

Good afternoon, PVA Community,

October is flying by, and it's been another exciting week here at Palm Valley Academy! From classrooms filled with learning and creativity to our student-athletes giving it their all on the court, our Bobcats continue to make us proud each and every day.

As we move deeper into fall, we have lots of wonderful activities and celebrations ahead. Our Book Fair kicks off soon, Red Ribbon Week is right around the corner, and our 3rd Annual Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat is just days away, our biggest event of the year! 🍁🎃

Please take a few moments to read through the important updates and upcoming events below so you don't miss a thing. Thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm, and partnership in making PVA such a vibrant place to learn and grow.

Wishing you a great week ahead,

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 an AWAY game Tuesday night at Valley Ridge Academy, but another HOME game vs. 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: AWAY @ Valley Ridge Academy
- Thursday: HOME vs. Patriot Oaks 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. Links to purchase tickets will be sent out as soon as they are available.

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

### September's School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

SAC is a school-based group intended to represent the school, the community, and those people closest to the students. The group shares responsibility for guiding the school toward continuous improvement. PVA's School Advisory Council meets on the **second Thursday** of each month at 3:45pm in the library. Meetings usually last 30-45 minutes and are open to the community. Our first meeting is **Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 3:45pm** in the library. SAC is open to anyone who is interested in helping our school succeed! We hope to see you there.

### Celebrating Our PVA Excellence!

We are thrilled to announce the recipients of this year's Teacher, Rookie, and School-Related Employee of the Year awards! First, we want to recognize our three phenomenal Teacher of the Year finalists—Ms. Avita Beatty, Ms. Michele Connolly, and Ms. Theresa Kawaley. Each of these incredible educators embodies what it means to be a Bobcat leader and would have been a tremendous representative of PVA. The votes were *extremely close*, reflecting the amazing dedication and talent across our staff!

Please join us in celebrating our honorees for 2025–2026:

- 🏆 Teacher of the Year: Ms. Avita Beatty (Kindergarten)
- ⭐ Rookie Teacher of the Year: Ms. Karen Moritz (3rd Grade)
- 💙 School-Related Employee of the Year: Ms. Jen Johnson

We are so proud of all our staff for the heart, commitment, and excellence they bring to PVA every day. Thank you for making our school community shine!

### A Message of Safety from Deputy Wilson

Hey Parents and Friends of Bobcats everywhere! Please help us keep our students safe. As your school's assigned Deputy, I must ask that everyone please the protocols established for our campus and beyond. There is no perfect solution for everyone, but what is done helps us safely move well over a thousand students and staff, plus buses and cars each day.

- Low Speed Vehicles **MUST** have a Florida tag and be insured (just like an automobile) if you wish to drive them on campus.
- Golf carts are **NOT** permitted anywhere on campus but the golf cart loop.
- E-bikes and scooters are being operated in a hazardous manner. They are too fast and hard to hear when they are overtaking walkers and other bikers. Before there is a serious injury, we would like to ask parents please remind or instruct your child on the proper operation and bicycle laws they must follow. On a multi-use pathway, pedestrians will have the right of way.
- Bicyclists, scooter and skateboard operators must wear a protective helmet at all times.

Thank you so much for complying with these necessary reminders. As a parent, I understand how hard it can be to balance life's daily challenges, but we must keep a safety-first mindset. If I can be of any assistance or need clarity on any topic, please let me know. - Deputy Wilson

