

A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 4/21– 4/25

Good afternoon, PVA Community!

I hope you had a joyful and refreshing Easter weekend! As we jump into this new week, we're energized and ready to make the most of these final weeks of the school year. There's so much to celebrate, so much growth to be proud of, and still so much to look forward to!

Thank you for your support and positivity, let's make it a fantastic finish to the year! 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!

🏠 Step Right Up! 🎪

You are cordially invited to Palm Valley Academy's Greatest Art Show, an extraordinary art exhibition with a dazzling circus theme! 🎪🌟

Join us for an evening of wonder and creativity as we showcase the spectacular artistry of our talented students K-8th. Expect a vibrant display of color, imagination, and inspiration, all under the big top!

📅 Date: Monday, April 28, 2025

🕒 Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

📍 Location: Palm Valley Academy

Come one, come all to this unforgettable event where art meets the magic of the circus. Enjoy light refreshments and prepare to be amazed by the creativity of our young artists!

We look forward to seeing you there!



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 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!](#)

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APRIL

2025

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.

Congratulations to PVA – 2024–2025 SJMSAA Tennis Champions! 🏆🎾

We are so proud to announce that PVA is the 2024–2025 SJMSAA Tennis Champion! Our team showed incredible dedication, sportsmanship, and teamwork throughout the season, and their hard work paid off in a big way. Congratulations to all of our players and coaches for an amazing season and a fantastic victory! Way to go, PVA Tennis!



Congratulations to our 2025-2026 PTO Board!

We are thrilled to announce and congratulate the newly elected PTO Board for the 2025–2026 school year! We are so grateful for their willingness to serve and support our school community. We look forward to an exciting year ahead filled with new ideas, great events, and continued partnership between our families and staff.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, voted, and continues to make our school such a special place!



**Palm Valley Academy
PTO Board 2025-2026**

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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](#)

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!](#)

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](#)

A colorful graphic for kindergarten registration. It features a circular illustration of diverse children sitting around a table, engaged in an art project with paint and scissors. To the right is the Palm Valley Academy Bobcats logo, which includes a bobcat head and the text 'Palm Valley Academy BOBCATS'. Below the logo is a 'Kindergarten' badge with 'ROCKS IN THE CLASS' written on it. The central text reads 'HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN?' in large blue letters, with 'Enrollment Open for the 2025-2026 School Year' underneath. At the bottom left is the 'PALM VALLEY ACADEMY' logo with a paw print. At the bottom right is a 'REGISTER NOW!' button with a sun icon and the URL 'HTTPS://WWW.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US/STUDENT/ENROLLMENT/UPDATE/'. A pencil holder with colored pencils is also visible.

A 'Save the Date' poster for a 5th grade promotional ceremony. The background is dark purple with a mountain range silhouette at the top. A purple banner at the top reads '5TH GRADE PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY'. The main text 'SAVE THE DATE' is in large white letters, with 'The' in a purple script font. Below this, the date and time '27 MAY | 5:30 - 7:00PM' are displayed in white. At the bottom, a purple banner says 'MORE INFO TO COME'.

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

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.* Please see below communication from PTO's 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony Team:

The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony is just over 5 weeks away! It will be held Thursday, May 29 at the Nease High School Auditorium.

Event Schedule:

- 5:00PM Students arrive
- 5:15-6:00 PM Doors open to guests, check-in (student drop-off by 5:15PM)
- 6:00-7:30 PM Graduation Ceremony

Ticket details:

- Ticket reservations begin Monday, April 28th. An email with the ticket reservation link will be sent directly to parents/guardians by the school.
- Each student is initially given 3 tickets to reserve. You do not have to reserve all 3. Children <2 yrs old do not require a ticket but must sit in a lap. Initial ticket reservations must be made by May 2nd at midnight.
- If there are additional tickets available, families will be allowed to reserve 1 additional ticket (while supplies last) beginning May 5th. Details on the reservation process for any additional tickets will be sent on that date. Additional tickets are not guaranteed.
- All ticket reservations close May 9th at midnight.
- There is no cost for tickets.
- Transfer of tickets between students is allowed; however, the party who is giving the ticket to someone else must email pva8graduation@gmail.com to notify the coordinators of the new recipient. Otherwise, the ticket count at check-in for each student will be incorrect and the intended party will not have their ticket.
- Information on how to reserve tickets is forthcoming. Ticket reservations do not begin until April 28th.
- Attire for this event is business casual/Sunday best.

If you have questions, please email:
pva8graduation@gmail.com

Thank you!

A blue poster for the 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony. At the top, it says "Palm Valley Academy Presents" in a white cursive font. Below that, "8TH GRADE GRADUATION CERMONY" is written in large, white, serif capital letters. Underneath, the date and time are listed: "Thursday, May 29th 2025" and "6:00pm at Nease High School". At the bottom, there is a white outline of a graduation cap and the text: "Each 8th Grade student will receive three guest tickets. Additional tickets may become available if capacity allows." The poster is decorated with several gold graduation caps scattered around the text.

Palm Valley Academy Presents

8TH GRADE GRADUATION CERMONY

Thursday, May 29th 2025
6:00pm at Nease High School

Each 8th Grade student will receive three guest tickets.
Additional tickets may become available if capacity allows.

THIS WEEK'S 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)
- Friday, April 25th
 - 1st Grade STAR Testing (Math)
 - 8th Grade Semi-Formal @ The Link from 6:30 – 8:30pm

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Monday, April 28th
 - Spring Art Show 5:30 – 7:00pm
- Tuesday, April 29th
 - ICT2 Field Trip to Hollywood Studios
- Wednesday, April 30th
 - Early Release
 - All Pillars Breakfasts 7:30am and 9:00am (See invite for details)
- Friday, May 2nd
 - Civics EOC

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

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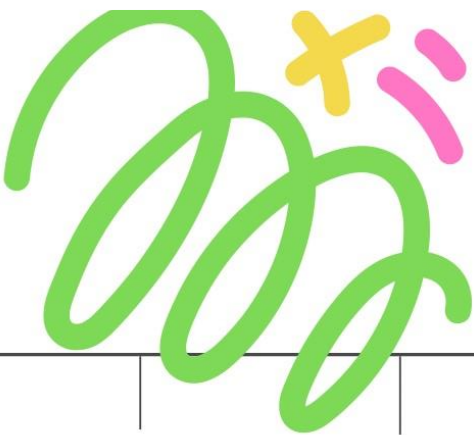
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



5TH Grade
Writing Test



1st Grade
Reading Test

PTO Meeting
at 6:00pm
PVA Cafe



4TH Grade
Writing Test

6th Grade
Field Trip

7th Grade
Field Trip



Book Fair
Ends MS
Writing Test



8th Grade
Dance at
the Link
1st Grade
Math Test



Spring
Carnival
1:00pm to
4:00pm



NEASE



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

I-Q Start Here

R-Z Start Here

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