

#### **Palm Valley Academy**

#### **Calendar Highlights**

#### **Bullying Prevention Month**

10/6-10/19 BOOK FAIR

- 10/11 Volleyball Game vs. MCA 5:30pm HOME
- 10/13 Volleyball Game vs. VRA 5:30pm AWAY
- 10/14 First Quarter Ends
- 10/17 NO SCHOOL TEACHER PLANNING DAY
- 10/18 Volleyball Game vs. FCA HOME 5:30pm
- 10/20 Football Game vs. VRA 7:00pm @ Nease High School
- 10/25 Report Cards Issued on

HAC

10/25 Volleyball Game vs. PIA 5:30pm **AWAY** 

10/27 Volleyball Game vs. POA 5:30pm **AWAY** 



October 2022

Greetings PVA Families -

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of October and almost to the end of the first quarter! We are quickly ramping up into a busy season of fun and activities.

Volume 5, Issue 1 – October 3, 2022

Just a few reminders for those who are new to us, or those who may need a reminder:

All visitors to our school MUST have approved volunteer clearance. Please visit the following link to apply - https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/ <u>apply/</u> If you have not done this process in over 3 years, you must reapply. Please check with the front office if you are unsure of your clearance status.

Report Cards this year will be available online through Home Access Center (HAC). If you have not been able to access your HAC account, please visit the following link for directions - https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/ If you have any issues or questions, please contact Mary.Dominguez@stjohns.k12.fl.us for middle school and Kathleen.McClung@stjohns.k12.fl.us for elementary inquiries.

There is a lot of information in this newsletter about upcoming activities and opportunities, both at school and within the community. We look forward to a great month of learning, fun and celebrations.

Thank you for your continued support.



Sincerely,

Joy Reichenberg

# **COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

# **Meet the School Counselors**



Artina Coma Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades Artina.coma@stjohns.k12.fl.us



**Monica Ferguson** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Monica.Ferguson@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Amy Weber 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Amy.weber@stjohns.k12.fl.us

I am here to support the wonderful children here at Palm Valley Academy and their families! I provide classroom guidance lessons, individual counseling, small group counseling, consultation services, 504 coordination, and plan special events like Career Day! If you would like support for your child's socialemotional needs, please don't hesitate to reach out

to me any time – I'm here to help you! Welcome back to school, Bobcat families! This is my third year with Palm Valley Academy. I am excited to continue as the middle school counselor. In middle school, I will be visiting classrooms to discuss high school preparation, mental health support, and healthy relationships. I look forward to seeing your children grow and have a successful year!

This is my first year with Palm Valley Academy and am excited to be the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade counselor. I was born and raised in PA (Go Eagles! Go Phillies!).

I will be covering lessons related to Character Counts starting with Fairness in September. I like going swimming, shopping, traveling, and spending time at the beach with my family and dogs.

# **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.

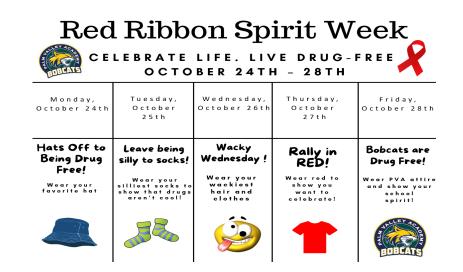
### <u>School</u>

**Counselors** 

<u>Ms. Coma</u> K—3 Ms. Weber 4—5

Ms. Ferguson 6–8

October is full of activities! During the week of October 24th to October 28th, we will be recognizing the following: Red Ribbon Week, Character Counts and National Bullying Prevention Month. All students will have the opportunity to participate in creative activities during Red Ribbon Week.



