A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 9/21 – 9/27

Good evening, PVA Community,

We hope this message finds you well and that your weekend has been a great one! Thank you for all the ways you support our school and partner with us in creating an environment where every Bobcat can thrive.

Be sure to check out the updates and reminders below so you're up to date on what's happening at PVA.

Wishing you a fantastic week ahead...Go BOBCATS!

Mr. Strom

<u>PVA Vision Statement</u>

Building purposeful leaders where everyone shines through achievement.

We <u>P</u>ursue Excellence. We <u>V</u>alue All. We <u>A</u>chieve Success.

We are PVA!

### INFO FOR ALL (K-8)

### National Child Passenger Safety Week (9/15-9/22)

Speaking of Child Safety, the NHTSA recommends the following for Child Passenger Seats:

**Birth – 12 Months:** Babies under age one should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

- **1 3 Years:** Toddlers should ride in a rear-facing car seat with a harness as long as possible until they reach the seat's top height or weight limit, typically around 35 to 45 pounds.
- **4 7 Years:** Young children should ride in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until they reach the seat's top height or weight limit typically between 40 and 60 pounds.
- **8 12 Years:** Children should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat until they are at least 4 feet 9 inches tall. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lies snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach, and the shoulder belt lies snug across the shoulder and chest, not over the neck or face.

### Child Safety Seat Tips:

- The seat should be strapped in tight—you should not be able to move it more than one inch in any direction at the belt path. Always use the top tether when forward-facing.
- > The chest clip should be at armpit level, and the harness should be snug—the straps should be tight enough that you cannot pinch the fabric of the harness at the shoulders.
- > Children age 13 and under should ride in the back seat.
- ➤ Older children no longer need a special seat if their legs bend comfortably at the seat's edge with their back resting flat against the back of the seat.

\*\*With the safety of our Bobcats in mind, please be aware Deputy Wilson will be out this week ensuring all phone use is hands-free and children are properly secured in appropriate seats\*\*

### Charleston Wraps Fundraiser Continues!

Our Charleston Wrap Fundraiser is well underway and getting ramped up by the day!! With just one more week to go we need your help to meet our goal! Just a reminder that the PTO fundraising is vital to continuing the school support for PVA as well as the continued operation of the PTO to plan and execute family fun events like Bingo, Fall Festival, Middle School Dances, and all the other fun events we have planned!

To add some additional fun we are including some of our own PTO sponsored fun incentives this year for our kiddos, these are detailed below!

The TOP 5 classes with the highest average sales per student will win a donut breakfast! (This way, every class has a fair shot, no matter the size.) The Top OVERALL Class in Sales will win Chic Fil A Lunch!

The Top OVERALL Grade in Sales will win Popsicles!

The Top OVERALL STUDENT will win LUNCH WITH MR STROM and DINO THE DINOSUAR!!

### Currently we have a very tight race!

Our top overall Leader is Derrick L. in Second Grade. And Second Grade is our top overall grade with Kindergarten coming in very close behind. Our Top Five classes are Mouse (2), Beatty (K), Sandvick (2), Munoz (K), and Straw (K).

Lets help support PVA and get some early Christmas shopping in!!

<u>Best School Fundraising 2025 | Charleston Wrap</u>

ORGANIZATION ID: 20489



### Introducing our 2025 FALL FUNDRAISER!



### Sobcat Volleyball – First Home Games This Week!

Our volleyball season officially opens at home this week! The girls start at 5:30pm and the boys follow (around 6:30pm). Join us in the gym as we cheer on our Bobcats:

- Tuesday: vs. Trout Creek Academy
- Thursday: vs. Pine Island Academy (big match!)

Please note: ticket prices have increased across the county this year to \$4 per person. To make game day smoother, we encourage you to purchase your tickets online in advance.

- Click here to buy your Tuesday tickets
- [Click here to buy your Thursday tickets]

Let's pack the stands and show our Bobcat pride! 💙 🐾

### **VOLUNTEER FOR PVA HEALTH SCREENINGS**

Please consider helping with our Health Screenings for grades K, 1, 3 and 6. <u>Sign-up HERE!</u> No Prior experience is needed – we will train you on how to complete these simple screenings alongside our staff when you arrive! If you have any questions or changes to your schedule, please contact: Nurse Alice @ 904-547-4221 or <u>Alice.Fasula@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>

### **ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)**

### New Worlds Reading (K-5)

The New Worlds Reading program provides free books to Florida students in grades K-5. Use this QR Code to see if your student qualifies for this wonderful opportunity.



### Volunteer for Elementary Lunch Duty

We're looking for family volunteers to help out during **elementary lunch!** Your support makes a big difference in keeping things running smoothly—whether it's assisting with opening snacks, helping students find their seats, or simply being an encouraging presence in the cafeteria. <u>If you're interested, please sign up HERE!</u> Even just one lunch period helps our staff and brightens our students' day!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

### 🏂 8th Grade Banners – ORDER TODAY! 🏂

Celebrate your 8th grader with a personalized 2'x3' mesh banner that will line the fence at the school entrance! Banners will remain on display throughout the spring, creating a lasting memory for your student's milestone year. DEADLINE TO ORDER AT CURRENT PRICE IS OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>

### **⇔** Pricing:

- \$60 for PTO members
- \$85 for non-members

Scan the QR code today to place your order and show your Bobcat pride! 🖰 🖰



### PTO Happenings (All Grades)

- If you ordered spirit wear and haven't gotten it just yet, you can pick up on the front porch of 146 Bison Trail (in 20 Mile). Thank you!
- TRUNK OR TREAT IS BACK! We know it still feels like summer but it's never too early to start
  planning for our favorite Fall event...Our Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat!! Grab your
  friends, pick a theme, and decorate your car so the kids can get candy during our
  much anticipated Trunk-or-Treat!! Join the fun and SIGN UP HERE FOR A TRUNK!





### **DATES OF NOTE:**

### This Week:

- Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - o MS Volleyball HOME vs TCA @ 5:30/6:30pm
- Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Early Release
  - o Character Counts September Breakfast Celebration in Café @ 7:30am
- Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>
  - MS Volleyball HOME vs PIA @ 5:30/6:30pm

### On The Radar:

- Tuesday, September 30th
  - MS Volleyball AWAY at LPA @ 5:30/6:30pm
- Wednesday, October 1st
  - Early Release
- Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Health Screenings on Stage (K, 1, 3, and 6)
  - o MS Volleyball HOME vs MCA @ 5:30/6:30pm
- Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - o Health Screenings on Stage (K, 1, 3, and 6)

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

**PVA School Principal** 



## PVA Volunteers Needed....

Please consider helping with our Health Screenings for grades K, 1, 3 and 6.

No Prior experience is needed – we will train you on how to complete these simple screenings alongside our staff when you arrive!

Thank you in advance for your help. This is a great service that the district can provide that supports the health and wellbeing of our students!

Please contact the PVA clinic with any questions at 904-547-4221.

Thursday, October 2

11:30 am – 1:45 pm



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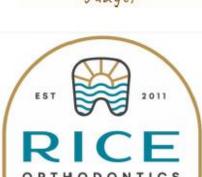




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