

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 2/23 – 3/1

Dear PVA Families,

I hope everyone's having a great weekend and enjoying the beautiful sunny weather as we are. Just a couple of weeks left until Spring Break and as always, **a lot going on** including what's going to be a FANTASTIC Elementary Bobcat Bolt this coming Friday (2/28) and Middle School GLOW BOLT next Friday (3/7). Thank you to all the PTO Board Members, Volunteers, and Room Parents that are helping with these events. Another huge thanks to all of you who are able and willing to contribute towards our fundraising goal this year. Everyone's over-the top efforts and genuine support makes all the difference for PVA! Thank you. There is a lot of information below, please read when time allows!

Wishing everyone an awesome week. Stay safe, stay engaged, and as always, GO BOBCATS!

Mr. Strom

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**Building purposeful leaders where everyone shines through achievement.**

**We Pursue Excellence.**

**We Value All.**

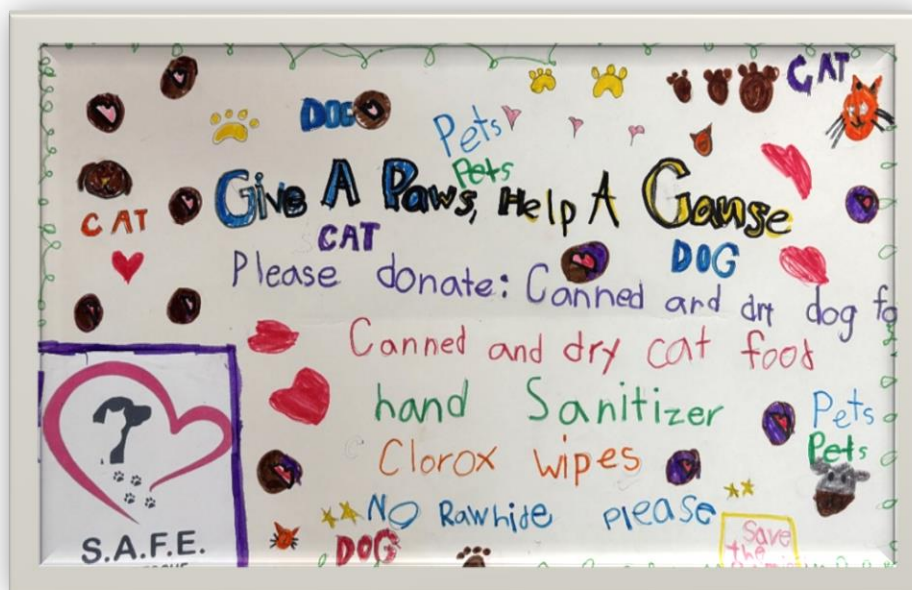
**We Achieve Success.**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> graders below for additional details.



## ATTENTION: Palm Valley Academy Families! THE BOLT IS UPON US!

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.

### 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

A reminder that this weekend is the **weekend challenge**. If students get \$60 or more in donations this weekend they get a special weekend challenge keychain.

### A Note of Safety from Deputy Wilson

SPRING is nearly upon us and that means moving our clocks forward (3/9), more daylight hours and more fun outside! I want to take this moment to remind everyone to check your safety equipment for any damage, and repair/replace as necessary. Helmets save lives, so please wear them. Parents this is a great time to encourage playtime outdoors and help our Bobcats build a lifetime of fun and healthy habits.

Some campus safety reminders for all as we have noticed an increase in safety violations in the car line:

- Please DO NOT allow your children to stand up in a moving vehicle and hang out of windows or sunroofs. They must remain buckled in an approved car seat or seat belt until the vehicle comes to a stop.
- Children are to exit on the sidewalk side of the car line only, not the drivers' side or the trunk/cargo area.
- Unless you have a special circumstance, which has been handled by admin, the bus loop side of campus is not for drop-off.

If your pet is "protective" or aggressive towards staff members or safety patrollers in the car line, please leave them at home.

