

A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 3/2 – 3/8

Dear PVA Families,

Happy March! As we step into a new month, we celebrate the growth, learning, and kindness that continue to shine throughout our school community. With spring just around the corner, we look forward to exciting events, continued academic achievements, and meaningful service opportunities.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in making Palm Valley Academy a place where students thrive. Be sure to check out this month's updates, important dates, and highlights in this week's View below.

Wishing everyone an awesome 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)

PVA's February Service Project – PAWS for a Cause: A GREAT SUCCESS!

On behalf of our school community, I want to extend a giant THANK YOU for your incredible support of PVA's February Service Project – **PAWS for a Cause!** Thanks to your generosity, our first-grade students' supply drive for **S.A.F.E. Pets in St. Johns County** has made a meaningful impact on the lives of cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies in need.

Your donations of food, cleaning supplies, and essentials have not only provided comfort to these animals but have also exemplified the **Character Counts!** pillar of **CARING**, along with **KINDNESS** and **LOVE**. It is truly inspiring to see our students, families, and staff come together to serve our community with such compassion.

A special thank you to Ms. Beamer, the entire 1st Grade Team and their incredible first graders for leading this effort with such enthusiasm! Your hard work and dedication have made a difference.



Kindergarten Registration for 2025-2026 is now OPEN!

Exciting news—Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 is now open! We are thrilled to welcome our newest learners to the Palm Valley Academy family and begin this exciting journey together. If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten next year, or know a family with an incoming Kindergartener, please help us spread the word! Early registration helps us prepare for a fantastic year ahead. For more details on eligibility, required documents, and how to register, please visit <https://www.pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> or contact our front office at (904)547-4200. We can't wait to meet our future Kindergarteners! Thank you for helping us share this important information with our community.

This Year's Bobcat Bolt – WHAT AN AMAZING EVENT!

Wow! What an incredible day we had at our Elementary Bobcat Bolt Fundraiser this past Friday! The energy, enthusiasm, and school spirit were truly inspiring as our students ran, cheered, and worked together to support our school. It was a day filled with fun, teamwork, and community pride! A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers, staff, families, and sponsors who made this event possible. Your dedication and generosity helped make the Bobcat Bolt a resounding success, and we are so grateful for your support. Every cheer, every lap, and every donation made a difference, and we could not have done it without you!

Thank you for being part of this special event and for always showing up for our students and school community. We appreciate you!



PVA's Kindness Challenge Wrap-Up!

As we wrap up our Kindness Campaign this week, we want to thank our students and families for spreading so much positivity over the past month! From warm greetings to random acts of kindness and heartfelt compliments, our school has been filled with kindness in action. A special thank you to our WEB students, who visited K-5 classrooms to read books about kindness and helped create our Kindness Tree with students' gratitude messages and staff shout-outs. Reminder: If your child has been completing the At-Home Kindness Calendar, please send it back to school by 3/7/25 so they can earn PBIS points for their participation! Thank you for your support in making this campaign such a success—let's keep the kindness going all year long! 💙🌟

kindness MATTERS

March Character Trait: Trustworthiness

This month, as part of our Character Counts program, we are focusing on trustworthiness—being honest, keeping promises, and doing the right thing even when it's hard. At home, you can help reinforce this trait by encouraging open and honest conversations, praising your child for following through on commitments, and discussing real-life scenarios where trust matters. Reading books or watching movies that highlight honesty and integrity can also spark great discussions. Modeling trustworthiness in your own actions shows children the importance of being reliable and standing by their values. Let's work together to help our students build strong character!

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



PVA's SAC Survey is OPEN! We need your input!

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.

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=8IML5181>



PVA's SAC Meeting

We invite you to join us for our **School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting** on **Tuesday, March 4**. This is a great opportunity to stay informed, share your input, and collaborate on important school initiatives. Your voice matters, and we would love to see you there! We will still meet in the PVA library starting at 4:00pm.

ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

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!](#)

A large graphic for kindergarten enrollment. It features a circular illustration of five diverse children sitting around a table, engaged in an art project with paint and scissors. To the right of the circle is the Palm Valley Academy Bobcats logo, which includes a bobcat head and the text 'PALM VALLEY ACADEMY BOBCATS'. Below the circle is a yellow speech bubble containing the text 'HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN?'. Below the speech bubble, it says 'Enrollment Open for the 2025-2026 School Year'. At the bottom left is the 'PALM VALLEY ACADEMY' logo with a paw print. At the bottom center is the text 'REGISTER NOW!' with a sunburst icon above it and the URL 'HTTPS://WWW.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US/STUDENT/ENROLLMENT/UPDATE/' below it. To the right of the text is an illustration of a yellow pencil holder with several colored pencils.

A 'Save the Date' poster for a 5th grade promotional ceremony. The background is dark purple with a torn paper effect at the top and bottom. At the top, a purple banner reads '5TH GRADE PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY'. Below this, the words 'SAVE THE DATE' are written in large, white, bold letters, with 'The' in a smaller, cursive font. At the bottom, the date and time '27 MAY | 5:30 - 7:00PM' are displayed in white. A small purple banner at the very bottom says 'MORE INFO TO COME'.

