

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 10/26 – 11/2

Good evening, Bobcat Families,

We hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall weather and have had a chance to get some rest this weekend. What an AMAZING Fall Festival last weekend! We had a tremendous turnout, an absolutely fantastic Trunk-or-Treat, and countless smiles throughout the day. Events like these are a reminder of just how special our PVA community is.

A huge THANK YOU to our PTO, volunteers, staff, and families who showed up, decorated, donated, participated, or just came to enjoy the afternoon. Whether you hosted a trunk, ran an activity, or simply attended with your family, your support helped create a memorable experience for our students. We are grateful for each of you!

As we shift from festival fun into a busy stretch of the semester, please take a moment to review this week's newsletter for important updates, reminders, and upcoming events.

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)

Bobcat Volleyball

Our volleyball season continues this week with a HOME game Tuesday night vs. Lakeside Academy and a road match at Patriot Oaks Academy Thursday. The girls start at 5:30pm and the boys follow (around 6:30pm). Join us to cheer on our Bobcats:

- Tuesday: HOME vs. Lakeside Academy (Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#) or at the door)
- Thursday: AWAY vs. Patriot Oaks Academy (Tickets can be purchased at the door)

Please note: ticket prices have increased across the county this year to \$4 per person.

Let's wish our players well and show our Bobcat pride! 💙🐾🐾

It's Red Ribbon Week!

This week we unite as a Bobcat community to take a stand for making healthy choices and living drug-free lives! Students will participate in themed activities, daily messages, and meaningful conversations that empower them to make safe, smart decisions for their future. Let's show our spirit, show our strength, and celebrate a drug-free PVA! See the flyer below!

🌸 Build-A-Buddy, NOT a Bully! — Fundraiser Launches Monday 🌸

We are excited to kick off our **Build-A-Buddy, Not a Bully Fundraiser** in support of PVA's PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program. At Palm Valley Academy, we are committed to cultivating a culture of kindness, inclusion, and respect, and this initiative helps reinforce those values with our students. Throughout the fundraiser, students will hear positive messages about kindness, empathy, friendship, and standing up for others. Funds raised will go directly toward:

- Supporting and expanding our PBIS rewards and initiatives
- Maintaining and improving the Bobcat Den for our middle schoolers
- Providing additional curriculum resources and student supports

Your participation helps us continue building a school community where every student feels safe, valued, and connected. Let's partner together to make this Buddy-A-Thon our best one yet—because at PVA, we build buddies, not bullies! 💙🌟

Veteran's Day Celebration: PVA's HALL OF HEROES

For the last few years, PVA staff members have recognized and celebrated ALL veterans, past or present, we are related to through our Hall of Heroes display in the main hallway near the cafeteria. Nominations were formatted to include the veteran's name, years of services, and the branch served, then printed and arranged to create a MASSIVE American Flag display that is just as beautiful, as it is special to all of us at Palm Valley. However, like the last couple years, next month we want to continue a tradition that's sustainable, long-lasting, and meaningful for the whole community with a display that exudes PRIDE and HONOR. This November, like last, and for all to come, we will RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE ALL VETERANS near and dear to our hearts and yours. Please be sure to see the Veteran's Day Packet Attachment for details.

Note- all Hall of Heroes submissions are DUE TO YOUR TEACHER BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 31st

****All photos must be school appropriate****

A Note of Safety From Deputy Wilson

Hey Parents and Friends of Bobcats near and far! A few reminders below!

- I'm happy to see the increase in helmet usage by our Bobcats however, we still have many friends without.
- Please remind your students to wear their helmet properly and always, while operating their bike or scooter.
- If you are a golf cart operator transporting students to school, please remember the golf cart is considered a vehicle when operated on a public right of way. If your passenger falls into a category defined by [NHTSA](#), they must be in an approved car seat or booster seat. Infants must NOT be in a cloth carrier strapped onto your body.
- Seat belts must be in use for the operator and each passenger. Additionally cellphones must be in hands-free mode once you cross the bridge and enter the "school zone".

