

Good afternoon, PVA Community,

We have had a wonderful month of September at Palm Valley, and I can hardly believe we are already into the month of October, and quickly nearing the end of first quarter. In addition to academics, we have many fun and exciting happenings on deck as our volleyball teams continue their seasons of competition.

October's Character Counts pillar of focus is Responsibility and it's also the month we participate in our annual Red Ribbon Week activities. Our school counselors have many fun activities planned to promote our commitment to being educated, staying healthy, and making good decisions to ensure our bright futures! (see the RRW flyer below).

In addition, our wonderful PTO is sponsoring and putting together some big events for our Bobcats this month, including Book Fair from Oct. 10 - Oct. 18 and PVA'S biggest event of the year, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK-OR-TREAT, a FREE community event set for Sunday Oct. 19 from 1:00 - 4:00pm. You won't want to miss this!

When time allows, please take a moment to read the details below so you are all in the know! Take care and best wishes for a fabulous Fall and a memorable month of October.

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)**

#### **Bobcat Volleyball – First Home Games This Week!**



Our volleyball season continues this week with an AWAY game Tuesday night at Liberty Pines Academy, but another HOME game vs. Mill Creek Academy Thursday. The girls start at 5:30pm and the boys follow (around 6:30pm). Join us to cheer on our Bobcats:

- Tuesday: AWAY @ Liberty Pines Academy
- Thursday: HOME vs. Mill Creek Academy

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!  

### **Red Ribbon Week is Coming Up!**

Get ready, Bobcats, Red Ribbon Week is right around the corner! This annual event is a chance for our school community to come together and promote healthy, safe, and drug-free lifestyles. Throughout the week, students will take part in themed dress-up days, fun activities, and important conversations about making positive choices.

We've shared the full flyer and schedule below, so families can join in the fun and support students in celebrating this meaningful tradition. Let's show our Bobcat pride and commitment to making safe, smart decisions, together!

### **Fall Festival CANDY DRIVE!**

Starting Wednesday morning Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and running through Friday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> we are facilitating a CANDY DRIVE so we are fully prepared for this month's Fall Festival (Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>) and specifically the Trunk-or-Treat event. Over the past couple of years, this has been our biggest and most successful event at PVA and we need your help doing it again!

During arrival over the next couple weeks, you may spot a Monster or two along the pathways. Please do not fret though, these guys are harmless and friendly... as long as we keep them fed! You see, these 'monsters' have quite the sweet tooth and would LOVE nothing more than a big, unopened bag or two of candy being fed to them as students arrive. If you'd like to feed a monster or two, write the name of your child's homeroom teacher on a candy bag and place it inside their mouths when passing by. These guys will be at various points of arrival each morning and will remain on campus in the hallways throughout the day. They will be VERY MUCH APPRECIATIVE of the donations as will all of us at PVA. Thank you for the ongoing support and help in building what's going to be an amazing community event later this month.



## 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. [If you're interested, please sign up HERE!](#) Even just one lunch period helps our staff and brightens our students' day!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

### PVA CLUB: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Update

Fellowship of Christian Athletes had an amazing kickoff!! We were blessed to have 60 students attend. The next meeting is Friday, October 3. We excitingly outgrew our original meeting room, so we are moving upstairs to the middle school theater room. Hope, a youth minister from Chet's Creek, is coming to teach the students how to share their faith using FCA bracelets! We will have muffins and fruit (gluten-free options are always available).

FCA is for 6-8 grade students. It is a nation-wide club that unites the two passions of faith and athletics, to impact the world for Jesus. We learn, grow in Christ, and serve our school and community to show who Jesus is. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ATHLETE TO ATTEND!** Meetings are to be held on the first and third Friday of every month the middle school theater room on the second floor from 7:30-8:20 am. Breakfast is always provided.

For more information, or if you are interested in your middle schooler attending, please email Mrs. Coulter @ [jenney.coulter@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:jenney.coulter@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

### 🍌 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! 🐾

The banner features a dark blue background with a yellow border at the bottom. At the top, "8TH GRADE" is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. To the right, "2026" is written in large, white, stylized numbers. Below "8TH GRADE", there is a circular logo of a Bobcat head in orange and white. To the right of the logo, the words "FIRSTNAME" and "LASTNAME" are written in large, white, bold letters. At the bottom, "PALM VALLEY ACADEMY" is written in large, bold, black letters on a yellow background. A small QR code is located in the bottom right corner, with the text "Scan me!" below it.

