A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 10/28 – 11/1

Dear PVA Families.

There are A LOT of happenings in the near future. I'll be as brief as possible, but when time allows, please take a moment to review the information, reminders, and upcoming events below so that you are in the know!

Sincerely,

Mr. Strom

**PVA Vision Statement** 

Building purposeful leaders where everyone shines through achievement.

We <u>P</u>ursue Excellence. We <u>V</u>alue All. We **A**chieve Success.

We are PVA!

#### INFO FOR ALL (K-8)

#### Red Ribbon Week is upon us!

Don't forget, we are in the middle of Red Ribbon Week – A nationally celebrated week that reinforces the importance of living a drug-free life through positive messages and encouragement. See below for the themed days of this week-

Monday – Team up Against Drugs (dress as a team or in support of a team)

Tuesday – Drugs are Old School (wear retro or stylish attire)

Wednesday – Wake up Drug Free (school appropriate pajama day)

Thursday – Commit to Character (dress in appropriate costume)

\*NO COSTUMES WITH FACE COVERINGS, HOODS, OR WEAPONS OF ANY KIND

#### Veteran's Day Celebration: PVA's HALL OF HEROES

For the last few years, PVA staff members have recognized and celebrated ALL veterans, past or present, we are related to through our Hall of Heroes display in the main hallway near the cafeteria. Nominations were formatted to include the veteran's name, years of services, and the branch served, then printed and arranged to create a MASSIVE American Flag display that is just as beautiful, as it is special to all of us at Palm Valley. However, like the last couple years, this Veteran's Day we want to continue a tradition that's sustainable, long-lasting, and meaningful for the whole community with a display that exudes PRIDE and HONOR. This November, like last, and for all to come, we will RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE ALL VETERANS near and dear to our hearts and yours. Please be sure to see the Veteran's Day Packet Attachment for details.

\*Note- all Hall of Heroes submissions are DUE TO YOUR TEACHER BY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8<sup>th\*</sup>

\*\*All photos must be school appropriate\*\*

#### **November Events and Activities**

This November we will be launching our first ever Be a Buddy, Not a Bully fundraiser as well as a Thanksgiving Food Drive for NJHS. This November we are asking our students to participate in our Be a Buddy and Build a Bobcat fundraiser with proceeds allocated to enhancing our schoolwide PBIS program, fund inspiring assemblies, and provide essential curriculum materials – all aimed at fostering a culture if kindness, inclusivity, and respect. Together, let's our school a place where every student can thrive! Please see the flyers below.





# NJHS is Sponsoring our PVA Thanksgiving

Food Drive

November 4th - 15th

It is the time of year where families that struggle worry about how they are going to be able to enjoy a holiday meal and find ways to be thankful for what they do have. Our hope is that we can help them by donating canned and dry goods so they can take have that same peaceful family time we all want.

Let's give them something to be thankful for by filling our boxes with canned goods and dry foods (If you would like to donate a turkey, please use this <u>link</u> to sign up).

We are looking for any canned goods or dry goods that can be used to help put together a thanksgiving dinner. Suggestions are:

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Canned Green Beans

Canned Cranberry Sauce

Pie Crust

Canned Sweet Potatoes

Dry Macaroni

Boxed Macaroni and Cheese

Instant Coffee

Canned Sweet Corn

Cornbread Mix

Stuffing

Boxed/Puch Rice

Canned Soups

Canned Yams

Canned Gravy

Dinner Rolls

Marshmallows

Pumpkin Pie Filling



Thank you all so much for braving the weather to join us at the PVA Fall Festival! Your presence brought warmth and energy to our rainy afternoon, making the event a fantastic celebration of our community. We loved seeing everyone come together to support our students and enjoy the fall festivities, rain or shine. Your continued support means the world to us, and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for making memories with us and for being such an essential part of our school community!

#### A Message of Safety from Deputy Wilson

Hello Parents, Guardians and friends of Bobcats everywhere!

Please help remind your child to keep their helmets on until they arrive on campus, pay attention to their surroundings and to slow down when navigating around other pedestrians and bikers. E-bikes and scooters are being operated in increasingly dangerous ways, so we must ask that you help us reinforce bicycle safety and following the "rules of the road".

