

Good afternoon, 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)

PVA'S Night of the Arts!

Please join us for the 2nd annual Spring Art Show. Over 3,000 art pieces of PVA students' art works will be displayed throughout the school. ALL students who attend an art class will proudly have works displayed.

What: 3rd Annual Spring Art Show

Where: PVA main entrance

Time: 5:30 - 7:00pm

Date: Monday - April 28th

🌸 PVA PTO's Spring Carnival – What a fun-filled Sunday! 🌸

A huge *thank you* to our incredible PVA community for coming out and making this year's PTO Spring Carnival such a success! It was a joy to see so many families enjoying the games, inflatables, Easter egg hunts, and all the fun and treats.

We want to give a special shout-out to our **amazing PTO Board members** for their hard work, planning, and dedication in bringing this event to life. Your efforts created a memorable day for our students and families—we're so grateful for all you do!

Thank you again for your continued support. We love celebrating our school community with you!

2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration 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.

2025-2026 Returning Student Verifications (RSV) Come Out 4/16

Be on the lookout for Returning Student Verification emails coming from the district this week! Please complete when you can to ensure your students are all set registration wise for next year.

2025-2026 Extended Day Registration is NOW OPEN!

Planning ahead for the 2025–2026 school year? Registration for PVA's Extended Day Program is now open! Spaces are limited and fill quickly, so be sure to secure your spot early. For more information and to register, please visit our Extended Day page on the school website or click the link [HERE!](#)

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!](#)

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!

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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.				

Building a Culture Where Kindness Can Thrive, So Bullying Can't Survive

Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

Last week, our 8th grade WEB leaders collaborated with Darryll Sutherland from the district and high school students to present an anti-bullying message to our K-6 students. Hearing this message from others besides just PVA teachers, counselors and administrators can make the message more powerful and applicable.

Here are the 5 main points from the presentation. Using the same language at home and at school will help reinforce the kind culture we are trying to maintain here at PVA. Please ask your student about this message to see what they remember.

Point 1 – Be Resilient. I can only control what I can control...which is me!

Accompanying hand signal = one finger pointing at others (can't control), three fingers pointing at me (can control)

- I can control my attitude/feelings
- I can control my effort
- I can control my choices/behaviors

Point 2 – Create Peace

Accompanying hand signal = peace sign, two fingers in the air

- Follow the Golden Rule
 - Treat people the way YOU WANT to be treated.
 - Be kind to others even if others are not kind to you.

Point 3 – Guard Your Heart

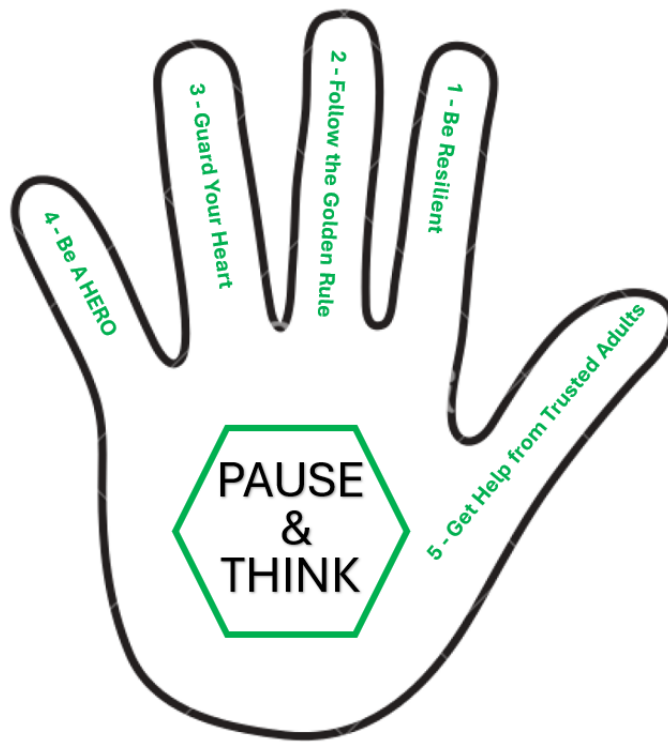
- Think before you speak and act - T.H.I.N.K. before you speak (is it True - Helpful - Inspiring - Necessary - Kind?)
- Choose healthy friendships that are encouraging and positive.
- Choose healthy online/social media environments. If it turns toxic, leave the environment.
- Choose healthy in-person environments with appropriate activities.

Point 4 – Be a H.E.R.O.

- **H**ave **E**mpathy, **R**each **O**ut to help others.
- Include others that feel left out (be open to making new friends).
- Be an up-stander and stand up for others when you hear or see others being mean.

