwork for next year: New medication forms must be completed every school year. Medical forms can be downloaded from the PVA Health Clinic Page (see link above). Paperwork is standardized across all St John's County Schools should your student be transferring to high school or another district school. If your child has a physical examination during the summer months, this is a good time to get these medical forms completed.



Top Tips for a Healthy and Safe Summer

- Beat the Heat: Wear your sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat.
- 2. Go hiking, biking, swimming but NEVER alone. Grab a buddy.
- 3. Stay Hydrated. Get in the habit of carrying a water bottle with you.
- 4. Look both ways when crossing the street. Left, right, then left again.
- 5. Wear your helmet and life jacket
- Enjoy some of summers best fruits and veggies: strawberries, blueberries, watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes, corn, zucchini, bell peppers.

Testing Tip of the Month: Make sure to catch your Zzzzz's

Students should strive for 9-12 hours of sleep per night.

Studies have shown that kids who regularly get an adequate amount of sleep have:

- Increased attention for learning
- · Better behavior
- Boosted memory
- An overall improved mental and physical health.

Ways to help sleep at night:

- · Set aside electronics before bed and keep them out of the room.
- · Limit caffeine and sugar in the evening
- Try a quiet activity before bed such as reading, listening to music or journal writing.

**Please make sure to send a water bottle in with your student every day and a change of clothes for any end of year activities.

Just For Laughs: How do we know the ocean is friendly?

Answer: It waves.



Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

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Thank you for continuing on this

ADVENTURE

Road Trip 2021-2022

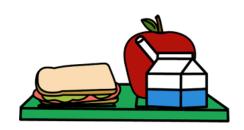


Pit Stop May 25th, 9:00-10:00AM

Please RSVP to https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45ACAF2FA1F94-volunteer by May 20th.

News From Our Cafeteria

On December 1st 2021, St Johns School District Cafeterias went back to full pay Breakfast and Lunches. If any child does not have money on there account Palm Valley Academy will always feed your child a Breakfast or a Lunch. If you pay online with paypams you can check your child's account balance and daily activity as well. We have many kids here at PVA with unpaid café accounts. You can check these on paypams or e-mail Christopher.parker@stjohns.k12.fl.us.



Media Center News

In the **Media Center**, we have two students who have read and reviewed <u>all 15</u> of the **SSYRA** books (Yippee!). Welcome to the Window Wall of Fame:

3rd grader Emma Kinker and 5th grader Allison Kalman





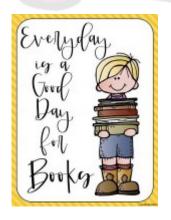




Attention! Attention!

The end of the school year is approaching. Last day to return **ALL library materials is **May 13**th **

Any Lost or Damaged books will need to be replaced or paid for. You can send in cash for the exact amount, or a check made out to Palm Valley Academy



Elementary Summer BINGO 2022

NAME:				

SUMMER READING BINGO!

AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS BINGO CARD
(WITH A SIGNATURE FROM A CAREGIVER)
BRING IT TO THE PVA LIBRARY TO REDEEM
FOR A PRIZE*!
AUDIO BOOKS, E-BOOKS, AND GRAPHIC NOVELS ARE PERMITTED.

READ A BOOK WITH A FLASHLIGHT	READ A FUNNY BOOK	READ A CHAPTER BOOK	READ A BOOK WITH AN ANIMAL CHARACTER	CHECK OUT A BOOK FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
READ AT THE PARK	READ WHILE EATING	READ OUTSIDE	READ A BOOK IN A COMFY CHAIR	READ A PICTURE BOOK
READ A BOOK ABOUT FLORIDA	READ FOR 20 MINS	FREE SPACE	READ TO A STUFFED ANIMAL	READ A BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE
RE-READ A BOOK YOU LOVE	READ A BOOK WITH A FRIEND	READ A BOOK WITH A BLUE COVER	READ A CLASSIC NOVEL	READ FOR 15 MINS
READ A BOOK WITH A SIBLING	READ A BOOK BASED ON A TRUE STORY	READ WHILE LISTENING TO MUSIC	READ UNDER A BLANKET FORT	READ A BOOK WITH A YELLOW COVER

CAREGIVER SIGNATURE:

Middle School Summer BINGO 2022

NAME:				

SUMMER READING BINGO!

AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS BINGO CARD (WITH A SIGNATURE FROM A CAREGIVER) BRING IT TO THE PVA LIBRARY TO REDEEM FOR A PRIZE*!

AUDIO BOOKS, E-BOOKS, AND GRAPHIC NOVELS ARE PERMITTED.