### 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 31<sup>st</sup>\*

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

### Red Ribbon Week is Coming Up!

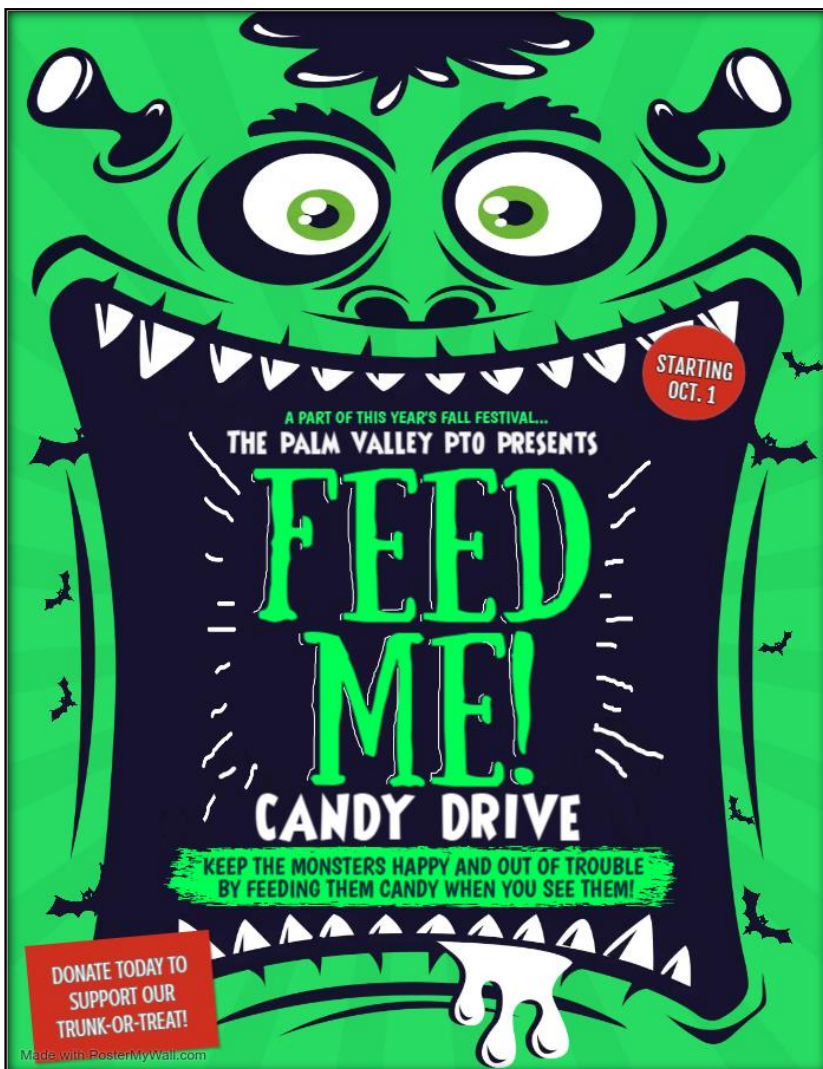
Get ready, Bobcats, Red Ribbon Week is right around the corner! This annual event is a chance for our school community to come together and promote healthy, safe, and drug-free lifestyles. Throughout the week, students will take part in themed dress-up days, fun activities, and important conversations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

Continuing this week 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)

### 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)

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents – A Special Opportunity

If your 8<sup>th</sup> 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 be on the lookout for important information from PVA in next week's communication with further details on this opportunity.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Banners – ORDER TODAY!

Celebrate your 8<sup>th</sup> 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 large white text. At the top left, '8TH GRADE' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right, '2026' is written in a large, stylized font. 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 a bold, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. At the bottom right, there is a QR code with the text 'Scan me!' below it. The entire banner is framed by a yellow border at the bottom with the text 'PALM VALLEY ACADEMY' in a bold, sans-serif font.

**8TH GRADE** **2026**

**FIRSTNAME**  
**LASTNAME**



  
Scan me!

**PALM VALLEY ACADEMY**

## 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!

- PVA Bookfair is 10/10 – 10/17! [SIGN-UP HERE TO VOLUNTEER!](#)
- The October PTO Calendar has been published and is below!



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## DATES OF NOTE:

### This Week:

- 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 Library
  - MS Volleyball HOME vs POA @ 5:30/6:30pm
- Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>
  - PTO Bookfair Begins!

### On The Radar:

- Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
  - MS Volleyball HOME vs. HCA @ 5:30/6:30pm
- Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Early Release
  - PTO General Meeting in café @ 9:00am
- Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>
  - MS Volleyball AWAY @ PIA @ 5:30/6:30pm
- Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>
  - K-1 Fire Trucks!
- Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>
  - PVA's Fall Festival 1:00-4:00pm

**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!**

# SAVE THE DATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

# NEON NIGHTS

## NEXT LEVEL MOVES



FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 7,  
2025

6-8 PM

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY  
OUTDOOR PAVILION

MORE INFO COMING SOON!

# 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!

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\*

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# PVA

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

THE PALM VALLEY ACADEMY PTO PRESENTS

SUNDAY OCT. 19th  
1:00 - 4:00PM

# FALL *Festival*



BRING THE FAMILY, PLAY SOME GAMES AND HAVE FUN!  
**KID FRIENDLY / FAMILY ORIENTED**

Featuring PVA's

## TRUNK-OR-TREAT!

- FOOD TRUCKS - CARNIVAL GAMES - PRIZES -
- FACE PAINTING - A SPOOKY MAZE -
- COTTON CANDY - INFLATABLES -
- AND MUCH MORE!

1:00 - 4:00 PM

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