Point 5 – Get Help from a Trusted Adult

- If you see bullying occur, get help from an adult.
- This is not tattling or snitching... it's about getting help and keeping others safe.
- Telling other kids or friends is okay but they will not be able to solve the problem or help the same way as an adult. Get support from friends but still tell a trusted adult.



A Bike/Scooter Safety Initiative

A schoolwide Bike/Scooter Safety educational initiative was recently launched at PVA. Our school based team in partnership with **Wolfson Children's Hospital**, recently completed bike and e-bike safety presentations for our middle school students and they'll be pushing into elementary PE classes over the coming weeks to ensure our younger students also receive this critical instruction.

The presentations are tailored by age group and include real-life scenarios, student-led activities, visuals, and actionable takeaways—all designed to be impactful while age-appropriate. We've received extremely positive feedback so far from the kids, and we're hopeful that this partnership will continue to grow and reinforce the potential life-saving messages.

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](#)

👩🏫 NJHS Service Project: Movers for Moms 👩🏫

Our National Junior Honor Society is proud to support **Movers for Moms**, a service project dedicated to collecting essential items for **mothers in need** this Mother's Day. All donations will go to local women's shelters to help make the day special for those who need it most. Let's come together as a school community to show kindness and support for moms in need. Thank you for helping NJHS make a difference!

How you can help:

Bring in donations such as **toiletries, personal care items, and small comfort gifts** to the collection bins located throughout the school.

📅 **Donation Deadline:** April 21st

We NEED Your HELP with TESTING!

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!](#)

PVA PTO BOARD ELECTIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE HELD AT OUR GENERAL MEETING ON APRIL 16TH!

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO OUR PTO MEMBERS FOR THEIR INTEREST IN BEING A PART OF THE PTO BOARD. CURRENTLY WE HAVE A NOMINEE FOR EACH OPEN ROLES.

THERE IS STILL TIME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A NOMINEE FOR ANY OPEN ROLE! TO ADD YOUR NAME TO THE OPEN NOMINEE LIST PLEASE EMAIL ELECTIONS@PVAPTO.ORG BY APRIL 14TH.

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ELEMENTARY INFO (K-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](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

8th Grade Semi-Formal

The 8th grade semi-formal is on Friday, April 25 at the Link from 6:30-8:30. Tickets are on sale now until April 15. TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE! [SIGN-UP FOR TICKETS HERE!](#)

8th Grade Graduation Update

The link to request tickets for graduation will open April 28 and close May 2. Each student will get three tickets during this "first round." If you do not need all three tickets, please only order the one or two your family needs. Then on May 5, the sign-up will reopen until May 9 to give families an opportunity to request one more ticket. We need to do it this way due to capacity issues at the PAC at Nease. The link will be emailed to families and posted on the 8th grade page on Facebook on April 28. **If you are a PTO Platinum or Bobcat level membership, you will receive preferred seating at graduation. We have the list and will confirm back to these families once you request your tickets.*



Support Rigorous Academic & Career Programs for Our Students!

Thank you to everyone who has reached out to express interest in our district's advanced academic and career readiness programs. These programs have been the topic of much conversation over the past couple of weeks and I thought it necessary to provide you all with a little context to what they are and what they do for our students.

These valuable pathways—AICE, AP, IB, DE, and CTE—are available in many of our middle and high schools and are designed to provide rigorous academic opportunities, college-level coursework, and real-world skills.

Here's a quick overview:

AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education)

- Developed by Cambridge University
- Offers an internationally recognized pre-university curriculum
- Students may earn college credit and qualify for scholarships like Florida's Bright Futures

AP (Advanced Placement)

- Administered by the College Board
- Provides college-level courses and exams in a variety of subjects
- High exam scores can lead to college credit or advanced placement

IB (International Baccalaureate)

- A globally recognized program focused on academic rigor and global citizenship
- Emphasizes critical thinking, research, and service through the IB Diploma Program


DE (Dual Enrollment)

- Allows high school students to take college courses
- Earns both high school and college credit—often tuition-free
- Offered in partnership with local colleges and universities

CTE (Career and Technical Education)

- Prepares students for future careers with hands-on, trade-specific learning
- Includes programs in health sciences, IT, culinary arts, engineering, and more
- Offers industry certifications and job readiness training

Each of these programs are tailored to meet the diverse interests and goals of our students—and your support helps them thrive.

 Thank you for supporting our schools and these outstanding opportunities for student success!