**SPEED LIMIT** on campus is 10mph. Min \$131.00 fine

**NO CELLPHONES** in Car Line or Golf Cart Line. \$166.00 fine

**GOLF CARTS** are only permitted if they have a Florida license tag and registered with HSMV. \$75.00 fine

Thanks so much for your understanding and assistance as we strive to keep our Bobcats safe! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. - **Deputy Mark Wilson**





Please use the following link to complete the 2024 – 2025 School Advisory Committee surveys. The data obtained through this survey will allow our team to focus on areas of both strength and needed development during the 2025 – 2026 school year. We truly want to hear everyone's thoughts, ideas, and opinions. Streamlining our focus to the data obtained through these surveys will allow us to have the greatest impact during the next school year. This survey should take no longer than five minutes of your time. Your participation is truly appreciated.



We are now in the 5th week of our Kindness Campaign, and our newest challenge is all about spreading compliments with reckless abandon! Students are encouraged to uplift one another with kind words and thoughtful compliments, helping to create a positive and supportive school environment.

Throughout the campaign, our WEB students have been visiting K-5 classrooms to read books about kindness and inspire younger students to join in. In addition, students have written shout-outs to staff members and shared words of gratitude and appreciation.

All these heartfelt messages have been collected and used to create a Kindness Tree, a beautiful display of the kindness and positivity growing within our school community.

Please continue encouraging your child to complete the activities on the at-home Kindness Calendar—every small act of kindness makes a big difference!

Thank you for your support in making this campaign such a success—we love seeing kindness in action!



# ***PVA BOBCAT BOLT***

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***CHECK OUT HOW WE ARE DOING!***



**76% 45%**  
Registered Donated



**\$37,800**  
raised so far!



**34 States**  
helping our school!

## ***TOP 3 CLASSES***

1st - Conley, \$87/lap  
2nd - Houser, \$83/lap  
3rd - Reed, \$76/lap



## ***CHARACTER UPDATE***

Today in our Castle Quest series, students will learn how to silence the exterior noise and focus on a task to achieve a goal!

## ***WEEKEND CHALLENGE***

**BONUS PRIZE - THIS  
WEEKEND ONLY!**

**GET A TOTAL OF  
\$60 DOLLARS  
IN NEW DONATIONS**



## ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

### **Lunchroom Volunteers NEEDED!**

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!](#)

### **Field Day Volunteers NEEDED!**

Our K-5 Field Days are coming up the week before Spring Break. Help our PVA PE Coaches make this a fun filled day for our elementary school kiddos. See times and sign-up to volunteer if willing and able! Thank you for your consideration—limited spots remain. [SIGN-UP HERE!](#)



### **Bobcat Bolt Spectators! FRI. 2/28**

You may park in the visitor parking lot, the overflow parking lot (by walker/biker entrance) or along the main road. If you park in the visitor parking lot, be aware that your vehicle may be blocked by the afternoon carline. Parking is extremely limited, so carpooling is strongly encouraged. The golf cart parking lot will also be open. Upon arrival, go to the field entrance adjacent to the cafeteria (there will be posted signs to direct you – do not go to the front office). At the gate you will receive a FIELD ACCESS badge. The field access badge grants access in/out of the field area only; you will not be allowed inside the school or to directly interact with your student/s. The restrooms in the front office will be available for use.





## MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

### Parent Volunteer Opportunities

**PBIS** - 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. [PBIS Store Sign-up](#)

#### TIME COMMITMENT:

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

**TAILGATE** - Middle School parents, we could use your help at the Middle School Tailgate Social! Help needed for setup, food station and cleanup. Set up will be at 3:30 at the PVA Outdoor Basketball court. This involves setting up tables, chairs, games and food. Cleanup will be from 5:30pm to 6:00pm and involves break down of tables, chairs and general cleanup of food station. If you able to stay for set up and clean up that would be a huge help! [Spring 2025 Tailgate Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

**PVA GLOW BOLT** - Our PVA Middle School Glow Bolt is just around the corner!! We need some volunteers for Friday, March 7th. The event itself is from 5-7 and we need help before, during, and after. Please make sure you arrive 10-15 minutes before your scheduled time to allow for a quick rundown of the station. Please make sure to remember this is a color run so dress accordingly; we don't want any nice new clothes/shoes ruined!! Thank you so much for your time and support and GO BOBCATS!!! [2025 GLOW BOLT Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

### 2025 Middle School Field Trips – DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadlines for these Grade Level trips are fast approaching and space is limited! If your student wants to go, please sign-up TODAY – [CLICK HERE!](#)

### Middle School Parent Info Night

Last Wednesday's Middle School Information night was EXTREMELY well attended. Thank you for all of you who came out to hear about all things middle school for next year. If you missed it, the voiced over PowerPoint has been added to the MIDDLE SCHOOL tab of the PVA website.