- Wear your helmet
- Watch for others
- Watch for traffic

We will continue to do our part at PVA by encouraging good, safe habits. One injury is too many, especially when they are preventable. Thank you in advance for helping keep our Bobcats safe!

All my best, Deputy Wilson

#### **ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)**

#### **NEW WORLDS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS**

The New Worlds Scholarship Accounts Program expanded eligibility to include public school students enrolled in PreK through grade 5 who:

- have a substantial deficiency in either reading or mathematics;
- exhibit characteristics of dyslexia or dyscalculia; or
- scored below a Level 3 on the statewide, standardized English Language Arts (ELA) or Mathematics assessment in the prior school year
  - \*\*Link for further info: **NEW WORLDS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS 2024-25**

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parents

According to section 1008.25(5), Florida Statutes (F.S.), to be promoted to fourth grade, a third-grade student must score a Level 2 or above on the statewide Florida Assessment of Student Thinking – English Language Arts (FAST-ELA). Please see the following two letters for further information. 3rd Grade Statue Letter 24\_25 Mandatory Retention for Level 1 FAST ELA in Grade 3 and GCE 2024-25

#### **Parent Lunchroom Volunteer Opportunities**

Back by popular demand we are finally opening the lunchroom back up for K-5 Parent Volunteers! To be able to volunteer, there is a short training each parent must go through so they are aware of our policies, procedures and operations at any given time. Double-click the image below and sign-up if you are interested!



#### MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

#### Middle School Spirit Week COMING UP!

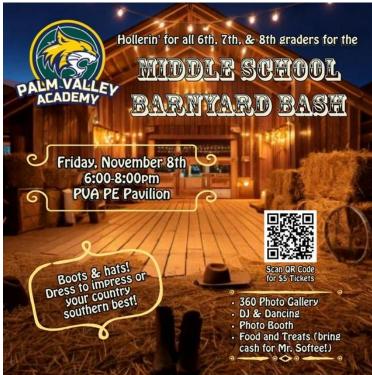
To celebrate our Fall Sports and Athletes, there will be a Middle School Spirit week 11/4-11/8. See the flyers and info below! Don't miss out!

#### 8th Grade Parents – A Special Opportunity

If your 8<sup>th</sup> grade student participates on a team that represents Palm Valley Academy this Fall, there is a special opportunity coming up for you to recognize your student throughout Middle School's Spirit Week 11/4-11/8. Please be on the lookout for important information from PVA this week with further details on this opportunity.

#### Middle School Dance - 11/8

Get your tickets TODAY! Link below.





**ALL VOLUNTEERS: MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE TICKETS** 





#### PTO Happenings (ALL Grades)

- Yearbooks are NOW available! Reserve your copy TODAY! <u>Buy the Yearbook-Buy the Yearbook</u>
- If you were unable to pick up your DOME HATS order, please reach out to Ms. Mare Guglielmo @ (201)819-9858. Please send her a text with your name and grade they placed the order under and she'll arrange pick-up.
- Get your Middle School Dance tickets TODAY! Reserve using the above link!
- This month's General PTO meeting will be Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am in the PVA Cafeteria.

#### **UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:**

#### RED RIBBON WEEK CONTINUES THROUGH THURSDAY, OCT. 31st.

- Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>
  - o MS VOLLEYBALL HOME v. FCA (Girls at 5:30pm and boys to follow)
- Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>
  - MS VOLLEYBALL AWAY @ VRA (Girls at 5:30pm and boys to follow)
- Thursday, October 31st
  - HAPPY HALLOWEEN! Be safe!

#### On the Radar:

- Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>
  - o Middle School Spirit Week BEGINS! See Flyer!
- Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>
  - o BE A BUDDY NOT A BULLY Fundraiser Begins
  - o MS VOLLEYBALL AWAY @ LA (Girls at 5:30pm and boys to follow)
- Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>
  - MS Pep Rally FALL SPORTS
  - o MS VOLLEYBALL TAILGATE 4:30pm-5:30pm
  - MS VOLLEYBALL HOME v. POA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night (Girls at 5:30pm and boys to follow)
- Friday, November 8th
  - o MS Dance @ 6:00 8:00pm

That's all for now, Bobcats. See you SUNDAY!

Be well,

Zach



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