NJHS and Movers for Moms Team up to help Women and children in shelters

Collection Dates

March 31 to April 21



TWO MEN AND A TRUCK® locations across the country collect donations for women every spring and deliver them to local women's and family shelters on or before Mother's Day. This annual campaign is called [Movers for Moms](#)®.

This year, [TWO MEN AND A TRUCK](#)® Jacksonville and St. Augustine have chosen [Sulzbacher Village](#), [Betty Griffin Center](#), and [Quigley House](#).

SHELTER'S MUCH NEEDED ITEMS:

Personal Items full-size shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, tampons and sanitary pads, cold & pain medicine, NEW women's underwear & socks

Grocery Items Non-perishable food items (canned proteins like peanut butter or tuna, canned veggies and fruits, boxed meals, box potatoes, macaroni & cheese, jelly, [cereal](#), pop tarts, kid's snacks

Baby/Kid Items Diapers (preferably size 3 and up) baby food and any type of formula, NEW children's underwear & socks

Linens: XL twin sheets, towels

Office Supplies- paper, pens & pencils, spiral notebooks, stamps

Cleaning Supplies- household cleaning supplies and paper products (paper plates, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, plastic silverware

Please note: Shelters do not have the space capacity to accept used clothing, shoes or stuffed animals



THIS WEEK'S DATES OF NOTE:

- Monday, April 14th
 - 1st Grade STAR Testing
- Tuesday, April 15th
 - 5th Grade Field Trip – SEA WORLD
- Wednesday, April 16th
 - Early Release
 - General PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm
- Thursday, April 17th
 - 2nd Grade STAR Testing
 - 7th Grade Field Trip – Busch Gardens
- Friday, April 18th
 - NO SCHOOL!

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Tuesday, April 22nd
 - Kindergarten STAR Testing (ELA)
 - Team Leader in Library @ 3:30pm
- Wednesday, April 23rd
 - Early Release
 - Kindergarten STAR Testing (Math)
- Thursday, April 24th
 - 2nd Grade STAR Testing (Math)
 - 7th Grade Field Trip
- Friday, April 25th
 - 1st Grade STAR Testing (Math)
 - 8th Grade Semi-Formal @ The Link from 6:30 – 8:30pm

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

The advertisement for the FortifyFL app features a dark blue background with a white diagonal line. On the left, the app's logo (a red square with a white megaphone) is next to the text "FORTIFYFL Suspicious Activity Reporting App". Below this, the text "See suspicious activity at your school? Report it." is displayed. A circular seal for "HOME • SCHOOL • COMMUNITY" is positioned below the text. At the bottom left, three circular logos for the Broward, Palm Beach, and Volusia counties are shown. On the right, two smartphones display the app's interface. At the bottom right, the text "Visit www.getfortifyfl.com to submit a tip or download the app" is present. The hashtag "#FORTIFYFLORIDA" is at the very bottom.

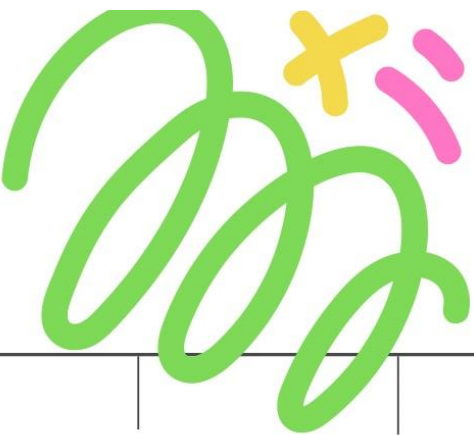
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APRIL



2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
31 1st Grade Reading Test	1 5TH Grade Writing Test 	2	3 6th Grade Field Trip 4TH Grade Writing Test	4 Book Fair Ends MS Writing Test 	5	6 Spring Carnival 1:00pm to 4:00pm 
14	15	16 PTO Meeting at 6:00pm PVA Cafe 	17 7th Grade Field Trip 2nd Grade Reading Test 	18	19	20
21	22 Kindergarden Early Literacy Test	23 Kindergarden Math Test	24 2nd Grade Math Test	25 8th Grade Dance at the Link 1st Grade Math Test 	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4





FUTURE FRESHMAN NIGHT

THURSDAY APRIL 24TH

5:30PM-8PM

Gates open @ 5:30 PM for Club Expo

Presentations will start at 6pm

Rotation of sessions by last name:

A-H Start Here

Gym

Nease performances
&
Link Crew activities

I-Q Start Here

Cafeteria

Nease sports, Boosters
&
IB Exhibitions

R-Z Start Here

Auditorium

All things Nease

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