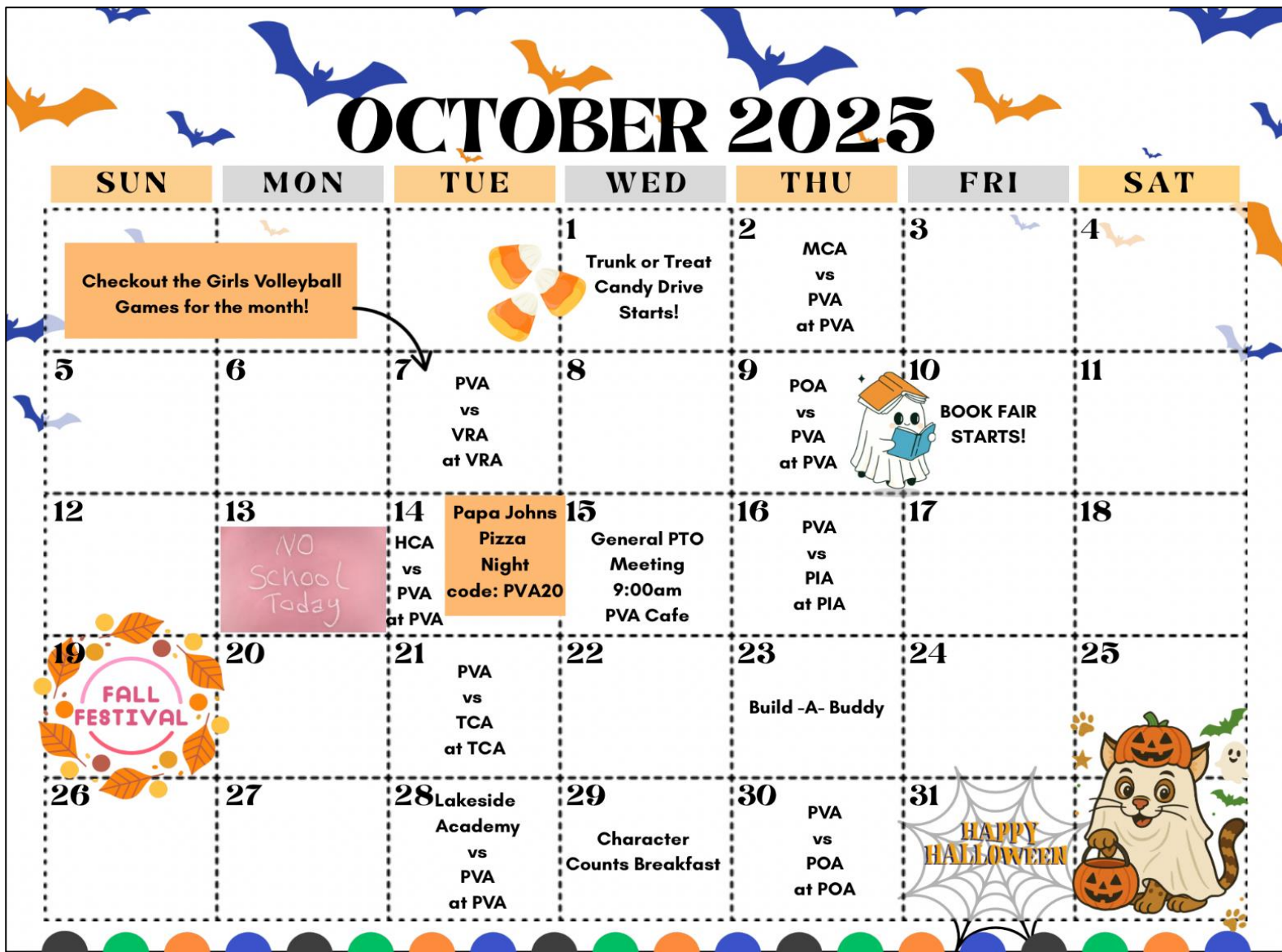


## PTO HAPPENINGS (ALL GRADES)

- 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!](#)
- **Papa John's Partnership – Support PVA While You Eat!** We're excited to share an easy way for families to support PVA all year long—just by ordering pizza!
  - **All Year Long:** Use code **PVA10** when placing your Papa John's order, and 10% of your purchase will go back to our PTO.
  - **Special Spirit Day – October 14th:** On this day only, use code **PVA20** and a full **20% of your order** will be donated back to PVA!

It's a simple (and tasty!) way to support our school while enjoying a family meal. Thank you for helping us bring in extra support for our Bobcats!

- SAVE THE DATE – PVA Bookfair is 10/10 – 10/17! Be on the lookout for Volunteer Sign-ups!
- The October PTO Calendar has been published and is below!



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## DATES OF NOTE:

### This Week:

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

### On The Radar:

- Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>
  - MS Volleyball AWAY at VRA @ 5:30/6:30pm
- Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Early Release
- Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>
  - PVA SAC Meeting @ 3:45pm in Café
  - MS Volleyball HOME vs POA @ 5:30/6:30pm
- Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>
  - PTO Bookfair Begins!

**PVA'S FALL FESTIVAL is Sunday, October, 19<sup>th</sup>**

**RED RIBBON WEEK is Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. See Flyer Below!**





Join us for our **FALL FESTIVAL!**

Sunday, October 19,  
from 1-4 pm

Trunk or Treat at 3pm

- MUSIC • GAMES
- PRIZES • DANCING
- CAKE WALK

SWEET TREATS  
INTERACTIVE INFLATABLES

# PVA's 2025 RED RIBBON WEEK

**RRW THEMED DAYS  
OCT. 27-31**

THROUGH AWARENESS AND RIBBONS,  
LET'S SHOW OUR COMMITMENT TO  
EDUCATION AND HEALTH TO ENSURE A  
BRIGHT FUTURE!

<b>OCT 27 MONDAY</b>	← <b>OUR FUTURE'S ARE BRIGHT!</b> DRESS IN NEON FROM HEAD TO TOE & WEAR SUNGLASSES TO SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT TO STAY DRUG FREE
<b>OCT 28 TUESDAY</b>	← <b>TEAM-UP AGAINST DRUGS!</b> DRESS AS A TEAM OR IN SUPPORT OF A TEAM
<b>OCT 29 WEDNESDAY</b>	← <b>DRUGS ARE OLD SCHOOL!</b> WEAR YOUR STYLISH RETRO ATTIRE TO SUPPORT THAT DRUGS ARE A THING OF THE PAST FOR BOBCATS
<b>OCT 30 THURSDAY</b>	← <b>WAKE UP DRUG FREE!</b> SCHOOL APPROPRIATE PAJAMA DAY
<b>OCT 31 FRIDAY</b>	← <b>COMMIT TO CHARACTER!</b> DRESS IN COSTUME TO SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT TO GOOD DECISIONS AND GOOD CHARACTER

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Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal



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