

Dear PVA Families,

Happy Monday and I have to say it... Go Birds. 😊 I hope everyone enjoyed the weekend. When time allows, please read the below so you are aware of all the school happenings that are ahead. Just a reminder – we are back to EARLY RELEASES ON WEDNESDAYS moving forward. That starts this week.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week. 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.

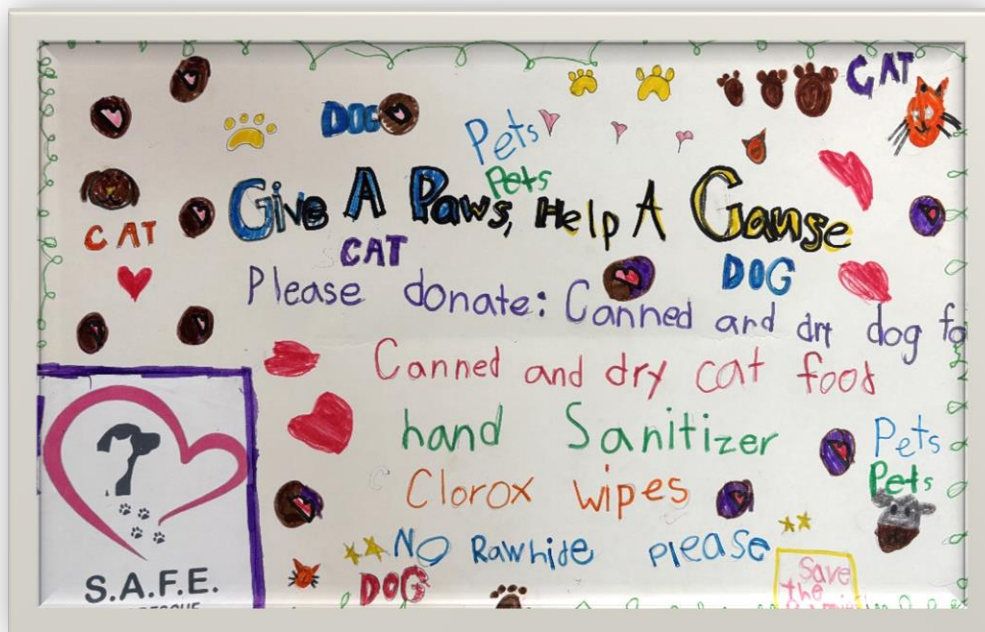
We Achieve Success.

We are PVA!

INFO FOR ALL (K-8)

ONGOING - PVA's February Service Project – PAWS for a Cause!

For this month's service project, the 1st grade students have organized a supply drive to benefit S.A.F.E. Pets in St. Johns County. They are promoting the February Character Counts! Pillar CARING, along with KINDNESS and LOVE for the cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies in need in our county. Their drive runs from now through February 28th. While S.A.F.E. Pets will accept all dry and wet food, they are specifically in need of IAMS Proactive Health, Friskies Pate, and Purina One. They are also in need of Clorox Wipes, Paper Towels, Trash Bags, and Hand Sanitizer. Thank you for your help in spreading the message of CARING, KINDNESS, and LOVE to our furry friends who give nothing BUT unconditional love. Please see the flyer made by our 1st graders below for additional details.







2024-2025 SJCSD Stakeholders Surveys

Stakeholder surveys are a critical tool used to gather feedback from stakeholders, including parents, teachers, and students, to assess the effectiveness of federally funded programs like Title I, II, and IV. These surveys help ensure compliance with federal requirements, inform program improvements, and guide funding decisions to better support student success and equity. Your input plays a vital role in shaping programs that meet the needs of our school community. Please use the headings in blue below to access each survey. **Please complete the surveys by Wednesday, February 12th.**

[Title II Stakeholder Survey](#) *Title II funding supports professional development and support for teachers and school leaders.*

[Title IV Stakeholder Survey](#) *Title IV funding supports well-rounded educational opportunities, safe and healthy students, and the effective use of technology.*
Please complete the surveys prior to February 12.

Kindness Campaign: Week 2 – Keep the Greetings Going!

