

A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 11/10 – 11/15

Dear PVA Families,

Happy Veteran's Day Weekend, Families. For those of you who are serving, or have served, from all of us here at PVA, thank you for your service.

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 Pursue Excellence.

We Value All.

We Achieve Success.

We are PVA!

INFO FOR ALL (K-8)

PVA's Veterans Day Breakfast:

If you have registered, we are excited to welcome you tomorrow morning for our Veterans Day Breakfast in the cafeteria from 9:15-10:00am. The cafeteria doors will open to the cafeteria at 9:00am and your students will be called down by 9:15am. We are looking forward to it! AS A REMINDER, ONLY THOSE WHO REGISTERED BY THE FRIDAY DEADLINE WILL BE PERMITTED.

PVA's SAC Meeting is this Tuesday, November 12

Due to it being Election Day last week, the November SAC meeting had been rescheduled from Nov. 5th to this Tuesday, Nov. 12th. We will still meet in the PVA library starting at 4:00pm. Hope to see you there!

November Events and Activities

Our NJHS Thanksgiving Food Drive and The Be-A-Buddy-NOT-A-Bully Fundraiser is ongoing. Please see below for details.

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 of kindness, inclusivity, and respect. Together, let's our school a place where every student can thrive! Be on the lookout for this paperwork coming home tomorrow! Also, please see the flyer below about our ongoing food drive and note – the [THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE LINK CAN BE FOUND HERE.](#)



**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 [link](#) 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:

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| Instant Mashed Potatoes | Cornbread Mix |
| Canned Green Beans | Stuffing |
| Canned Cranberry Sauce | Boxed/Puch Rice |
| Pie Crust | Canned Soups |
| Canned Sweet Potatoes | Canned Yams |
| Dry Macaroni | Canned Gravy |
| Boxed Macaroni and Cheese | Dinner Rolls |
| Instant Coffee | Marshmallows |
| Canned Sweet Corn | Pumpkin Pie Filling |



Palm Valley Academy is excited for Buddy-A-Thon! I'm a Buddy NOT a Bully!



Our Buddy-A-Thon runs 11/5 - 11/19. It is like a walk-a-thon except instead of walking, participating students get to pick a huggable, lovable Buddy. Buddies are 16" in size and "department store" quality.

Students will get to help "build their own" buddy at the Buddy Stuffing Event at our school soon after the conclusion of our program.

Please support our efforts by registering TONIGHT and sending as many emails and texts as possible to friends and family via our system. Funds raised will be used to enhance our schoolwide PBIS program, fund inspiring assemblies, and provide essential curriculum material - all aimed at fostering a culture of kindness, inclusivity, and respect.

STEP 1

PARENTS: Please register your student and help them send 10+ emails TONIGHT!

<https://bit.ly/48n48lk>

- Help your student pick the Buddies and Outfits they hope to earn
- Don't forget to include your own email address so you can donate online too
- Send emails/texts to grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, co-workers, neighbors & anyone that wants to help your student and our school
- **EARN PRIZES!** All students that send 10+ valid emails/texts will earn a Dexter Key Chain, Dexter Slap Bracelet, & Lanyard. Return Golden Ticket Wed, 11/6th!



STEP 2

EARN AWESOME PRIZES (all prizes are cumulative)

\$100+ in donations raised

- Get a Bobcat Buddy!
- + Heart Insert
- + Birth Certificate
- + I'm a Buddy, Not a Bully Drawstring Bag



\$150+ in donations raised

Get your Bobcat Buddy an outfit of your choice



\$200+ in donations raised

Get all 12 of the Dexter Squad



\$275+ in donations raised

Get a Buddy donated in your name to the



\$350+ in donations raised

Get a Glow in the Dark Blanket!



\$425+ in donations raised

Get a second outfit! Plus, for every additional \$125, get another outfit.



\$500+ in donations raised

Get Dexter the Dragon Buddy!



All personal information will only be used for this program and will be kept confidential and will not be sold, reused, rented, loaned or otherwise disclosed.

GOLDEN TICKET - Please sign & return to school on Wed. Nov. 6th to earn your Dexter Keychain, Dexter Hair, & Lanyard. Plus, you will also be entered in the Daily Prize Drawings!

Yes, I registered and sent 10+ emails. Emails will be confirmed.