### OCTOBER PILLAR OF THE MONTH

# RESPONSIBILITY

- Do what you are supposed to do
- Plan ahead

RESPONSIBILITY

- Persevere: keep on trying!
- Always do your best
- Use self-control
- Be self-disciplined
- Think before you act consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes
- Set a good example for others

CHARACTER COUNTS



#### In the month of September, we recognized the pillar of character

#### "Fairness"

Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly • Treat all people fairly

Pictured below are our Character Counts Winners for Fairness. We are so proud of our students! We love watching them beam with bobcat pride through their great character. We thank them for spreading "Pawsitive" Vibes here at school and throughout our community.









CHARACTER COUNTS!

1st Grade



### 2nd Grade





**3rd Grade** 



4th Grade



### **5th Grade**







**6th Grade** 









## 7th Grade









## 8th Grade

PVA NJHS and Student Council Community Service Project

Our National Junior Honor Society and Student Council are joining up to collect shoeboxes of holiday gifts for children in Haiti.

If you are interested in participating in this project, please click the Sign Up Genius below for all of the details!

> https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0D4CA9AA2CA4F4C07-holiday

Thank you for your consideration.

\*Project Due Date-10/24/22\*

# **MEDIA CENTER NEWS**

# In the Media Center we have some <u>new</u> and <u>exciting</u> things happening this school year!!





\*\* Dot Day \*\*



September 15<sup>th</sup> was Dot Day!! International Dot Day is celebrated for **boosting courage** so that children can show their creative potential.

It is a **global celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration.** Our students did a wonderful job showing off their creativity!!



# **PVA ATHLETICS**

#### Football Schedule

Wed. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> @ Nease High School @ 7pm vs. VRA "Battle of the 32081" Playoffs TBA

# Baseball Schedule

Schedule TBA

#### Soccer Schedule

First Game Week of Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> Playoffs Week of Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> GIRLS Games Mondays/Thursdays — Schedule TBA BOYS Games Tuesdays/Fridays — Schedule TBA

### Flag Football Schedule Sat. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> Sat. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Sat. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Sat. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> Sat. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Sat. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> Sat. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Playoffs TBD (Time/Opponent TBA) @ WGV Park



# **GOOO BOBCATS!!**

# **PVA Soccer**

# BOYS

Round	Home Team	Away Team	Date	Start Time	Location
1	Fruit Cove Varsity	Palm Valley Varsity	10/14/2022	4:15	Plantation Park
2	Palm Valley Varsity	Landrum Varsity	10/18/2022	4:15	Davis Park (DP)
3	Gamble Rogers Varsity	Palm Valley Varsity	10/21/2022	4:15	Davis Park (DP)
4	Palm Valley Varsity	Freedom Crossing Varsity	10/25/2022	4:15	Davis Park (DP)
5	Liberty Pines Varsity	Palm Valley Boys Varsity	10/28/2022	4:15	Durbin Crossing Park (2209)
6	Palm Valley Varsity	Valley Ridge Academy Varsity	11/01/2022	4:15	Davis Park (DP)
7	Sebastian	Palm Valley Varsity	11/04/2022	4:15	Joe Pomar Park (JPP)
8	Palm Valley Varsity	Swiss Point Varsity	11/08/2022	4:15	Davis Park (DP)
9	Mill Creek Academy Varsity	Palm Valley Varsity	11/15/2022	4:15	Plantation Park
10	Palm Valley Varsity	Patriot Oaks Varsity	11/18/2022	4:15	Davis Park (DP)







Round	Home Team	Away Team	Date	Start Time	Location
1	Palm Valley Academy	Вуе	10/13/2022		
2	Landrum Varsity	Palm Valley Academy	10/17/2022	4:15	Landrum Middle School (LMS)
3	Palm Valley Academy	Freedom Crossing Varsity	10/20/2022	4:15	Davis Park (DP)
4	Mill Creek Varsity	Palm Valley Academy	10/24/2022	4:15	Aberdeen
5	Palm Valley Academy	Gamble Rogers Varsity	10/26/2022	4:15	Davis Park (DP)
5	Palm Valley Academy	Valley Ridge Varsity	10/27/2022	4:15	Davis Park (DP)
6	Palm Valley Academy	Fruit Cove Varsity	11/03/2022	4:15	Davis Park (DP)
7	Liberty Pines Varsity	Palm Valley Academy	11/07/2022	4:15	Durbin Crossing Park (2209)
8	Palm Valley Academy	Patriot Oaks Varsity	11/10/2022	4:15	Davis Park (DP)
9	Swiss Point Varsity	Palm Valley Academy	11/14/2022	4:15	Plantation Park
10	Palm Valley Academy	Pine Island Varsity	11/17/2022	4:15	Davis Park (DP)