Our **Kindness Campaign** is in full swing, and we are so proud of the positivity spreading throughout our school! Over the past two weeks, students have been practicing kindness by greeting one another with smiles, waves, and friendly words. This week, we're taking it a step further with our next challenge: **Random Acts of Kindness!** We're encouraging students to go out of their way to show kindness to peers and staff in unexpected ways. This could be **writing a kind note, helping a classmate with their work, holding the door, sharing school supplies, or simply giving someone a compliment.** Our WEB leaders will be on the lookout for students who are "caught being kind." We can't wait to see our students brighten someone's day with small but meaningful gestures! Families, we invite you to join in by encouraging your child to find ways to spread kindness at home and in the community. Let's make kindness contagious!     [Promo Video](#)

Kindness Challenge 2025 January 27th - March 7th

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.
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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!

A Note of Safety from Deputy Wilson

Hey parents and friends of Bobcats everywhere! It's time for another safety tip, and I'd like to revisit bike safety! Kiddos please start practicing these simple steps;

- ✓ Ride on the right, Walk on the left.
- ✓ Stop at the end of the sidewalk and look left, right then left again to make sure no cars are coming your way.
- ✓ Don't dart into a roadway because cars cannot stop fast enough to avoid you.
- ✓ If your bike/scooter is not designed for it, please don't carry a passenger with you.
- ✓ Always wear reflective or bright clothes to make sure you can be seen.
- ✓ If your helmet is damaged or doesn't fit, replace it.

Stay safe Bobcats!

Deputy Mark

Spring Testing Calendars

Our PVA Spring Testing Calendars have been finalized and attached. They are also now uploaded onto our PVA Website. Please review for planning purposes.

Candygrams on SALE!

Last call for Candy Gram sales for Valentine's Day. Sale date has been extended. See VALENTINE GRAM attachment form to order. Orders are due by Tuesday morning, February 11th.

ATTENTION Palm Valley Academy Families! THE BOLT IS COMING!

We're excited to introduce this year's main fundraiser, the Bobcat Bolts. Our goal this year is to raise \$85,000 for continuing to build our culture of kindness and student success through new schoolwide technology, staff education, and school improvements to benefit ALL students at Palm Valley Academy. We're excited for this fundraising experience because it offers 3 important things to our school community: a user-friendly fundraising platform, a character enrichment program and a fitness-focused event that includes ALL of our students. As a family, you will work together asking friends and family to donate on your student's Donation Page at MyBooster.com. The best part is, you can still support our school just by SHARING about the fundraiser! Students will also experience an amazing character enrichment program called "Castle Quest", teaching students about how to be brave and live with character. See the flyer in the list of attachments for further details!

Key dates to remember:
Sign Up Online at MYBOOSTER.COM
02/03/2025
Fundraiser Kickoff Day in school
02/20/2025
Event Day
02/28/2025

Early registration is officially open!! Head over to mybooster.com and register for the Bobcat Bolt for free!!!! Registering early will get you the following:

- 1) Your name will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 Amazon Gift card
- 2) Your student will be eligible to be picked to participate in an activity during the Bobcat Bolt our pep rally February 20
- 3) If 90% of your class registers, your student's teacher will receive a coffee and sweet treat courtesy of The Coffee Peddler

Register for free now up until February 19 for a chance to win!!!

ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

We are seeking parent volunteers to assist in the lunchroom. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with our school community and support our students during lunchtime.

TIME COMMITMENT:

- SESSION 1- 10:15-11:00
- SESSION 2- 11:00-11:45

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up using the following link - [SIGN-UP HERE!](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

We need your help! The PBIS Store is looking for Parent Volunteers to assist with operations and help students shop for rewards. This is a great opportunity to support our school and encourage positive behaviors among our students. -

TIME COMMITMENT:

- SESSION 1- 11:40-12:40pm
- SESSION 2- 12:40-1:30pm

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up using the following link - [SIGN-UP HERE!](#)

2025 Gradventure Ticket Update

The deadline for payment has been moved to March 14th. Please make payments on Schoolpay.