Student: _____

Teacher: _____

Gr: _____

Parent Signature: _____



A Note About Enrichments and Extended Day from Ms. Olson

With Wednesdays becoming full days until February to make up for missed time due to the hurricanes; I wanted to address a couple of things regarding Enrichments and Extended day. I am confirming with enrichments if they can push back the hour to accommodate the students. As of now that does not seem to be a problem and if something were to change, we will keep you informed! Enrichments are their own sperate thing so any questions regarding enrichments, please reach out to them directly and I am sure they will be happy to help you! Extended day will operate as usual as if it was a typical full day schedule. Students will arrive to us at 3:00pm and you will be able to pick them up starting at 3:30pm on these extended Wednesdays. If for some reason this creates a problem for you, please reach out to me directly and I will be happy to help you. Thank you! Ms. Courtney Olson – Extended Day Director

Safety on the Bridge – A Message from Deputy Wilson

I'd like to take a moment to remind our bikers and walkers to practice some important safety tips. First, always wear your helmet. It is so important to protect your noggin from bumps and falls. Don't forget to look both ways before crossing any road or pathway, and wear bright colors if you're out during the late afternoon and evening. To my friends on e-bikes and scooters, you have a responsibility to watch out for others who cannot get out of the way fast enough. Slow down, be careful when operating around walkers, and come to a stop before crossing the road. Be on the lookout for me giving out PBIS points for practicing safe habits. To all who drive golf carts: as you approach the golf cart loop, cellphones should be in hands free mode. You may also notice there is a stop sign at the pedestrian path crossing. Please observe the signage to help us avoid collisions with our Bobcats. Thank you so much for helping us keep our students safe.

All my best,
Deputy Mark 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](#)

Parent Lunchroom Volunteer Opportunities

Back by popular demand we are finally opening the lunchroom back up for K-5 Parent Volunteers! [Click HERE for Lunch Volunteers Information](#) and [Click HERE to sign-up!](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

Middle School Volunteers Needed! We are looking for parent volunteers to help at our middle school PBIS store! Click on this [link](#) to sign up!

Middle School Spirit Week WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you to all of you who helped us create a jammed packed, memory filled Middle School Spirit Week for our students. The hallways looked amazing with banners of our 8th graders in Fall Sports, the Tailgate was absolutely a HIT and Friday's Dance had more than double the attendance of any previous Middle School Dance. THANK YOU to Ms Hager, our MS PTO Event Chair, all the volunteers who were able to come up and help, and to all the rest of you who helped get your students involved.

Middle School Field Trips Announced

Our 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade trips are scheduled and open now for payment. Please click the grade level links below or visit the website for additional information.

Basketball Tryouts Announced

Basketball tryouts will be as follows. Sign-ups will be sent out in next week's communication.

BOYS

- Monday, Dec. 2nd 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, Dec. 3rd 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, Dec. 4th 3:30-5:30 P.M.

GIRLS

- Thursday, Dec. 5th 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- Friday, Dec. 6th 3:30-5:30 P.M.



MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS



Who: 6th Graders

What/Where: Wild Adventures

When: Thursday April 3, 2025, from 10am to 6pm

Cost: \$125 (Includes bus, admission, and lunch)

Payment Deadline: February 21, 2025

****All field trips can be found and paid for on [School Pay](#) on our website****



****If you are interested in being a chaperone, please email Jayme.Stefko@stjohns.k12.fl.us and she will put you on a list. Chaperones will be chosen on a first come basis based on the number needed (to be determined closer to the trip date)**



Who: 7th Graders

What/Where: Busch Gardens

When: Thursday April 17, 2025, from 10am to 7pm

Cost: \$180 (Includes bus, admission, and food voucher including lunch and snack)

Payment Deadline: February 21, 2025

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GRADVENTURE UNIVERSAL ORLANDO

Who: 8th Graders

What/Where: Gradventure @ Universal Studios

When: Friday May 9, 2025, from 12pm to 3am

Cost: \$215 (Includes bus, admission, and food voucher)

Payment Deadline: March 21, 2025

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6TH GRADE WILD ADVENTURES



7TH GRADE BUSCH GARDENS



8TH GRADE GRADVENTURE



PTO HAPPENINGS (ALL GRADES)

- Yearbooks are NOW available! Reserve your copy TODAY! [Buy the Yearbook-Buy the Yearbook](#)
- This month's General PTO meeting will be Wednesday, November 20th @ 9:00am in the PVA Cafeteria.

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Monday, November 11th
 - Happy Veterans Day!
 - Veterans Day Breakfast – 9:15-10:00am
- Tuesday, November 12th
 - 4th Grade Field Trip to St. Augustine
 - PVA SAC MEETING @ 4:00pm in the Library
 - MS VOLLEYBALL HOME vs. PIA (Girls at 5:30pm and boys to follow)
- Thursday, November 14th
 - MS VOLLEYBALL HOME vs. TCA (HURRICANE MAKE-UP GAME: Girls at 5:30pm and boys to follow)
- Friday, November 15th
 - Final Day of NJHS Thanksgiving Food drive

On the Radar:

- Monday, November 18th
 - VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS - RD 1 TBA
- Tuesday, November 19th
 - VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS – RD 2 TBA
 - Final Day of BE A BUDDY NOT A BULLY Fundraiser!
- Wednesday, November 20th
 - FULL DAY
 - Character Counts Breakfast
- Thursday, November 21st
 - VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS – CHAMPIONSHIP TBA
 - 3rd Grade Field Study

That's all for now, Bobcats.

Be well,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal



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