Thank you so much for heeding these traffic warnings and for helping our Bobcats be the safest they can be. Your partner in safety, Deputy Wilson

Become a Girls on the Run Coach at PVA!

Girls on the Run is a nationally recognized after-school program led by trained, compassionate coaches who inspire girls in grades 3–5 to recognize and embrace their limitless potential. We are currently seeking parent volunteers to join our coaching team at PVA, working alongside dedicated teacher volunteers. You don't need to be a runner—just someone who is enthusiastic about empowering young girls and helping build their confidence through meaningful mentorship and engaging activities provided by the Girls on the Run organization. Our 10-week season will begin on February 9th and run through the end of April. Practices will be held twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, at PVA.

If you're interested in becoming a Girls on the Run coach or would like more information, please contact Alex Pappas at alexandria.pappas@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Thank you for supporting our PVA girls!

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!



Palm Valley Academy is excited for I am a Buddy, NOT a Bully Buddy-A-Thon! 10/27/25 - 11/7/25

Get ready to meet Dexter the Dragon and all the Buddies! The annual Buddy-A-Thon is right around the corner, kicking off on **Monday, October 27th.**

STEP 1

Eager to get a head start?

Check out the sneak peek video to see what Dexter the Dragon has in store for you. He will be sharing lots of good information about the program.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3Ass9WgZ4w>



STEP 2

Scan or visit, www.themegablast.com/join/PVA to register and set up your student's personal donation page. Invite family and friends to join our efforts by sending them an email and/or a text.

Takes less than 10 minutes!



STEP 3



Students, you won't want to miss out on Monday's assembly! Dexter will be sharing tips on how to earn **FREE Axolotl Puff Clay and "Dexter the Dragon" Socks!**



MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

Ongoing Instruction for our 8th Grade Students - Xello

All 8th grade students are receiving college and career preparation through their Civics class over the next week. School Counselor, Mrs. Fennelly, and CTE Instructor, Mrs. Blocker, are meeting with students to discuss high school graduation requirements, Career Academies in St. Johns County, and career/college exploration using Xello. Each student has access to Xello through their Clever account. Xello is a college and career planning tool that students will be using from now until the time they graduate high school. You can start to familiarize yourself with Xello by visiting the Xello website <https://xello.world/en/florida-college-career-ready/> or by checking out your student's Xello account. Please ask your student about their top career and college matches! This is one topic middle schoolers are usually excited to talk about!

8th Grade Parents – A Special Opportunity

If your 8th grade student participates on a sports team or in an extracurricular activity this Fall, there is a special opportunity coming up for you to recognize your student throughout Middle School's Spirit Week 11/3-11/7. Please see the 8th Grade Student Athlete Recognition attachment for details. Banners were sent home Friday with all 8th grade students. **BANNERS ARE DUE BACK TO THE FRONT OFFICE COMPLETED BY THIS COMING FRIDAY – OCTOBER 31ST!**

Middle School Tailgate – Thursday, November 6th

STUDENT EVENT ONLY! All 6th–8th graders are invited to join us for our Middle School Tailgate before the 8th Grade Night Volleyball Game! Come out for games, music, and prizes — and stick around to cheer on our Bobcats as they take the court! [SIGN UP FOR FREE CHIC-FIL-A HERE!](#)

 **Date:** Wednesday, November 6th

 **Time:** Before the volleyball game (4:15-5:30pm)

 **Who:** All PVA Middle School Students

Let's pack the stands, show our Bobcat pride, and celebrate our 8th graders in style!

PVA Middle School Dance Alert – Friday, November 7th

Get ready to glow—our Middle School Dance is happening Friday, November 7th from 6–8pm at the PVA Pavilion.  **Enjoy music** from DJ John (The Elite Parties), dancing, games, DIY face painting, and multiple photo ops—so get creative!