Middle School Volleyball Action













Coach Danko

### Health Clinic - Welcome Back to School! School Nurses – Alice Fasula and Kara Whitchurch

#### Health Clinic - Welcome Back to School! School Nurses - Alice Fasula and Kara Whitchurch

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

#### Checklist for students with medical needs:

<u>New medical diagnosis, needs or alerts?</u> It is important that the school have up to date medical information. If you need to add anything to your student's health record, please send in a written note ("Attention: School Nurse") to be placed with your student's file.

#### Need to leave medication at school?

- 1. Download any forms from the PVA "Health Clinic" department webpage
- Bring the forms in to your pediatrician. A parent and doctor must sign the forms for them to be valid.
- Medications must be in their original container with a readable pharmacy/consumer label, unopened and unexpired. Please see our Medication Policy on the website for any further questions.

Dropping off supplies and medication? Bring your orders and supplies to the school during office hours to briefly meet with a nurse.

**Reminder:** It is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct for children to be carrying any medication (prescription or over the counter) with them at school without proper documentation. All medication must have a doctor's order on file in the clinic. Middle schoolers may carry over the counter medication *only with a signed form by the parent on file in the clinic.* Any violations will be brought up to Administration. Medication forms and more information can be found on the PVA Clinic Website.

### Health Screenings K, 1st, 3rd, and 6th Grades:

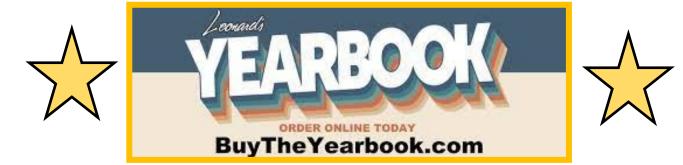
Palm Valley Academy is happy to offer Health Screenings for grades K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> in early November. Health Screening Information and opt-out forms are sent home with students. If you did not receive a form or need a new one, please check the PVA Health Clinic website.

#### Accidents happen: Food spills, mud puddles and more...

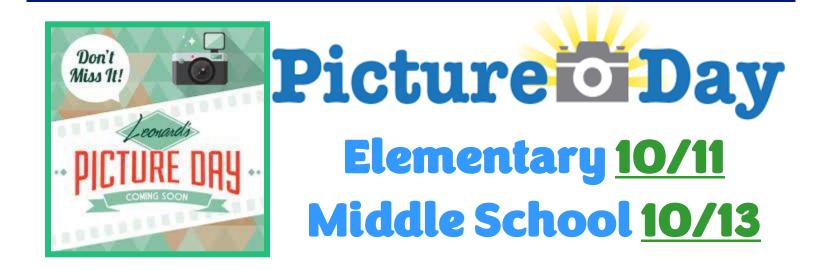
All Elementary Parents: <u>PLEASE keep a spare full set of clothing in a Ziploc in your child's</u> <u>backpack</u>. This will save them the trip to the clinic or a phone call home to find new clothes and change.

#### Thank you – Nurse Alice and Nurse Kara

# REMINDERS



https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com/PictavoSchool/FindSchool School ID: 708600





If your student is missing a water bottle, clothing, lunch bag, etc. Encourage them to check out the Lost and Found closet.



Please Note: PVA will not be celebrating Halloween with costumes.

