

A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 1/27 – 2/1

Dear PVA Families,

Happy Sunday! I'll be as brief as I can this week, but please read below when time allows so you are aware of all the school happenings that are ahead. Including, but not limited to our Celebrate Literacy Week schedule, some important middle school info and a note of safety from Deputy Wilson.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week ahead. Stay safe, stay engaged, and as always, GO BOBCATS!

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)

SJCSD Character Counts 6K/3K

Join the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee for its 12th Annual CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 9 a.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School, located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine. Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance. [Registration forms and more information are available online.](#)



CALLING ALL PVA TWINS!

All our PVA Twins will be called down Wednesday morning to take photos for a feature in this year's Yearbook. Dress them how you feel necessary- We just wanted to give everyone a heads up. 😊

PVA's January Service Project – A tremendous success!

On behalf of PVA's NJHS and our school community as a whole, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible generosity and support during our recent clothing drive. Your donations will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need out in Steinhatchee, FL providing warmth and comfort to individuals and families in that community. It is truly inspiring to see the kindness and compassion of our school family in action. Your participation not only helps those in need but also teaches our children the importance of giving back and supporting others. Thank you again for being a part of this wonderful effort. We are grateful for your generosity and commitment to making a positive impact!

Be on the lookout information for our February Service Project – 1st Grade's PAWS FOR A CAUSE. Details to come!

A Note of Safety from Deputy Wilson

Hello Bobcats Families and Friends- I want to share some important safety tips this week, to help keep our students safe.

*Please inspect your child's helmets and replace if they have developed any cracks in the plastic or to the foam protection inside. Ideally a helmet should be replaced annually at minimum, because as children grow their helmet stops fitting properly. Heat can degrade the padding and strap materials, especially when they are stored outside, hanging on handlebars during the warm months.

*Scooters and e-bikes are an increasing source of injury. Spend some time reinforcing the proper operation and adjust the top speed of these devices if you can. We all know that young people like to operate at wide open throttle. However, at speeds of 15+ your kiddo can sustain serious injuries. Injuries can be exponentially greater if they are not wearing protective equipment.

*Rules of the road apply... please remind children they must follow the laws to include; stopping at intersections, yielding to pedestrians and when sharing the roadway, they must stay to the right while riding and on the left when walking.

If we all pitch in to do our part as a community and parents, we can ensure our Bobcats stay safe. All my best to you - Mark

Kicking off Kindness –

Written by PVA Students: Brady Baker, Phenix Klockare, and Kimi Hillery

The WEB kids are excited to share that they have started a kindness campaign that will begin on January 27th. We have been working on making posters, a kindness calendar for at home activities, and creating videos to get ready. It has different challenges, but all have the same goal: to create a caring environment for the kids at PVA. We are very excited and can't wait for the plan to go into motion.

Our kindness campaign kicks off with a **Greeting Challenge!** The goal of this challenge is to encourage everyone to acknowledge one another with friendly greetings. It begins on **January 27th** and will “end” on **February 7th**.

The second challenge focuses on **Random Acts of Kindness** and runs from **February 10th through February 21st**. During this time, WEB leaders will hand out “Caught Being Kind” tickets to students who demonstrate simple but meaningful acts of kindness.

The final challenge, from **February 24th through March 7th**, encourages students to **compliment one another with “reckless abandon”**—spreading positivity and lifting each other with kind words. We will be creating a kindness tree filled with compliments and messages of gratitude. We are especially excited to visit elementary classrooms to share more about this kindness campaign and complete a fun activity with them.

When the kindness campaign is over, our goal is that the students will continue to take on the responsibility of spreading kindness around our school community resulting in a caring and inclusive environment for all.

As part of the campaign, we are encouraging students to spread kindness at home, in school, and in the community. Below (and also listed as an attachment), you'll find a **Kindness Challenge Calendar** created by WEB leaders, filled with voluntary daily activities your student may wish to complete.

Here's how it works:

1. Each day, encourage your child to complete the kindness activity listed on the calendar.
2. Once the activity is complete, please sign the calendar for that day.
3. At the end of the month, students can return their completed and signed calendars to school to earn **PBIS points** as a reward for their efforts!

This challenge is a wonderful way to reinforce positive behaviors and celebrate the power of kindness together. Calendars will be sent home with students on Monday. Thank you for partnering with us to make this a meaningful experience for your child and our school community!