➤ **Tickets on sale NOW! [GET YOUR TICKETS HERE](#)**

- \$5 if you grab it early (Oct 22–Nov 1)
- \$7 if you wait 'til the last minute (Nov 2–Nov 5)

➤ **What's included with your ticket:**

- The ticket includes 2 slices of pizza, popcorn, chips, a cookie, and drinks! Plus, a glow prop for every guest to light up the night—don't miss it!

➤ **Bring cash for optional vendor treats from Tikiz and Mister Softee.**

➤ **Dress Code:** Bright, bold, and NEON EVERYTHING! — **Let's G(I)o(w) Bobcats!**

PTO HAPPENINGS (ALL GRADES)

- **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!



Lets Glow Bobcats

PVA VS LPA

NEON LIGHTS
MIDDLE SCHOOL TAILGATE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH 4:15
PVA BASKETBALL COURT
SIGN UP BY 10/27 FOR CHICK-FIL-A!

PVA MIDDLE SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK

11/3

COUNTRY VS. COUNTRY CLUB

YEE-HAW OR TEE-OFF – DRESS UP FOR
COUNTRY VS. COUNTRY CLUB DAY

11/4

USA DAY

SHOW YOUR RED, WHITE, AND BLUE –
IT'S USA DAY!

11/5

WORKOUT WEDNESDAY

NEON WORKOUT CLOTHES,
SWEATBANDS, JOGGERS, TEAM JERSEYS

11/6

THROWBACK THURSDAY

PICK ANY DECADE,
ADD BRIGHT COLOR

11/7

FUTURISTIC FRIDAY

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT- WEAR NEON
ACCESSORIES (HATS, SOCKS,
SUNGLASSES, ETC)!

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DATES OF NOTE:

This Week:

- Monday, October 27th
 - Red Ribbon Week Schoolwide
 - Build-a-Buddy Kick-off
- Tuesday, October 28th
 - MS Volleyball HOME vs. LA @ 5:30/6:30pm
- Wednesday, October 29th
 - Early Release
 - October CC Breakfast Celebration in Café @ 7:30am
- Thursday, October 30th
 - MS Volleyball AWAY @ POA @ 5:30/6:30pm
- Friday, October 31st
 - 8th Grader Recognition Banner Due!
 - Halloween on a Friday! Enjoy the festivities but be safe!

On The Radar:

- Monday, November 3rd
 - Middle School Spirit Week ALL WEEK!!
- Wednesday, November 5th
 - Early Release
- Thursday, November 6th
 - MS Volleyball Tailgate 4:15-5:30pm (MS Basketball Courts)
 - MS Volleyball HOME vs LPA @ 5:30/6:30pm 8th Grade Night. **STUDENTS IN FREE!**
- Friday, November 7th
 - MS Dance from 6:00-8:00pm

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

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PVA's 2025 RED RIBBON WEEK

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OCT. 27-31

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

**OCT 27
MONDAY**



OUR FUTURE'S ARE BRIGHT!

DRESS IN NEON FROM HEAD TO TOE & WEAR SUNGLASSES
TO SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT TO STAY DRUG FREE

**OCT 28
TUESDAY**



TEAM-UP AGAINST DRUGS!

DRESS AS A TEAM OR IN SUPPORT OF A TEAM

**OCT 29
WEDNESDAY**



DRUGS ARE OLD SCHOOL!

WEAR YOUR STYLISH RETRO ATTIRE TO SUPPORT THAT
DRUGS ARE A THING OF THE PAST FOR BOBCATS

**OCT 30
THURSDAY**



WAKE UP DRUG FREE!

SCHOOL APPROPRIATE PAJAMA DAY

**OCT 31
FRIDAY**



COMMIT TO CHARACTER!

DRESS IN COSTUME TO SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT TO
GOOD DECISIONS AND GOOD CHARACTER

ALL ATTIRE AND COSTUMES SHOULD BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE AND SHOULD NOT COVER FACES

CALLING ALL PVA 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

NEON NIGHTS

NEXT LEVEL MOVES

FRIDAY, NOV 7TH 6-8PM

GET
TICKETS
HERE

@ PVA PAVILION



DJ

PHOTO BOOTH

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SOFTEE*

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TREATS

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