

A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 9/23 – 9/27

Dear PVA Families,

Please take a moment to review the information, reminders, and upcoming events below.

PVA Vision Statement

Building purposeful leaders where everyone shines through achievement.

We Pursue Excellence.

We Value All.

We Achieve Success.

We are PVA!

Until next weekend, take care and Go BOBCATS!

INFO FOR ALL (K-8)

A Message of Safety from Deputy Wilson (3 of 3)

Hey Parents and Friends of Bobcats everywhere! Please help us keep our students safe. As your school's assigned Deputy, I must ask that everyone please the protocols established for our campus and beyond. There is no perfect solution for everyone, but what is done helps us safely move well over a thousand students and staff, plus buses and cars each day. As a parent, I understand how hard it can be to balance life's daily challenges, but we must keep a safety-first mindset. If I can be of any assistance or need clarity on any topic, please let me know.

- E-bikes and scooters are being operated in a hazardous manner. They are too fast and hard to hear when they are overtaking walkers and other bikers. Before there is a serious injury, we would like to ask parents please remind or instruct your child on the proper operation and bicycle laws they must follow. On a multi-use pathway, pedestrians will have the right of way.
- Bicyclists, scooter and skateboard operators must wear a protective helmet at all times.
- Dress in brightly colored clothes to be seen easily when playing outdoors, especially in twilight or dusk.
- Golf cart pickup line etiquette... please do not bypass the line. If there's an emergency, make other arrangements.

National Child Passenger Safety Week (9/15-9/22)

Speaking of Child Safety, the NHTSA recommends the following for Child Passenger Seats:

- Birth – 12 Months: Babies under age one should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.
- 1 – 3 Years: Toddlers should ride in a rear-facing car seat with a harness as long as possible – until they reach the seat's top height or weight limit, typically around 35 to 45 pounds.
- 4 – 7 Years: Young children should ride in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until they reach the seat's top height or weight limit – typically between 40 and 60 pounds.
- 8 – 12 Years: Children should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat until they are at least 4 feet 9 inches tall. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lies snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach, and the shoulder belt lies snug across the shoulder and chest, not over the neck or face.

Child Safety Seat Tips:

- The seat should be strapped in tight—you should not be able to move it more than one inch in any direction at the belt path. Always use the top tether when forward-facing.
- The chest clip should be at armpit level, and the harness should be snug—the straps should be tight enough that you cannot pinch the fabric of the harness at the shoulders.
- Children age 13 and under should ride in the back seat.
- Older children no longer need a special seat if their legs bend comfortably at the seat's edge with their back resting flat against the back of the seat.

PVA Hardship Application (Families in Need)

Families who are going through some sort of a hardship for whatever reason can apply for various different types of assistance at PVA. Please feel free to share this link with those in need or apply and submit today.



-Or-

[CLICK HERE FOR THE PVA HARDSHIP LINK](#)

A Tremendous Experience and Opportunity for our Teachers


Last week, 23 members of our school staff had the amazing opportunity to attend a 3-day conference in Tampa, FL and immerse themselves in some great professional learning. Individuals from all over the country convened at the Tampa convention center for the PLC at Work conference. Hear all about our team's experience, their take-aways, and the impacts this will have on our school community this Wednesday morning at the PTO General Meeting.

School Advisory Council Meeting – Tuesday, Oct. 1st @ 4:00pm

SAC is a school-based group intended to represent the school, the community, and those persons closest to the students. The group shares responsibility for guiding the school toward continuous improvement. PVA's School Advisory Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm in the library. Meetings usually last 30-45 minutes and are open to the community. Join us to discuss PVA's 2024-2025 School Improvement Plan and the progress we are making towards our goals, along with other important topics and discussions. We hope to see you there.

PTO HAPPENINGS (ALL GRADES)

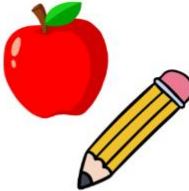
- The PTO Calendar has also been attached for your reference as needed.
- PTO Meeting this week - September 25th @ 9:00am JOIN US and hear teachers talk about their take-aways from last week's big PLC Conference in Tampa!















Palm Valley Academy PTO

SEPTEMBER

Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 NO School Today 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Middle School Tailgate at PVA! 	13 BINGO 	14
15	16	17 Picture Day 	18 Picture Day	19 Staff Appreciation Pto sponsored 	20 Teacher InService Day- Student day off	21
22	23 Charleston Wrap Fundraiser starts 	24	25 PTO General Meeting at 9:00am	26 	27	28
29	30 					

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Monday, September 23rd
 - Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Begins!
- Tuesday, September 24th
 - MS VOLLEYBALL AWAY @ FCA (Girls at 5:30pm and boys to follow)
- Wednesday, September 25th
 - PTO General Meeting @ 9:00am
- Thursday, September 26th
 - MS VOLLEYBALL AWAY @ VRA (Girls at 5:30pm and boys to follow)

On the Radar:

- Tuesday, October 1st
 - SAC Meeting @ 4:00pm in the Library
 - MS VOLLEYBALL AWAY @ PIA (Girls at 5:30pm and boys to follow)
- Thursday, October 3rd
 - DAY 1 Health Screenings K, 1st, 3rd, 6th Grades. Info and details to come.
 - MS VOLLEYBALL AWAY @ Lakeside Academy (Girls at 5:30pm and boys to follow)
- Friday, October 4th
 - DAY 2 Health Screenings K, 1st, 3rd, 6th Grades. Info and details to come.

PVA's FALL FESTIVAL is ALMOST HERE!!

Sunday, October, 20th

DETAILS TO COME!

That's all for now Bobcats. Have a great week!

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