

**Good morning, PVA Community!**

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)**

**Attention Parents: Volunteer Access Sign-Up Reminder!**

If you haven't signed up for volunteer access since August 1st, now is the time! All volunteers must be approved through the new system, which takes 2-4 weeks for processing. **Please note that approvals can no longer be completed in the front office, so be sure to submit your application as soon as possible to avoid delays.** Your involvement makes a huge difference in our school community, and we appreciate your support! Sign up today to ensure you're ready to volunteer. For more information or to complete your application, [CLICK HERE TO APPLY!](#)

**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.

**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=8IML5I81>



**Reading Land SPRING BOOKFAIR is here!**

We need volunteers to help students find books, make sure they stay within their budget and to answer general questions. If you would like to volunteer when your child attends the book fair, please reach out to your teacher to find out when their scheduled date/time is. [SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE!](#)

## Be a Part of the Bullying Solution: Lead by Example – A Note from Ms. Fennelly

This week, PVA hosted an incredible speaker, Mr. John Halligan, who spoke to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and members of our community about his son, Ryan, who was a victim of bullying. Ryan took his own life when he was just thirteen. To learn more information about Mr. Halligan's presentation and Ryan's story, please visit <https://www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org/resources>. Listening to a story like this, you may feel tempted to feel helpless when it comes to bullying, harassment, or children being mean or disrespectful. However, as a parent and as a community, you can be part of the solution. Bullying is not just a school issue. We need to work together to set a high standard for the children and teens in our homes and in our communities by modeling the behavior we expect from them.

Here are several self-reflective questions to ask yourself:

- 1) Do children frequently overhear me talk badly about other people?
- 2) Do children frequently overhear me using negative language when talking about someone's race, ethnicity, appearance, gender, etc.?
- 3) *(This is a tough one, but be honest with yourself 😊)* If you found out your child was mean or respectful to someone, what would your response be to your child...would there be a discussion? Consequences? Would you be tempted to sweep it under the rug or blame others?
- 4) Is empathy towards others regularly demonstrated, such as, putting yourself in someone else's shoes or helping kids see things from someone else's perspective?

Adults are not perfect and sometimes we even get lazy with our own conduct and forget that little eyes and ears are paying close attention to every word and gesture we use. Self-awareness is something that is very important when students try to improve behaviors and make better choices. The same is true for adults. Keeping our children safe from physical, emotional and mental harm is EVERYONE'S responsibility. There is no magic wand we can wave to make our world a kinder place. However, working collaboratively as a community is a good start.



**PVA Band Fundraising Event on April 1<sup>st</sup>**

# Teriyaki Madness

Please mention the **PVA Band** when ordering

Support the PVA Band!

**Where:** Teriyaki Madness  
(Address: 140 Little Cypress Dr Ste 106, St Johns, FL 32259)

**When:** April 1<sup>st</sup> from **4pm to 9pm**

**20%** of all sales will be donated to the PVA Band

**Includes take out!**



## April's Character Counts Trait: All Pillars!

This month, we are focusing on All Six Pillars of Character—Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship—to help our students grow into kind, responsible, and respectful individuals. Throughout April, students will have opportunities to reflect on and demonstrate these important values in their daily actions. To strengthen this learning beyond the classroom, we have created an April Character Counts Calendar with simple daily activities that families can do together. These activities encourage meaningful conversations and real-world practice of these important traits at home.

By working together, we can help children build strong character and lifelong values. Thank you for being a partner in this important journey! ✨

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Talk about what Trustworthiness means. Why is it important?	2 Share a time when you were honest, even when it was hard.	3 Write or draw about someone you trust.	4 Keep a promise to a friend or family member.	5 Read a story about honesty and discuss the lesson.	6 Work together as a family to do a small act of service for someone else.
7 Play a game and practice being a good sport.	8 Show trustworthiness by following a rule at home without being reminded.	9 Discuss ways to show respect at home, school, and in the community.	10 Say "please" and "thank you" all day.	11 Look at someone when they are speaking and listen carefully.	12 Write or draw something kind about each family member.	13 Help clean up after a meal without being asked.
14 Practice using kind words, even when you feel frustrated.	15 Ask a family member how their day was and really listen.	16 Talk about responsibility and why it matters.	17 Do a chore without being reminded.	18 Pack your school bag or lunch by yourself.	19 Set a goal for the week and work toward it.	20 Be responsible for your belongings by putting them away.
21 Take care of a pet or plant.	22 Finish your homework or reading before playing.	23 Let someone else go first in a game or activity.	24 Play a board game and follow the rules.	25 Talk about sharing and take turns with a sibling or friend.	26 Give someone else a chance to pick what to watch or do.	27 Talk about a time when you saw someone being fair.
28 Discuss ways to show caring every day.	29 Write or draw a thank-you note for someone who helps you.	30 Help someone at home with a small task.				

### YEARBOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Yearbooks are STILL available! Reserve your copy TODAY! ENTER SCHOOL CODE 385266 at the bottom of the page- [Buy the Yearbook-Buy the Yearbook](#)

### PVA Band Spirit Night @ Teriyaki Madness!

I'm super excited to announce that our next PVA band spirit night will be happening next Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>. This time we will be at Teriyaki Madness. A portion of each purchase during 4pm-8pm will go back to our PVA band boosters to help support our program. When checking out, please make sure that you mention you are there for the PVA band boosters to ensure your order is eligible.

Take out orders can be placed but must be called in to have your takeout order contribute to the fundraiser. Unfortunately, this does mean that orders taken from Uber eats or Doordash won't be accepted. Come out, grab some great food and support our band here at PVA!

### Extended Day Registration for 2025-2026 OPENING SOON!

It's that time of year again! Registration is opening on April 22nd! Our Extended day program prides itself on, not just being just a childcare service but one that enriches the Children's minds through STEM related projects and activities, while allowing plenty of play time! We strive to make Extended day an exciting and enriching experience, while creating a family type atmosphere. Parents can rest assure that their children are well cared for here at Extended day! Come join the PVA Extended day family!



## ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

### **We NEED Your HELP!**

As we approach our upcoming testing season, we are in need of volunteers to serve as **testing proctors** to help ensure a smooth and successful testing experience for our students. Your support is invaluable in maintaining a secure and organized testing environment. No prior experience is necessary, and we will provide all the guidance you need. Thank you for your time and dedication to our school community—we truly appreciate your support! If you are available to assist, please sign up [USING THIS LINK HERE!](#)

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade YARD SIGNS ARE HERE!**

Order your 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Congratulatory PVA Yard sign [HERE!](#) Don't delay, deadline is 4/5!

### **Parent Lunchroom Volunteer Opportunities**

Back by popular demand we are finally opening the lunchroom back up for K-5 Parent Volunteers! Limited spots remaining! [Click HERE for Lunch Volunteers Information](#) and [PVA PARENTS: VOLUNTEER LUNCH SIGN-UP- APRIL](#)

A colorful graphic for kindergarten enrollment. It features a circular illustration of five diverse children sitting around a table, engaged in an activity. To the right is the Palm Valley Academy Bobcats logo. Below the children is a yellow circle containing the text "HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN?" and "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 sun icon and a URL: "HTTPS://WWW.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US/STUDENT/ENROLLMENT/UPDATE/". To the right is a yellow pencil holder with three colored pencils.

**PALM VALLEY ACADEMY**

**BOBCATS**

Kindergarten  
**ROCKS**  
-N-  
**ENROLLS**

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN?**

Enrollment Open for the  
2025-2026 School Year

**PALM VALLEY ACADEMY**

**REGISTER NOW!**

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A graphic for a 5th grade promotional ceremony. It has a dark purple background with a white mountain range silhouette at the top. A purple banner at the top contains the text "5TH GRADE PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY". Below this, the words "SAVE THE DATE" are written in large, white, bold letters, with "The" in a purple script font. At the bottom, the date and time "27 MAY | 5:30 - 7:00PM" are displayed in white. A purple banner at the very bottom says "MORE INFO TO COME".

5TH GRADE PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

**SAVE THE DATE**

27 MAY | 5:30 - 7:00PM

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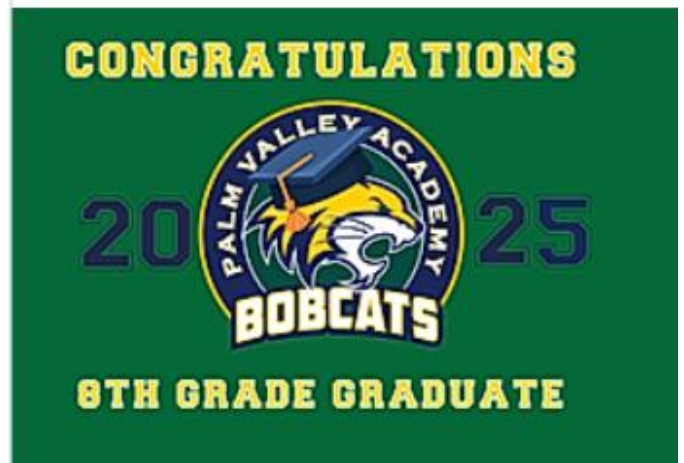
## MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

### **Middle School Glow Bolt – A SUCCESS!**

Thank you to all of our volunteers and participants in this year's GlowBolt! The team worked tirelessly to get set up and the students had an absolute blast! THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION!

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade YARD SIGNS ARE HERE!**

Order your 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PVA Yard sign [HERE!](#) But don't delay, deadline is 4/5!