READ A BOOK WITH A GREEN COVER	READ A Non-fiction Book	READ WHILE EATING LUNCH	READ A BOOK WITH AN ANIMAL CHARACTER	READ FOR 30 MINS
READ A BOOK OF Your Choice	CHECK OUT A BOOK FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY	READ OUTSIDE	READ A PICTURE BOOK	READ A BOOK THAT TAKES PLACE IN FLORIDA
READ A POEM TO YOUR FAMILY	SWAP A BOOK WITH A FRIEND	FREE	READ FOR 1 HOUR	READ A MAGAZINE ARTICLE
READ FOR 15 MINS	READ A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE	READ A BOOK WITH A RED COVER	READ A CLASSIC NOVEL	RE-READ A BOOK YOU LOVE
READ UNDER A BLANKET FORT	READ A FUNNY BOOK	TRY OUT A NEW RECIPE FROM A COOKBOOK	READ A BOOK TO A SIBLING	READ AT THE PARK

CAREGIVER SIGNATURE:



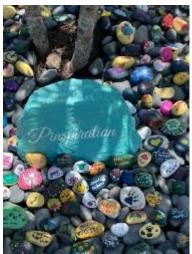
"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

Thank you to everyone who helped the PVA PTO succeed these last four years. We couldn't do what we do for the students, teachers, and school without your support. Because of you, the parents, volunteers, partners, teachers and staff, board members, and vendors, we are able to help make PVA the special place that it is. We look forward to working with you next school year!!



Thank You To Our Current Partners in Education

The Palm Valley Academy PTO would like to express heartfelt gratitude to our 2021-2022 Partners in Education! Through their generous contributions, we can provide additional resources and learning tools for the students and faculty. Our entire school benefits from this funding, and we are beyond thankful to have such a caring and supportive business community!



Kindness Rock Garden

We are painting PVA with kindness this Spring! The PVA PTO is very excited to announce the planting of PVA's very own kindness rock garden in the front courtyard, to the left of the flagpole. Our purpose is to continue to build and strengthen our Bobcat community and encourage others through art and simple acts of kindness. Those who wish to participate are invited to take a rock that inspires them, share a rock to



motivate a fellow Bobcat or add a rock to share kindness and inspiration with others. Thank you to **Pinspiration** for sponsoring the PVA Kindness Rock Garden by providing all of the art supplies. Thank you to **TheShirtGuru.com** for providing

the sign for the rock garden. The kindness of others is what helps us all succeed. For questions regarding the rock garden, please contact pvarocks22@gmail.com.

Staff Appreciation

Our Staff Appreciation Week committee put together a great week to celebrate the incredible staff at PVA. Thank you to **Brain Balance** for providing coffee and donuts to PVA teachers and staff on Monday, May 2nd. Thank you to **Sign Pop-Ups** for helping us show our appreciation for PVA Staff by providing the yard sign in front of the school all week! Also, thank you to **Children's Art Classes**, **DreamTentZzz** and **The Kookaburra** for donating prizes to an End of Year Teacher Raffle!



PTO Updates

5th Grade Celebration

The 5th Grade Celebration is planned for June 1st. We are planning to celebrate our 5th graders with a day to hang out as a grade- listening to fun music from a DJ while they can take pictures together in a photobooth, compete in obstacle races, hang out playing yard games, and cool off with ice cream donated by **Culver's!** They will have lunch provided for them.

Thank you to our Sponsors, **Brain Balance**, who is providing Drawstring Bags and Color Changing cups, and Cinemark Durbin Park, who is providing popcorn for a fun snack.

8th Grade End of Year Update



Watch your email and other methods of communication for 8th grade promotion ceremony updates and 8th grade semi-formal ticket sales. The 8th grade semi formal will be held Friday, May 6 at the Hope Pavilion (at St. Francis in the Field Episcopal Church on Palm Valley Road) from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. There will be a DJ, food, prizes and more. The superlatives will be announced. The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held in the evening on Tuesday, May 31st in the Nease Auditorium. More details are being released to 8th grade parents via school messenger. Thank you to our 8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance committee that worked so hard to put together a wonderful semiformal dance for the 8th graders. Thank you SO much to Sara Bolden, Stacy Bingham,

Jill D'Amato, Katie Hitchcock, and Kim Tokarz. Thank you to Party Time Designs for their beautiful decoration of the 8th grade events. Thank you to **TheShirtGuru.com** for providing the signs for our semi-formal event. If you have questions regarding these two events, please contact pva8graduation@gmail.com.

Purchase Your School Supply Kits Now!



Back by Popular Demand!!! PVA has teamed up with 1st Day School Supplies to offer the option to purchase School Supplies all in 1 box, delivered to your house and ready to go! This is a one-stop shopping experience for school supplies, especially with all the shortages in different supplies recently. Click on the link below to place your order. The store will run through July 1st. You can bring these school supplies boxes to Meet the Teacher.

These kits will have all the items needed for Elementary grades. There may be a few extras items at the beginning of the year that are teacher specific, but it has everything from the school supply list. For Middle School, the kit will contain the items the student will need for their core classes. There is information for each kit to let you know which classes are included and which will require extra items. You can also go to https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/ and search for PVA! Deadline is July 1!

https://1stday.sale/1178049

Welcome to the 2021-2022 PTO Board

We'd like to welcome the incoming PTO board members for the upcoming school year. Thank you for volunteering to serve the school and community next year.