### **Transportation & Dismissal**







- Anyone requesting transportation changes and early dismissals must fill out the online PVA Dismissal Change Form. For any transportation changes, please utilize the transportation change form on our website: <u>https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/</u> <u>TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m2MHIn92#</u> Dismissal changes can be made up to 12:00 PM the day of the change.
- Absentee form can be completed online at <a href="https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/">https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/</a>

  <u>TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=pvaabsentee#</u> This can be done INSTEAD of a paper form. No need to complete both. Either way is acceptable.
- PVA cannot write any bus passes. Any student that needs to ride to a location other than their assigned bus stop, will be required to complete a Provisional Transportation Waiver. For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/transportation/ptwaiver/">http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/transportation/ptwaiver/</a> This process is entirely online and controlled through the Transportation Department, not at the school level.
- The cutoff time for checking out a student early is 2:15 pm on M,T, Th, F and 1:15 pm on Wed. This is to ensure a smooth and safe dismissal for all. Please plan accordingly.
- The front office cannot call for a student to check out early until the parent/ guardian has physically arrived to sign them out. <u>Please have driver's license or</u> <u>state issued ID card with you when signing out student(s).</u>

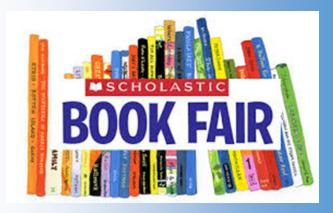




# **PVA BOOK FAIR**

PVA Fall Scholastic Book Fair October 6th - October 19<sup>th</sup>

Students will visit the Book Fair during their scheduled class time. (Refer to your student/s teacher communication for assigned class time.) Parents are not allowed to attend the book fair with their child. Please consider volunteering to help at the book fair, visit <u>https://</u>



www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4EACA928A7F58-book4 to signup to volunteer at the fair.

New this Fair!! We will be participating in Scholastic's All for Books program with every book fair transaction rounded up to the nearest dollar. All rounded up donations will go directly back to our school to fund additional student resources.

If you have any questions about the book fair or this program, please feel free to message the book fair chairs at <u>bookfair@pvapto.org</u> You can preview the PVA book fair and signup for E-Wallet at: <u>https:// bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/palmvalleyacademy3</u>

Thank you to our book fair sponsor



# **PVA PTO**

### **Thank You for Your Support and**

### **Donations!**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PVA PTO thus far by volunteering and with your donations through Partners in Education sponsorship, PTO membership, Pride Rock, and by purchasing Little Caesars pizza kits. All donations go towards providing additional student support through technology subscriptions, rewards and celebrations, teacher resource grants and many other areas. Check out the box to the left for more of what your donations will provide this year. We couldn't do it without you!

#### Activities the PTO Supports:

First day folders and car tag Blessings in a backpack Character Counts Awards Reading Incentive Programs Resource Grants for Teachers Technology Subscriptions Staff Training Days and Programs Staff Appreciation Family/Student Events

#### **Our Fundraising Initiatives**

Fundraising is a big part of the support the PTO provides to the school, we could not provide the additional programs to the students, staff and school without it. Did you know you can support PVA without additional cost to you? It's true!

By registering your Amazon account with Amazon Smiles and selecting Palm Valley Academy PTO as your charity your can give back with every purchase. Follow the simple steps in the box to the Left to set your account up to and start earning extra funds

### amazonsmile

Turn it ON in your APP! Open your Amazon app Go to Menu Select AmazonSmile Follow the prompts to turn

"ON" and select Palm

## **PVA PTO**

BOX Tops for Education has a new program! No more cutting the tops off boxes and sending them in with your student. Simply download the app to your phone (Apple Store and Google Play), scan your receipt, Box Tops products are instantly identified, and funds are automatically added to our earnings account online. Follow the prompts in the box to the right to download the app and select Palm Valley Academy PTO as your Charity.



#### Get it ON your Phone!

Download the app from Apple Store or Google Play Open and follow the prompts to Register your account. Find our School Palm Valley Academy Create your Profile SHOP SCAN and EARN for PVA!