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

Spring Basketball Tailgate-Student sign-ups close TODAY at 5:00pm!

Students MUST sign up to get free Chick-fil-a. The Spring Tailgate Social is this Wednesday, March 5, 4:15-5:15. The walker/biker gate will be open for students to return to campus to join their friends for Chick-fil-a, chips, drinks and frozen treats. King-of-Pops is generously sponsoring a Knockout competition with \$200 in prizes for the winning students. Jae from King-of-Pops will be in attendance as our special guest! The PVA Dance Team will perform at the Tailgate! Students who wear a black shirt get into the game free. This is also 8th grade recognition night.

Middle School Glow Bolt – THE HOMESTRETCH!

Glow Bolt Fundraiser is in the homestretch! As of Sunday morning we raised \$9,085 of our \$15,000 goal!! We have 33% of our 484 Middle School students registered. It's quick and easy just go to <https://mybooster.com/v3> to register and donate.

8th grade students may have been on their class trip to Washington, D.C. last week but they didn't forget to donate to mybooster.com before they left....an 8th grade student is in first place and four 8th grade students are in the Top Ten! Remember, the top three students get to plan their schedules for the day AND they will have Chick-fil-a brought in for lunch for them and three friends!!

CURRENT TOP 5 Students

1. George M. (8th)
2. Mia D. (8th)
3. Dane M. (7th)
3. McClain M. (7th)
5. Abigail F. (6th)

Top homeroom will win a Students vs. Teachers/Admin kickball party and donuts! Current standings by homeroom:

Homeroom Teacher	Grade	Subject
Weber	6	Science
Arcuri	6	Math
Nettles	8	ELA
Bavuso	7	Science
Youmans	6	Social Studies
Kawaley	6	ELA
Brown	8	STEM
Lindsay	6	Math
Stofko	other	ICT
Mitchell	8	Math
Stiller	6	Social Studies
Duraiswamy	8	Science
Biggie-Christensen	7	Social Studies
Lacoste	8	Social Studies
Tarsitano	8	ELA
Leavell	7	ELA
McArthur	other	Math
Bench	7	Science
Milanovitch	7	Art
Diaz-Barrios	7	Spanish
Garnecki	8	Math



Top Teacher Content Team will win lunch! Current standings:
Science team 86% of goal
ELA-67% of goal
Math-62% of goal
Social Studies-59% of goal
Electives-50% of goal

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

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 are 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 (6th Grade deadline has passed. 7th Grade is THIS Friday) and space is limited! If your student wants to go, please sign-up TODAY – [CLICK HERE!](#)

Middle School Parent Info Night

Middle School Information night a couple weeks ago 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.

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.



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!

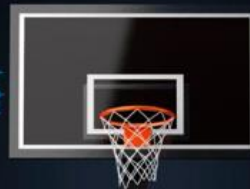
**PRIZES FOR
TAILGATE
AND BEST
DRESSED!**

**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

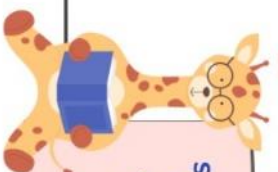
IT'S A BLACKOUT. WEAR A BLACK SHIRT FOR FREE ENTRY.

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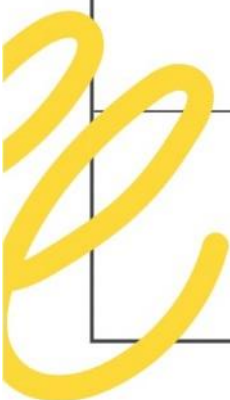
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Scholastic Book Fair
from March 26th
through April 4th.
Shop during the
Movie Night on
March 28th!



THIS WEEK'S DATES OF NOTE: MS SPIRIT WEEK AND 8TH GRADE SPRING ATHLETE RECOGNITION

- Tuesday, March 4th
 - SAC Meeting @ 4:00pm in Café
 - PVA Basketball AWAY @ VRA. Girls tip-off at 5:30pm with boys to follow
- Wednesday, March 5th
 - 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. **IT'S A BLACK OUT! STUDENTS WEAR BLACK GET IN FREE!**
- Thursday, March 6th **National School Social Worker Day**
 - Middle School Band PMA @ Beachside – Good luck, guys!
- Friday, March 7th **National Maintenance Worker Day**
 - Middle School GLOW BOLT! @ 5:00 – 7:00pm

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Monday, March 10th
 - PVA Basketball – PLAYOFFS ROUND 1 (TBD)
- Tuesday, March 11th
 - 8th Graders – Nease and PV High School on campus for Registration
 - PVA Basketball – PLAYOFFS ROUND 2 (TBD) *if necessary
- Wednesday, March 12th
 - Early Release
 - General PTO Meeting @ 9:00am in Café
 - PVA Basketball – PLAYOFFS ROUND 3 - CHAMPIONSHIP (TBD) *if necessary
- Friday, March 14th
 - SPRING BREAK BEGINS!
 - No School – Teacher Planning Day
 - TPC Parking On Campus – Shuttles run all day!

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:

Jaxicemen.com/sjcse

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