



Building Purposeful Leaders Where Everyone Shines Through Achievement

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Palm Valley Academy Bobcat Families,

We hope all of you had a fantastic 4th of July! However you chose to celebrate this year, we hope it was in a memorable and safe way.

As I mentioned in last weeks correspondence, I’ve created a series of communications focused on different “Big Rocks” here at PVA, along with important upcoming dates of note. These communications, along with any other pertinent information that becomes available will be sent out each Monday through July. Please continue to visit our website as everything I send will be added to the Communication section of the PVA Homepage -<https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>. Each week’s focus of information is as follows:

- July 1, 2024 - General Welcome and Immediate Information
- July 8, 2024 - PVA Upcoming Events and PTO/Volunteer Information
- July 15, 2024 - All Things Logistical and Operational
- July 22, 2024 - Official Welcome Back and PVA Day 1/Week 1

This, the second of four July communications, is focused on PVA’s volunteer processes and policies, as well as all things PTO- more specifically, an introduction to the PTO Board Members, ways the PTO continues to support our students, staff, and school year-in and year-out, along with membership information. Please take a few moments to read the following information and as always, don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions or clarifications as needed.

Upcoming Dates:

- 7/15-7/17 Kindergarten Screeners (SEE BELOW AS WELL AS ATTACHMENT FOR LIVE LINK)
- 7/24 Kindergarten Social (Link WILL BE sent out next week – Sorry for the confusion!)
- 7/31 6th Grade Orientation (SEE BELOW AS WELL AS ATTACHMENT FOR LIVE LINK)
- 8/1 Kindergarten staggered start information and sign-up will be sent via email
- 8/7 All elementary families will receive an email from their child’s assigned teacher
- 8/8 Middle school schedule available in HAC
- 8/8 Kindergarten Meet the Teacher from 5pm-6pm
- 8/8 Staggered Elementary Meet the Teacher:
 - 8:00am-9:00am for Last Names = A-J
 - 9:30am-10:30am for Last Names = K-R
 - 11:00am-12:00pm for Last Names = S-Z
- Staggered Middle School Walk Your Schedule:
 - 12:30pm-1:00pm for Last Names = A-J
 - 1:30pm-2:00pm for Last Names = K-R
 - 2:30pm-3:00pm for Last Names = S-Z
- 8/12 First Day of School 😊
- 8/12-8/15 Kindergarten Staggered Start (sign-up using link in the 8/1 email)
- 8/16 First Full Day for Kindergarten Classes



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THIS WEEKS CONTENT

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Register now to become an approved St Johns County Volunteer. Please make sure to include your complete FIRST, MIDDLE and LAST NAME on the application. **You must be an approved volunteer in the St. Johns County system to enter the school beyond the front desk. Click the link below to sign-up today.**

[CLICK HERE! FOR SJCSO VOLUNTEER APPLICATION!](#)

The St. Johns County Volunteer Application is an application for clearance to be on school campus. Whether you are attending a conference with the teacher in person, volunteering in the classroom/events, escorting your kindergartener to class on their first official day of school, volunteering in the lunchroom, joining us for a presentation/celebration, and/or attending a field trip, you must have completed the above form. This is a district policy with no exceptions.

ALL THINGS PTO!

PTO stands for Parent-Teacher Organization. The PTO consists of parents and teachers working together to support and enrich all students here at Palm Valley Academy. Our PTO supports school staff, helps promote student self-esteem, and assists efforts to solve school needs through volunteers and funding. All parents at Palm Valley Academy are encouraged to participate in PTO activities whenever possible, but you do not have to commit to anything. There is no mandated hours of service to complete, no commitment to volunteer, or not even a promise to attend the meetings. **It is all AT-WILL**. But as everyone knows, the more opinions and voices, the better ideas that will be brought to the table for discussion.

For those who are interested and able... There are daily opportunities at Palm Valley Academy members to volunteer in and out of school- Helping in the classroom, volunteering in the cafeteria, lending a hand in the library, chairing a PTO committee, or assisting at a PTO event are all example of PTO activities and involvement.

Why Join The PVA PTO?

The PTO Needs → YOU!

- 1. CHILDREN BENEFIT**
Research shows that participating in your child's school and showing engagement helps them perform better academically
- 2. THE SCHOOL BENEFITS**
PTO performs support for school teachers and administration which in turn creates a positive & caring atmosphere in the school
- 3. MAKE CONNECTIONS**
Get to know the teachers & staff better and make life-long friends with other parents at the school!
- 4. IT'S GOOD FOR YOU**
Socializing with other parents and volunteering to do good for your child's school is fun, healthy and rewarding!

