

A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 11/4 – 11/8

Dear PVA Families,

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)

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 8th

All photos must be school appropriate

PVA's Veterans Day Breakfast: REGISTER TODAY!

With the decision being made for us to be in school on veterans day, we wanted to take the opportunity to celebrate some of our community and family heroes with a Veterans Day Breakfast. If you have served, or are currently serving our country we would like to thank you with a light breakfast with your student on Monday, November 11th from 9:15-10:00am. Doors will open at 9:00am for all registered guests and students will be called down at 9:15am to join you. Please note, due to capacity limits, we are limiting this breakfast to two adults per students. ALL ADULTS AND STUDENTS WANTING TO JOIN MUST BE PREREGISTERED BY THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8th. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

PVA's SAC Meeting Rescheduled to Tuesday, November 12

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



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 of kindness, inclusivity, and respect. Together, let's make 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 |



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

December and January Testing Calendars

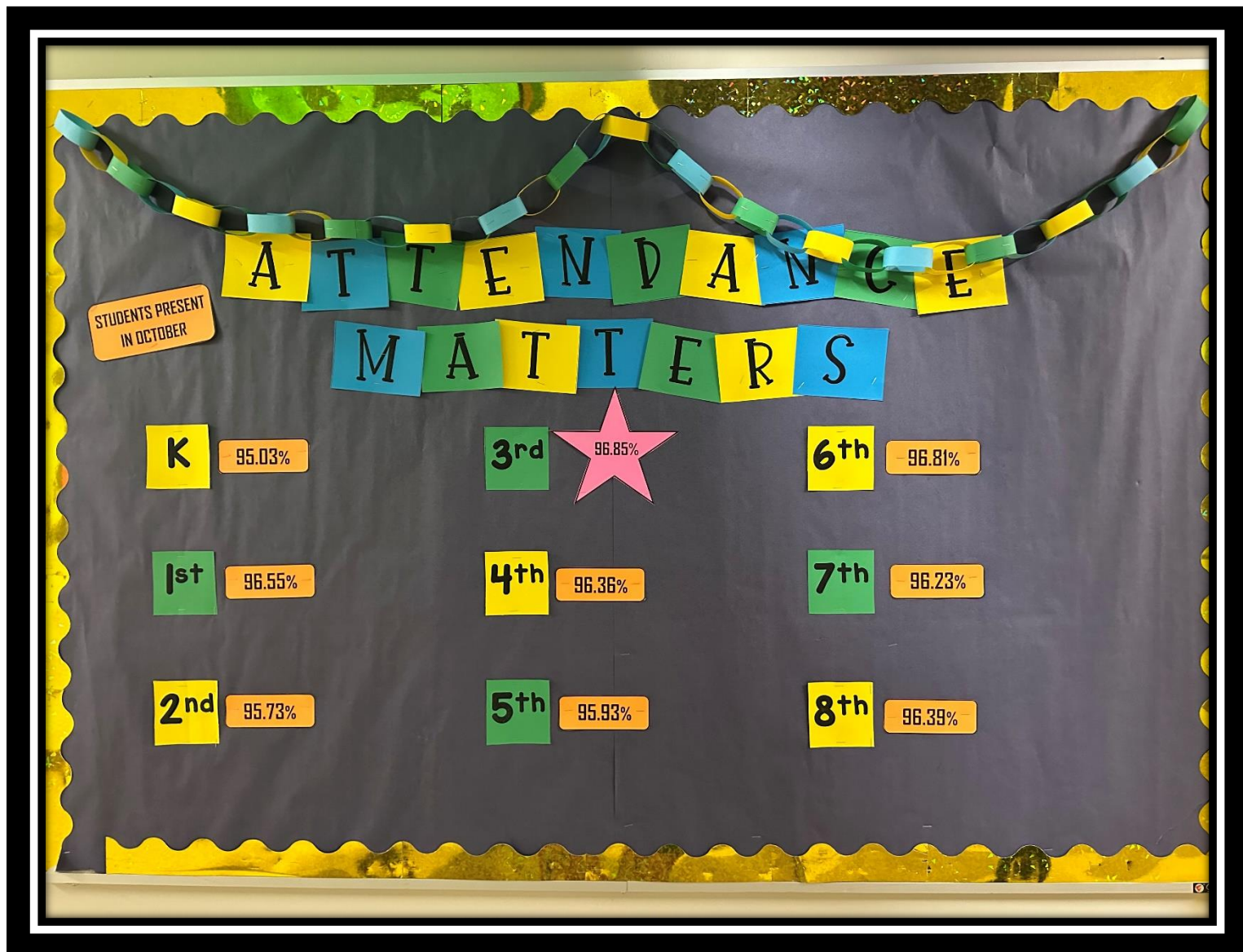
The December and January testing calendars for PM2 (the second of our three FAST Assessments) are below and posted on our website. Please reference as need be.

