

A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 4/7 – 4/12

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 PTO's Spring Carnival – You're Invited! 🌟






Mark your calendars for one of the most exciting events of the season! The **PVA PTO Spring Carnival** is just around the corner, and we'd love for your family to join us for an afternoon full of **fun, laughter, and community spirit.**

 **Date:** Sunday, April 13th

 **Time:** 1 – 4:00pm

 **Location:** Palm Valley Academy

What to Look Forward To:

-  **Easter Egg Hunt** – Separate hunts for different grade levels starting at 2:00pm!
-  **Inflatables & Bounce Houses**
-  **Cotton Candy & Treats**
-  **Carnival Games & Prizes**
-  **Fun for the whole family!**

Don't miss this spring celebration – it's the perfect way to connect with other families, support the PTO, and create lasting memories with your child.

We can't wait to see you there!

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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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.				

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!

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.

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

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!

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!](#)

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 circular graphic with a blue border. Inside, a group of diverse children are sitting around a table, engaged in a craft activity with paint and scissors. To the right of the children is the Palm Valley Academy Bobcats logo, which features a yellow bobcat head in a green circle with the text 'PALM VALLEY ACADEMY' and 'BOBCATS'. Below the Bobcats logo is a smaller circular logo for 'Kindergarten ROCKS N ENROLLS'. In the center of the graphic, a yellow circle contains the text 'HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN?' in blue, with 'Enrollment Open for the 2025-2026 School Year' written below it. Various school supplies like a red pencil, a blue pencil, a yellow pencil, a red protractor, and a yellow ruler are scattered around the yellow circle.



 **REGISTER NOW!**
[HTTPS://WWW.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US/STUDENT/ENROLLMENT/UPDATE/](https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/update/)



A dark blue poster with a white border at the top and bottom. At the top, a purple banner contains the text '5TH GRADE PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY'. Below this, the words 'SAVE THE DATE' are written in large, white, bold, sans-serif font. The word 'The' is written in a purple, cursive font between 'SAVE' and 'DATE'. At the bottom, the date and time '27 MAY | 5:30 - 7:00PM' are written in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the date and time, a purple banner contains the text 'MORE INFO TO COME'.

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

Rising Middle Schoolers

Middle School Families, next year's course recommendations are viewable in HAC and will close on April 15th at 4:00pm. If you would like to request any changes to your student's schedule, please use the [Middle School Course Recommendations Review link HERE](#). This can also be accessed on the PVA Website under the Middle School tab. **Please note THIS LINK IS FOR CORE CLASSES ONLY AS ELECTIVES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

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.*



JOIN US FOR PVA PTO'S
SPRING CARNIVAL

— AND FREE COMMUNITY —

EASTER Egg Hunt



BRING YOUR OWN
BAG OR A BASKET!

13 APRIL

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY
700 BOBCAT LANE

1PM-4PM

FUN, INFLATABLES
FOOD, MUSIC

STAGGERED EGG HUNTS START AT 2:00PM AND WILL BE BROKEN INTO 4
HUNTS: PRE-K AND UNDER, GRADES K-1, GRADES 2-3, & GRADES 4+



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!**

PVA



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:

- Wednesday, April 9th
 - Early Release

MR. STROM IS ON THE ROOF SATURDAY NIGHT AND OUR SPRING CARNIVAL IS SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH FROM 1-4PM!

JOIN US!

UPCOMING 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!

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal



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Suspicious Activity Reporting App

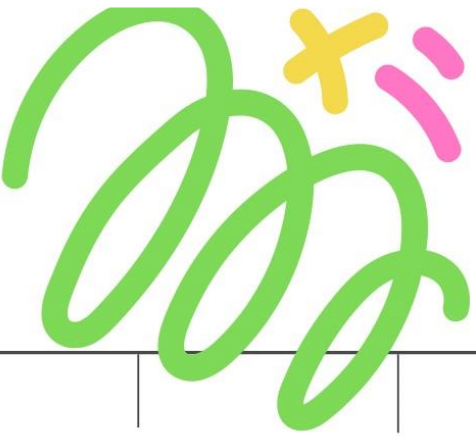
See suspicious activity
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Report it.

Visit www.getfortifyfl.com to
submit a tip or download the app

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The advertisement features a dark blue background with a white diagonal line. On the left, there is a red megaphone icon and the text 'FORTIFYFL Suspicious Activity Reporting App'. Below this, the text 'See suspicious activity at your school? Report it.' is displayed. At the bottom left, there are three circular logos: a school building, a person, and a graduation cap. On the right side, two smartphones are shown displaying the app's interface. At the bottom right, there is a call to action to visit the website and download the app, along with the hashtag #FORTIFYFLORIDA.

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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

5TH Grade

 Writing Test

PTO Meeting
 at 6:00pm
 PVA Cafe

LET'S GO
 ADVENTURE

6th Grade
 Field Trip
 4TH Grade
 Writing Test

7th Grade
 Field Trip
 2nd Grade
 Reading Test

Book Fair
 Ends MS
 Writing Test

8th Grade
 Dance at
 the Link
 1st 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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