8th Grade Athlete Parents – Spring Recognition

If you have an 8th grader participating in a PVA sport this Spring, please see the below and attached document for an opportunity to make your own banner for your student to be displayed during Middle School Spirit Week, March 3rd through the 7th.

Middle School Spirit Week

Our next Middle School Spirit Week will be March 3rd through the 7th. See the attached handout for more information.

Middle School Parent Info Night

Following the February 19th General PTO Meeting will be our Middle School Parent Night for all RISING middle school families.

- ✓ **6:30-7:00** ALL Middle School Families
- ✓ **7:05-7:30** Rising 6th Grader Information

Please join us for an information night regarding all things middle school! We'll share info regarding curriculum, communication, support systems, and next steps to make sure your student is ready for their year in middle school. We hope to see you there!





YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Middle School

PARENT INFO NIGHT

19 Feb.

6:30 PM

*P.V.A.
Cafeteria*

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PVA Spring 8th Grade Athlete Recognition

Dear 8th Grade Athlete Families,



Do you have an 8th grade athlete participating in a sport this Spring? If so, we are continuing our new banner tradition. We are thrilled to invite you to join us the week of March 3rd in celebrating your incredible student-athlete during **Middle School Spirit Week!** Let's make it a week to remember with two exciting events coming up designed to honor their hard work, dedication, and team spirit.

1. Create a Surprise Banner for Your Athlete – February 18th-28th 🎉 (Floor to Ceiling Banners!)

Show your student-athlete how proud you are by decorating a personalized banner just for them! These banners will line the main hallway leading to the gym throughout Spirit Week

We'll provide the basics—vertical colored butcher paper with a photo of your athlete—and the rest is up to you! Use your own creative touch with supplies like glue, scissors, photos, and decorations to make the banner uniquely theirs.

Banner Decorating Timeline:

- **Wednesday, February 12th:** Athletes will report to the gym before school in jersey for picture.
- **Tuesday, February 18th:** Pictures and banners will be available for pickup in the front office. Banners need to be dropped back off at the school by **Friday, February 28th.**
- **Optional Decorating Times at School:** If anyone is interested in creating your banner at school, the cafeteria will be open on the following dates and times. Please bring your own supplies. - **Friday, February 21st from 4-6pm OR Saturday, February 22nd from 9am-12pm**
- **Saturday, March 1st:** Banners will be hung up in main hallway by PTO volunteers to be displayed all of Spirit Week!

2. 8th Grade Athlete Recognition at the last PVA Basketball Home Game 🎉

On **Wednesday, March 5th, at 5:30 PM**, we'll take a moment before our PVA home game to recognize **ALL 8th grade Spring athletes**. Come a little early to stroll the main hallway to see all the banners!

This special evening will also include a dedicated ceremony for our basketball players, as it's their **8th Grade Night**. Plus, we have a **middle school tailgate** before the game to kick off the fun.

We can't wait to see you and celebrate these outstanding athletes during this exciting week! Your participation will make these moments even more meaningful for your student-athlete.

Thank you for your support and spirit—let's make it a week to remember!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Zapata at Ashley.Zapata@stjohns.k12.fl.us

With Excitement,

Palm Valley Academy

THIS WEEK'S DATES OF NOTE:

- Tuesday, Feb. 11th
 - 3rd Grade Field Study – Symphony
 - PVA Basketball HOME vs. Pine Island Academy. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow. **STUDENTS GET IN FREE!**
- Wednesday, Feb. 12th
 - EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAYS
- Thursday, Feb. 13th
 - PVA Basketball HOME vs MCA. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow.
- Friday, Feb. 14th VALENTINES DAY!
 - Student Holiday! Enjoy the long weekend, we'll see you TUESDAY!

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Tuesday, Feb. 18th
 - SAC MEETING (Rescheduled from 2/4) @ 4:00pm
- Wednesday, Feb. 19th
 - Early Release
 - Character Counts Breakfast @ 7:30am
 - General PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm in the Café
 - Middle School Info Night (All rising Middle Schoolers) @ 6:30pm
- Thursday, Feb. 20th
 - PVA Basketball AWAY @ FCA. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow.

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal



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