Kindness Challenge

January 27th - March 7th

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 26	27	28	29	30	31	February 1
	Give a compliment to someone today.	Write a thank you note to someone in your life for all they do.	Start a kindness jar where you collect notes of gratitude and kindness.	Handwrite a note to someone that means a lot to you.	Compliment five people around you.	Share a positive story with a friend or family member.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Watch a movie and share a bowl of snacks with a friend or family member.	Give genuine compliments to at least three people a day.	Smile at everyone you pass.	Say thank you to someone who goes unnoticed.	Send a thoughtful text or call a loved one.	Take a walk and enjoy the fresh air.	Help clean up a shared space without being asked.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Enjoy the super bowl game with friends and family.	Offer to help without being asked.	Cheer on or help someone who is having a tough day.	Reflect on how you can show empathy to those around you.	Dedicate a day to giving sincere compliments to those around you.	Give someone you love a Valentine's Day card.	Practice self-love by doing something that makes you feel good.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Have a fun game night with loved ones.	Wish the first person you see an amazing day.	Give someone a meaningful compliment.	Write or draw three things you're grateful for.	Hold the door open for someone.	Sit with someone new at lunch or include someone who's alone in your group.	Help a neighbor or sibling with a simple task.
23	24	25	26	27	28	March 1
Smile at yourself in the mirror and say something kind about yourself.	Let someone else go first in line or during an activity.	Play with someone at recess who looks like they need a buddy.	Say something kind about your school during a class discussion.	Compliment someone from a different grade on their work or effort.	Create a colorful "Kindness Poster" to hang in your classroom.	Take five deep breaths and tell yourself something positive.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Write a thank-you note to a classmate who has been a good friend.	Help your teacher by organizing supplies or tidying up.	Say "thank you" to someone who helps you today.	Share a positive story or fun fact during a group activity.	Review the notes you collected in your kindness jar.	Share your favorite kindness moment from the challenge with your class.	

HOME KINDNESS ACTIVITIES

Step 1

Each day, encourage your child to complete the kindness activity listed on the calendar.

Step 2

Once the activity is complete, please sign the calendar for that day.

Step 3

At the end of the month, students can return their completed and signed calendars to school to earn **PBIS points** as a reward for their efforts!

ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

Class Photo Day

PVA's Elementary Class Photo Day is next Thursday (1/30) and Friday (1/31). We are in need of a few volunteers for these days. If interest, please [SIGN-UP HERE](#).

Thursday, Jan. 30th: Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4

Friday, Jan. 31st: Grades K and 5

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

[January Volunteer Opportunities](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

[January Volunteer Opportunities](#)

8th Grade Yearbook Ads

The submission deadline for the 8th Yearbook ads is THIS Friday, January 31st.

8th Graders - HOPE Virtually

Any 8th grader wanting to sign up for HOPE virtually, please see the ATTACHED letter with more information.



Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!

January 27-31, 2025

District: St. Johns

School: Palm Valley Academy

<p>Monday, January 27th</p>	<p>Building Readers and Writers</p> <p>*The staff's favorite children/young adult novels and authors will be displayed in the halls!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take a Gallery Walk and Discuss Discoveries - See Scavenger Hunt & Follow-Up Questions
<p>Tuesday, January 28th</p>	<p>Building Speakers and Listeners</p> <p>*Stop, Collaborate, and Listen!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Model and Integrate (at least) one Kagan Structure - See "What's on Your Playlist?" - See Book List focused on Friendships and Dynamic Duos
<p>Wednesday, January 29th</p>	<p>Building Words</p> <p>*Wear a shirt with school-appropriate words!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dream Big! Set Goals and Choose a "Word of the Year" - See List of Links and Links to Word Games - Enhance Vocabulary with List of Wild Words
<p>Thursday, January 30th</p>	<p>Building Character and PVA Pride</p> <p>*Character Counts Breakfast for RESPECT & Award EXTRA PBIS Points for being Prepared, Respectful, Inspired, Determined, Engaged!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Book List/Writing Prompts focused on Character!
<p>Friday, January 31st</p>	<p>Building Purposeful Leaders</p> <p>Where Everyone Shines Through Achievement</p> <p>IT's the PVA Way! GO BOBCATS!</p> <p>*Wear PVA colors or Bobcat gear!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Book List/Writing Prompts about Leaders!

THIS WEEK'S DATES OF NOTE: ITS CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK!

- Monday, January 27th
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- Tuesday, January 28th
 - PVA Basketball AWAY @ POA. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow
- Thursday, January 30th
 - Class Photo Day (1, 2, 3, 4)
 - PVA Basketball AWAY @ LPA. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow.
- Friday, January 31st
 - Class Photo Day (K, 5)

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE: National School Counselor's Week!

- Tuesday, Feb. 4th
 - SAC Meeting @ 4:00pm in Library
 - PVA Basketball HOME vs. Lakeside Academy. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow
- Wednesday, Feb. 5th
 - LAST FULL WEDNESDAY (Early releases start again next week)
- Thursday, Feb. 6th
 - PVA Basketball AWAY @ MCA. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow.

Let's GRANT WISHES
Charity's Cupid 5K Run

February **8th** 9:00am – 11:00am
At TLE Nocatee

Join us for a great cause at our **Let's Grant Wishes Charity's Cupid 5K Run event!**

Registration OPENS AT 8:15AM
5 k BEGINS AT 9:00AM
One Mile Fun Run Begins at 10:00am
Extra activities go until 11:00am
All proceeds will go to **Make-A-Wish**.

ACTIVITIES
Face Painting, Photos with Bubbles, Balloon Artist, Valentine Crafts and Tattoos, Refreshments Child Care during 5K run

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Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

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