READY TO SIGN UP?
Either use the QR Code or contact PTO Membership at membership@pvppto.org!



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PTO has several scheduled family and fundraising events that are planned and facilitated by committee assignments. Check out the flyer below for all the PTO has done for us our Bobcats!

Palm Valley Academy and the PVA PTO share the same vision for success, which is only accomplished by leaning and relying on the strength of everyday working relationships between students, parents and staff. The effort the parent-members, chair-members, and board-members put forth daily to support our students, staff and school is nothing less than extraordinary. On behalf of everyone here at PVA, we sincerely thank all our PTO Board and members who work so hard year-round to ensure a safe and educationally enriched environment here at PVA.

See the attachments (or the below pages) for an introduction from our PTO President, Ms. Amy Stellwagen, opportunities and ways to get involved with the PTO immediately, PTO membership options and for important dates and information! You can also visit the PTO website at <http://www.pvpto.org/>.

DID YOU KNOW.... THE PALM VALLEY PTO DOES THAT?!

- SCHOOL UPGRADES**
ENSURE A SAFE & TECHNOLOGICAL UPDATED ENVIRONMENT TO LEARN!
* Yearly Technology Subscriptions and Curriculum Supports
* Playground Updates and Upgrades as Needed
* Campus Landscaping and Regular Beautification Projects
- SCHOOL PROGRAMS**
ATTEND TO THE NEEDS OF ALL CHILDREN THROUGH SPECIALIZED SUPPORTS!
* First Day Folders, Car Tags, SSVRA Books
* Character Counts Awards and Celebrations
* CAT ART, Staff Professional Development, and more!
- SCHOOL EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS**
RAISE MONEY, FOSTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT & CREATE MEMORIES!
* Bobcat Bolts & Carnivals
* Family Fun & Event Nights
* Holiday Parties
* School Dances
* Teacher Appreciation Week
* Celebrations/Ceremonies
- TEACHER/STAFF SUPPORT**
HAPPY TEACHERS & STAFF BENEFIT THE STUDENTS!
* Room Parent Program
* Staff Breakfasts & Luncheons
* Teacher Appreciation & Hospitality
* Organization of Volunteers
* Teacher Grants & Requests
* Summer Tours
- SCHOOL MARKETING/RECRUITMENT**
MAKE CONNECTIONS AND GROW OUR COMMUNITY!
* Community Flyers and Communication
* Partners in Education
* Occupy Booths at School Events

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT!
PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A PART OF THE PTO TODAY!
If interested please visit pvpto.org, attend a meeting or contact PTO
Membership at membership@pvpto.org

We look forward to seeing everyone in just about a month. In the meantime, keep making memories with your families and enjoying the summer!!!

Be Well,
Zachary R. Strom
School Principal



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SEE ATTACHMENT FOR PRINTABLE FORM



Palm Valley Academy PTO Member Sponsorship Form



I WOULD PREFER THE BRONZE MEMBERSHIP YEARLY FEE OF \$25.00 ONLY (MAGNET) _____

\$500

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

BOBCAT OF THE YEAR

PTO Membership Dues, \$10 Spirit Wear Voucher, FREE Yearbook, Vehicle Magnet, VIP Access to include priority sign-up opportunities, early and exclusive event access, reserved seating at school events and ceremonies, and an OVERFLOW Parking Spot!

\$250

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

PLATINUM BOBCAT

PTO Membership Dues, \$10 Spirit Wear Voucher, FREE Yearbook, Vehicle Magnet, VIP Access to include priority sign-up opportunities, early and exclusive event access, reserved seating at school events and ceremonies, and more!

\$130

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

GOLD BOBCAT

PTO Membership Dues, \$10 Spirit Wear Voucher, Vehicle Magnet, and a FREE Yearbook!

\$50

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

SILVER BOBCAT

PTO Membership Dues, \$10 Spirit Wear Voucher, and a Vehicle Magnet!

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Home Address _____



Sponsorship Level \$500 BOBCAT OF THE YEAR \$250 PLATINUM \$100 GOLD \$50 SILVER \$25 BRONZE

Payment Method Check Cash Credit Card (QR Code) Date of Payment: _____

*If Paying By Check Please Make Payable to Palm Valley PTO and staple to this form.