### 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

**\*\* TENTATIVE DATE \*\***

**NJHS Induction Ceremony March 26 at 6:30pm in the cafeteria**

**Sponsor: [Ms. Stofko](#)**



PVA MIDDLE SCHOOL

# GLOW BOLT PRIZES



## DONATION

*Tiers*

**TOP 3  
STUDENTS**

**Plan your schedule for a day  
+ lunch with a friend**  
CHICK-FIL-A BROUGHT IN

**\$100**

**Top Golf Gift Card**  
2 HRS UP TO 6 KIDS

**\$50**

**Movie Tickets**  
PACK OF 4

**\$25**

**Mini Speaker  
Inflatable chair**





PALM VALLEY ACADEMY

# SPRING Spirit WEEK

**MARCH 03 - 07**

• *Monday*

## Holiday Day

Dress up for your favorite holiday!

• *Tuesday*

## Swap Day

Teachers dress like students!  
Students dress like teachers!

• *Thursday*

## Recreate a Picture Day

Bring a photo of yourself as a kid and try to recreate the picture with similar clothes!

• *Wednesday*

## Blackout Day

Wear Black!

Pep Rally during PAWS!  
Tailgate after school!  
Basketball Games!

• *Friday*

## College Day

Wear your college colors and gear!

**PRIZES FOR  
TAILGATE  
AND BEST  
DRESSED!**

**8TH GRADE BANNERS WILL  
BE IN HALLS ALL WEEK!**



*PVA Middle School*

\$200 IN PRIZES  
FOR WINNERS OF THE  
KNOCKOUT  
TOURNAMENT  
SPONSORED BY KING OF POPS



# BASKETBALL TAILGATE

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH, 2025

4:15PM TO 5:15PM

FREE CHICK FIL A SANDWICHES! PERFORMANCE BY THE PVA DANCE TEAM



SCAN TO SIGNUP  
AND FOR MORE INFO

IT'S A BLACKOUT. WEAR A BLACK SHIRT FOR FREE ENTRY.



## **PVA Spring 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Athlete Recognition**



Dear 8th Grade Athlete Families,

Do you have an 8<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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### **1. Create a Surprise Banner for Your Athlete – February 18<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 🎉 (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 12<sup>th</sup>**: Athletes will report to the gym before school in jersey for picture.
- **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**: 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 28<sup>th</sup>**.
- **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 21<sup>st</sup> from 4-6pm OR Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am-12pm**
- **Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**: Banners will be hung up in main hallway by PTO volunteers to be displayed all of Spirit Week!

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

On **Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

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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](mailto:Ashley.Zapata@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

With Excitement,

**Palm Valley Academy**

**THIS WEEK'S DATES OF NOTE:** 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS IN DC 2/23-2/28

- Monday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Bobcat Bolt ongoing!
  - Final Week of the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Service Project: PAWS for a Cause!
- Tuesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 4H Speech Contest
- Wednesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Early Release
- Friday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Elementary BOBCAT BOLT!
    - K-1: 9:00am
    - 2-3: 12:00pm
    - 4-5: 1:30pm

**UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:** MS SPIRIT WEEK AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SPRING ATHLETE RECOGNITION

- Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>
  - SAC Meeting @ 4:00pm in Café
  - PVA Basketball AWAY @ VRA. Girls tip-off at 5:30pm with boys to follow
- Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Early Release
  - MS Pep Rally (School Day) and MS Tailgate @ 4:15pm
  - PVA Basketball HOME v POA. Girls tip-off at 5:30pm with boys to follow.
- Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Middle School Band PMA @ Beachside – Good luck, guys!
- Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Middle School GLOW BOLT! @ 5:30pm

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal



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**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

**Doors Open: 6:00PM & Puck Drop: 7:00PM**

**VyStar Veteran Memorial Arena**

Join the Jacksonville Iceman and The St. Johns County School District Exceptional Student Education Department on Saturday, March 22 at VyStar Veteran Memorial Arena for Hockey is for Everyone Night. A portion of each ticket purchase will support programs within the St. Johns County School District Exceptional Student Education Program.

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT:**

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