Palm Valley Academy PTO would like to thank all of our 2022-2023 Partners in Education for their wonderful support at the start of this academic year. Partners have been able to attend several of our early events and host a table at "Meet the Teacher", "Elementary Curriculum Chats" and "Middle School Walk Through".

Thank you to Brain Balance and Panera for providing tasty food for our Kindergarten "Tears and Cheers" breakfast.

We are also grateful to Matt and Naomi Wilkinson with RE/MAX Unlimited for donating drinks at our "Welcome Back Teachers" luncheon.

We would also like to thank Clean Juice Nocatee for kindly donating coupons for the September Character Count "Fairness" awards.

We appreciate all the support from our local businesses and we can't wait to continue working with you for the upcoming events this fall.

If anyone would like anymore information about the Partners in Education program at PVA and would like to get involved, please contact Bev Ardabili at <u>partnerspvapto@gmail.com</u>

# **PVA PTO**

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM! The PTO sponsored Ice Cream Social and Book Swap held on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Families were able to exchange a finished book for a new one, all while enjoying a delicious ice cream sundae. There were over 300 people that attended the event. A big thank you to our Hero partner, Cara Ferreira Keller Williams Realty, for being part of our Elementary Event "Ice Cream Social and Book Swap" by hosting a table during the evening.

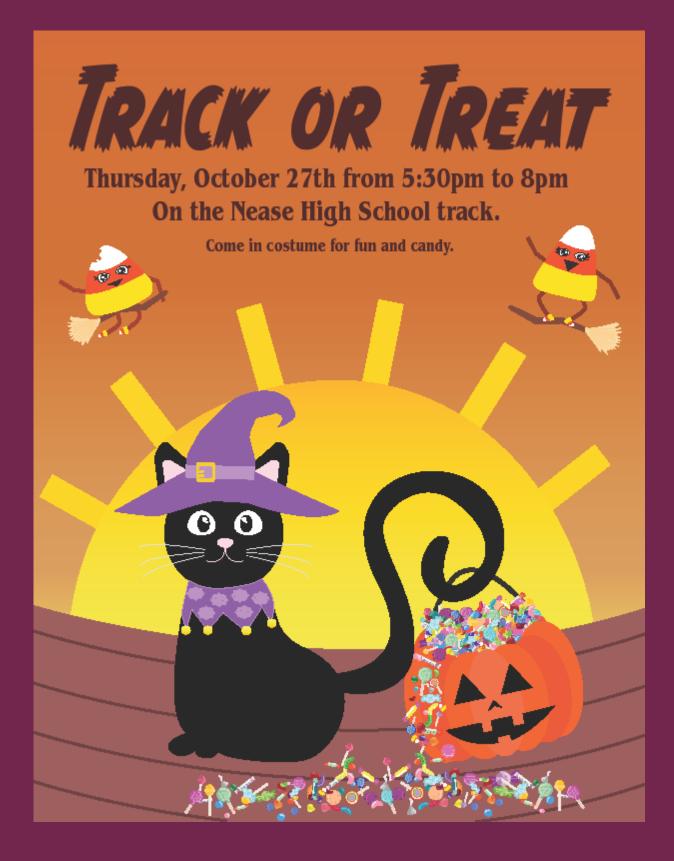


### Save the Date!

Palm Valley Academy PTO is hosting a Spirit Night Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-10pm at Dick's Wings and Grill in Nocatee. When placing a dine-in or carry out order (phone only, not valid on delivery service orders) mention **Palm Valley Academy** and our school will receive 15% of the group sales for the night. Join friends and bring your family for a fun evening of Karaoke, food and laughs. Raffle tickets will be available at the door. More information to come on raffle prizes in the coming weeks.



October 26<sup>th</sup> join us in the Multi-Purpose Room at PVA at 9:00 am for our Monthly General PTO Meeting. Hope to see you there!!





2022-2023 Partners in Education

**Heroes** 