President: Kate Myers President Elect: Beth Gassner VP of Upper School: Heather George VP of Lower School: Anne Powers Treasurer: Aimee Moore Correspondence Secretary: Jessi Carbee Recording Secretary: Jodi Wojtowicz

PTO Updates

PTO General Meeting, May 16 at 6 p.m. via Zoom

Join us at the May 16 at 6 p.m. at the General PTO Meeting. We will vote on the budget for the 2022-2023 school year.

Partners In Education Opportunities for the 2022-2023 School Year

We are looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year with great enthusiasm as we share NEW partnership opportunities! If you are interested in learning more about all the exciting things we have planned and ways you can reach over 800 PVA families, please reach out to Bev Ardabili for more information at partnerspvapto@gmail.com. This information will also be available on the PTO website after June 2nd. We'd love to welcome you as a Partner in Education!





Want to make a big difference at PVA next year?

The PVA PTO is actively seeking volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year! Bring your excitement, energy and new ideas to life while building the PVA community and driving programs that fund student and teacher enrichment. Contact president@pvapto.org

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Monday, May 2 Monday, May 6 Staff Appreciation Week
- ✓ Friday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. 8th grade semi formal
- ✓ Monday, May 16 at. 6 p.m. PTO meeting via Zoom
- ✓ Tuesday, May 31 at TBD 8th Grade Graduation at Nease Auditorium
- ✓ Wednesday, June 1, during school 5th grade celebration

Where Can You Find Us?

You can find our most recent information on our website at pyapto.org.

Check us out on Facebook or Instagram too! Here you can check out our Partner Spotlights and see what they have to say about why they partner with PVA.



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PVA Extended Day



Ponte Vedra High Sharks Cheer Tryouts





INFORMATIONAL TRYOUT MEETING

MAY 4TH 6:00PM - 7:00PM PVHS CAFETERIA

PARENTS AND ATHLETES WELCOME

TRYOUT CLINIC DATES

MUST HAVE UPLOADED A CURRENT PHYSICAL BY MAY 5TH TO BE CLEARED IN TIME TO PARTICIPATE. SEE TRYOUT PACKET.

MAY 9TH | 4:30PM - 7:00PM

MAY 10TH | 4:30PM - 7:00PM

MAY 11TH | 3:30PM - 5:30PM

INFINITY ALLSTARS GYM

MUST ATTEND ALL CLINIC DAYS TO TRYOUT

TRYOUT DATE

MAY 12TH OR MAY 13TH TBD | 4:00PM PVHS CAFETERIA

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT EVENING

FOLLOW US @PV_SHARKSCHEER &
JOIN THE BAND APP FOR MORE DETAILS









The Players Character Cup

Palm Valley Academy

"The Players Character Cup"

2022 5th Grade Team



2022 PVA Team from left to right: Rachel Samilian, Alexandra Wilson, Christian Rollins, Carson List, Daylen Brown, Logan Wampler, Kate Healey, Mikayla Bolden, Harper Pope, and Carter Gentry

Congratulations to the 2022 PVA 5th grade Character Cup Team. These athletes competed against 21 other school's 5th grade teams in St. Johns County school district at Tocoi Creek High School on April 27th, 2022. PVA brought home the 3rd place over all trophy with another 3rd place team finish in the Tug - of - Rope bracket. Some of the events were the 4x100 relay where Kate Healy, Mikayla Bolden, Alexandra Wilson, and Rachel Samilian finished 1st place in the girls' finals. Logan Wampler finished 1st place in the closets to the flag chipping event. Mikayla Bolden finished 3rd place in the Free throw event and finished 3rd place in the girls Sac race with Kate Healey. I could not be prouder of our team and the way they huddled around each other and cheered their team on during every event. They represented PVA very well, displayed great character and sportsmanship. Way to go Bobcats!!

Middle School VS Staff Basketball Game



Our middle school basketball teams challenged the PVA staff for a fun afternoon of basketball.







Kindergarten In House Field Study

Our Kindergarten classes enjoyed an in house field study with the **St. Johns County Sheriff's Office**. They even got to see the inside of the helicopter!





April Shower Bring May Flowers

Ms. Kelley's 3rd grade class planted flowers and vegetation in our flower beds. They watched as it continued to grow. Even including some Monarch Butterflies!



Ms. Kelley's 3rd Grade March Madness Stem Project

March Madness STEM Project Details: Students were asked to create a basket and ball launcher with different size straws, string, tape, and a table tennis ball. After practicing and making adjustments to their creations, students recorded the frequency of baskets and misses. The class accuracy average was at an astounding 74%!

































2021-2022 Partners In Education



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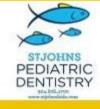






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