| 2024 | | SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | |
|----------|----|--------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|----|
| DECEMBER | 1 | 2 | Grade 1 Reading | Kindergarten Early Literacy | Kindergarten Math | Grade 2 Reading | 6 | 7 | |
| | 8 | 9 | Grade 1 Math | Grade 3 Reading | 11 | Grade 2 Math | 13 | 14 | |
| | 15 | 16 | Grade 4 Reading | Grade 5 Reading | 18 | Middle School Reading | 20 | 21 | |
| | 22 | Winter Break | | | | | | 27 | 28 |
| | 29 | Winter Break | | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| | 5 | 6 | ***ASSESSMENT CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. STUDENTS WILL BE PULLED FOR MAKE-UP TESTING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UPON THEIR RETURN TO SCHOOL. | | | | | | |

| 2025 | | SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| JANUARY | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | Winter Break | | Teacher Planning Day | 4 |
| | 5 | 6 | 7 | Grade 3 Math | 8 | Middle School Math | 10 | 11 |
| | 12 | 13 | Grade 4 Math | Grade 5 Math | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | 19 | 20 | Holiday | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | Last Day to Test |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | |
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT PVA!

Great work to the 3rd grade students and teachers at PVA for having the TOP OCTOBER ATENDANCE! This is one of our initiatives this year and one we are excited to celebrate! Congrats 3rd Grade!



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 is Here!

Don't forget, we are in the middle of our Fall Middle School Spirit Week. See the flyer below for the MS Themed Days! And get your tickets for Friday's dance below!

Ponte Vedra High School Open House (for those Interested)

If you are interested in potentially attending PVHS next year, please join them this week for an open house Thursday (11/7) at 6:00pm. See the flyer below for additional information.

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.



Mark your calendars and spread the word!

PVHS Open House

Sponsored by the PVHS PTO

Thursday, November 7 at 6:00pm

Media Center

We are excited to welcome all families who are interested in attending Ponte Vedra High School! After a brief presentation, we will tour the campus. If you have any questions, please email Lyn Gabrielsen at lyn.gabrielsen@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY

Hollerin' for all 6th, 7th, & 8th graders for the
MIDDLE SCHOOL BARNYARD BASH

Friday, November 8th
6:00-8:00pm
PVA PE Pavilion

Boots & hats!
Dress to impress or
your country
southern best!

Scan QR Code
for \$5 Tickets

- 360 Photo Gallery
- DJ & Dancing
- Photo Booth
- Food and Treats (bring cash for Mr. Softee!)

PVA MIDDLE SCHOOL

SPIRIT WEEK

NOV 4 MONDAY ← **Country Western Day**

NOV 5 TUESDAY ← **USA Day**

NOV 6 WEDNESDAY ← **Pajama/Slipper Day**

NOV 7 THURSDAY ← **Gameday WHITEOUT!**
Wear white and GET IN FREE to the Volleyball game! Don't forget the student tailgate from 4:30-5:30pm on the outdoor basketball courts!

NOV 8 FRIDAY ← **Tourist/Hawaiian Day**

AND DON'T FORGET THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE FRI. 11/8: 6-8PM!



ALL VOLUNTEERS: MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE TICKETS

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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.Stofko@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

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



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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](#)
- 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 20th @ 9:00am in the PVA Cafeteria.

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Monday, November 4th
 - Middle School Spirit Week BEGINS! See Flyer!
- Tuesday, November 5th
 - BE A BUDDY NOT A BULLY Fundraiser Begins
 - MS VOLLEYBALL AWAY @ LA (Girls at 5:30pm and boys to follow)
- Thursday, November 7th
 - MS Pep Rally – FALL SPORTS
 - MS VOLLEYBALL TAILGATE 4:30pm-5:30pm
 - MS VOLLEYBALL HOME v. POA **8th Grade Night** (Girls at 5:30pm and boys to follow)
- Friday, November 8th
 - All HALL OF HEROES SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE TODAY!
 - MS Dance @ 6:00 – 8:00pm

On the Radar:

- Monday, November 11th
 - Happy Veterans Day!
 - Veterans Day Breakfast – 9:15-10:00am
- Tuesday, November 12th
 - 4th Grade Field Trip to St. Aug
 - 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)

That's all for now, Bobcats.

Be well,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal



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