* If Paying By Cash Please staple in an enclosed envelope to this form and hand in at school front office to obtain a receipt

Thank You So Much For Your Contribution!



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*****A LETTER FROM YOUR PTO PRESIDENT*****

Dear Bobcat Families,

My name is Amy Stellwagen, and I am extremely excited to be your PTO President for the 2024-2025 school year! I have a rising 5th and 1st grader, and I've been volunteering at PVA for some time now. Palm Valley Academy is an amazing school with wonderful teachers, administration, and staff as a whole that work together to give your children the best educational experience possible, and I am incredibly grateful to them for that. Today, I wanted to introduce you to who the PTO is and what we do...

Since getting involved with the PTO I have come to recognize how important this organization is to our school community, and I wanted to share with you exactly what we do. We work side by side with the PVA staff to support and help fund many of our school functions. While the PTO always welcomes volunteers, your monetary donation through membership helps to fund computer software, staff development, classroom setup funds, we purchase library books, playground equipment, as well as books and materials for the classroom. We fund teacher appreciation events and school events like middle school dances, 5th, and 8th grade promotions, fall and spring festivals, book fair and holiday shops, kindergarten welcome socials and much, much more!! We REALLY appreciate your membership as it goes directly to benefiting your students.

There is a wonderful team of board members this year:

Beth Gassner-past president

Brittany Hulsey- Treasurer

Elementary VP- Laura Granados

Middle School VP- Barbara Hager

Co Recording Secretaries- Brittany Pavlock & Wanwisa Chanasit

If you see us around school, please come say hello! We would love to have you join us and you can help with school events as much (or as little!) as you would like! We look forward to meeting many of you! We appreciate your support and are looking forward to a fantastic upcoming school year!!

GO BOBCATS!!

Amy Stellwagen



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*****LINKS ARE LIVE IN THE ATTACHMENT*****

PVA PTO MEMBERSHIP PERKS

Bronze Level -\$25 Contribution

PVA Magnet

Silver Level -\$50 Contribution

PVA Magnet & \$10 Spirit Wear Voucher

Gold Level -\$130 Contribution

PVA Magnet, \$10 Spirit Wear Voucher, 1 Yearbook*

Platinum Level -\$250 Contribution

PVA Magnet, \$10 Spirit Wear Voucher, 1 Yearbook*, VIP Access to volunteer opportunity sign ups and reserved seating to 5th and 8th grade Promotion Ceremonies

Bobcat Level - \$500 Contribution

PVA Magnet, \$10 Spirit Wear Voucher, 1 Yearbook*, VIP Access to volunteer opportunity sign ups and reserved seating to 5th and 8th grade promotions and Overflow lot parking tag

ADDITIONAL PVA PTO INFO AND IMPORTANT DATES

Sign-up TODAY to paint our PRIDE ROCK!



[Pride Rock 2024-2025](#)

signupgenius.com

Our School Spirit Wear store is now OPEN! Courtesy of The Shirt Guru:



[PVA PTO Back to School 2024](#)

pvabacktoschool2024.itemorder.com



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For Partners In Education Opportunities

Business Owners - Are you interested in partnering with Palm Valley Academy PTO for the 2024-2025 school year?

Please contact Janelle Fornasier & Rachel Trifiletti at partnerspvpto@gmail.com for more information about the Palm Valley Academy PTO Partners in Education Program

<https://pvapto.org/LevelsOfSponsorship>

Our PTO July/August Calendar of Events:

July

7th- School Spirit Wear store opens

14th- Kindergarten School Spirit Wear closes

21st- School Spirit Wear store closes

24th-Kindergarten social (5pm-7pm)

August

16th-Tears and Cheers Breakfast for K parents

21st- General PTO meeting (6 pm PVA cafeteria)

19th-30th- Dome Hat Fundraiser



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Attention all Palm Valley Academy

Kindergarten Families!

SEE BELOW FOR SOME IMPORTANT INFO!

Get your official PVA Gear and Swag:
[CLICK HERE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER!](#)
ORDER TODAY- PVA KINDERGARTEN GEAR IS AVAILABLE NOW!

Sign-Up for your Kindergarten Screener:
[CLICK HERE TO SIGN-UP!](#)
Screeners are being offered on July 15th, 16th and 17th. Limited Availability.

Sign-Up & Celebrate at the Kindergarten Social:
LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP NEXT WEEK!
Families MUST BE signed-up to attend the July 24th event from 5-7pm