### **ATTENTION 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS**

For 6<sup>th</sup> grade students attending the Wild Adventures fieldtrip on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Students need to be dropped off at the school at 7:30am. They will go to the cafeteria when they arrive. They will need to find their group and check in with their chaperone upon arrival. We plan to leave at 8am. Lunch will be provided to them at 11am. Students may bring a small bag with them to hold money and their cell phone if they would like. They might want a snack later in the day. We will be leaving the park at 6pm and plan to be back at 8pm. Parents should line up in the car line to pick up your child once we arrive. We will ask students to call you when we are within 30 minutes so you can prepare to be there on time.





PALM VALLEY ACADEMY'S PTO

# SCHOOL CARNIVAL

**FREE  
ENTRY**

April 13, 2025 | 1:00 - 4:00PM

**INFLATABLES  
FACE  
PAINTING**

**MUSIC  
ICE  
CREAM**

**FOOD  
TRUCKS**

**AND  
MORE!**





Palm Valley Academy  
"The Players Character Cup"  
2025 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team



2025 PVA Team from left to right: "Coach" Nicole Hastings, Brayden Colon, Tristan Smrtic, J.J. Thelen (Boy Alternate), Ander Wilkerson, Caden Difilippo, Connor Broome, Celeste Turnage, Julia Cherry (Girl Alternate,) Kinsley Sandvick, Penelope Hocking, Mackenzie Farley, Sadie Henson and "Coach" Al Henson

Congratulations to the 2025 PVA 5<sup>th</sup> grade Character Cup Team. These athletes competed against 22 other school's 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams in St. Johns County school district at Toco Creek High School on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. PVA competed and battled all evening and never gave up. Their grit and determination while undersized willed their way to a 4<sup>th</sup> place team finish in the Tug - of - Rope bracket. The team competed and placed well in their heats but came up short on an overall medal. The events were Jump Rope, Connor Broome finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place over all in the Jump Rope event jumping for 3:33min. The other events were 100 M dash, Golf-Chipping, Field Ski, Sack Race and a 4x100 Shuttle Run relay. I could not be prouder of our team and the way they huddled around each other and cheered their team on during every event. They represented PVA very well, displayed great character and sportsmanship. Way to go Bobcats!!



**NJHS and Movers for Moms**

## THIS WEEK'S DATES OF NOTE:

- Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade FAST Writing Assessment
  - PVA SAC MEETING @ 4:00pm
- Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Early Release
- Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Wild Adventures
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade FAST Writing Assessment
- Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>
  - MS FAST Writing Assessment

## UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

**SPRING CARNIVAL NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**1 – 4 pm!**

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal



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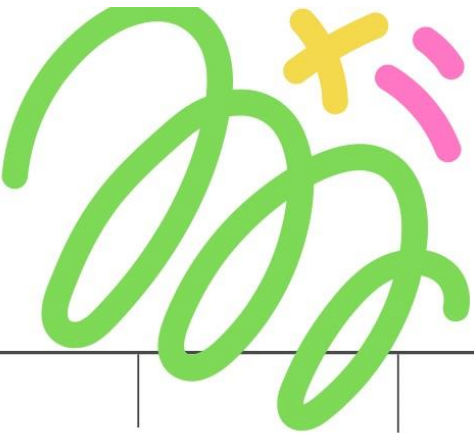
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The advertisement features a dark blue background with a white diagonal line. On the left, there is a megaphone icon and the text 'FORTIFYFL Suspicious Activity Reporting App'. Below this, it says 'See suspicious activity at your school? Report it.' and includes a circular logo with 'HOME SCHOOL COMMUNITY'. At the bottom left are three small circular logos. On the right, two smartphones are shown displaying the app interface. At the bottom right, there is a call to action to visit the website and a hashtag.



# APRIL



2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



5<sup>TH</sup> Grade  
Writing Test



PTO Meeting  
at 6:00pm  
PVA Cafe



6<sup>TH</sup> Grade  
Field Trip  
4<sup>TH</sup> Grade  
Writing Test



7<sup>TH</sup> Grade  
Field Trip  
2<sup>ND</sup> Grade  
Reading Test



Book Fair  
Ends  
MS  
Writing Test



8<sup>TH</sup> Grade  
Dance at  
the Link  
1<sup>ST</sup> Grade  
Math Test



Spring  
Carnival  
1:00pm to  
4:00pm





**CO-ED  
3RD-9TH GRADE  
ALL SKILL LEVELS**



**MON-THURS  
@ Nease HIGH  
SCHOOL**

**DATES:**

**SESSION 1: 6/9-6/12**

**SESSION 4: 7/7-7/10**

**SESSION 2: 6/23-6/26**

**SESSION 5: 7/14-7/17**

**SESSION 3: 6/30-7/3**

**SESSION 6: 7/21-7/24**

**A.M. SESSION:  
9AM-12PM  
\$160/CAMPER**

**FULL DAY  
9AM-4PM  
\$300/CAMPER**

**P.M. SESSION:  
1PM-4PM  
\$160/CAMPER**

PACK OWN LUNCH

**REGISTER NOW:**



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(name(s)/session(s) attending)**

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