A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 11/3 – 11/9

Good afternoon, Bobcat Families,

What an incredible week it was at PVA! Red Ribbon Week brought so many smiles, spirit, and meaningful conversations across our campus. From themed dress-up days to positive messages of kindness and making healthy choices, our Bobcats showed what it means to take pride in who they are and the choices they make.

A big thank you to our amazing PTO for the surprise pop-up appreciation treats, they were such a fun and thoughtful way to brighten our staff's week!

Looking ahead, we're excited for Middle School Spirit Week that started today, for MS Tailgate Thursday, our 8th Grade Night Volleyball Game vs. LPA Thursday and for Friday's Middle School Dance! It's going to be an exciting week filled with energy, celebration, and Bobcat pride.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and support. Please take a moment to review this week's newsletter for updates and upcoming events.

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)

#### PVA's Veterans Day Breakfast: REGISTER TODAY!

Next week, we'd like to take a special opportunity to honor and celebrate the heroes within our community at our Veterans Day Breakfast! If you have served, or are currently serving our country, we invite you to enjoy a light breakfast with your student on Monday, November 11th, from 9:15–10:00 AM. Doors will open at 9:00 AM for all registered guests, and students will be called down to join at 9:15 AM.

Due to space limitations, attendance is limited to two adults per student, and all adults and students must be preregistered by Saturday, November 8th.

#### [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!]

We look forward to honoring our veterans and celebrating the service and sacrifice that make our country—and our Bobcat community—so strong.

# Sobcat Volleyball

Our volleyball regular season wraps up this week with our final HOME game of the season Thursday night vs. Liberty Pines Academy. Come out and cheer on our Bobcats and celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> graders during 8<sup>th</sup> grade night. The girls start at 5:30pm and the boys follow (around 6:30pm). PVA students get in free of charge! Join us to cheer on our Bobcats:

 Thursday: HOME vs. Liberty Pines Academy - Tickets can be purchased at the door or <u>HERE!</u>

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!

#### Buddy-A-Thon Fundraiser – Last Week to Participate!

Our **Buddy-A-Thon** runs through **Friday**, **November 7th** — and there's still time to get involved! Register today to help us reach our fundraising goal, earn fun prizes, and build your very own Buddy. Every donation helps support our PBIS program and promotes kindness, respect, and connection across our Bobcat community. Let's finish strong, Bobcats!  $\heartsuit$   $\heartsuit$ 

#### **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.

\*Deadline for Hall of Heroes submissions has been extended to this Wednesday, November 5th\*

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

# **The Holiday Assistance for Bobcat Families**

The holiday season is approaching, and we want to ensure every Bobcat family feels supported. If your family is in need of assistance this holiday season, please take a moment to complete the Holiday Assistance Form below.

Deadline to submit is Friday, November 21st.

Please fill it out as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.

If you have any questions, reach out to:

**Corinne Fennelly – (904) 547-4216** 

**&** Kristi Frick – (904) 547-4217

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE FORM]

# **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. <u>If you're interested, please sign up HERE!</u> Even just one lunch period helps our staff and brightens our students' day!

#### 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!



#### MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

#### 🤔 Middle School Tailgate – Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

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!

**Date:** Thursday, November 6th

(1.15-5:15pm) **Time:** Before the volleyball game (4:15-5:15pm)

**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. Friory 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
  - o \$7 (Nov 2–Nov 5)
- What's included with your ticket:
  - o 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!

## 🤔 8th Grade Fence 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. This first round of ordering at the discounted price has passed, but DEADLINE TO ORDER AT THE NEW PRICE IS DECEMBER 15th. (All orders placed during this window will be sent of to print following the December 15 deadline)

#### **%** Pricing:

- \$80 for PTO members
- \$100 for non-members

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



PALM VALLEY ACADEMY



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

公

11/7

# **FUTURISTIC FRIDAY**

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

### **December and January Testing Calendars**

The December and January testing calendars for PM2 (the second of our three FAST Assessments) are below and posted on our website. Please reference as need be.

	\$UN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
DECEMBER 1	30	1	1st Grade Early Literacy	1st Grade Math	Kindergarten Early Literacy	Kindergarten Math	6		
	7	8	9 2nd Grade Reading	2nd Grade Math	4th Grade Reading	Middle School Reading	13		
	14	3rd Grade Reading	5th Grade Reading	17	18	19	20		
	21	22	2 23 24 25 26 27 HOLIDAY BREAK						
				HOLIDAT BREAK					
	28	29	30	31	1	2			
			HOLIDAY BREAK						
	4	5							
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	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2026	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
JANUARY					Holiday Break		
	4	5	6	7	3rd Grade Math	9 Middle School Math	10
	11	4th Grade Math	5th Grade Math	14	15	16	17
	18	Holiday	20	21	22	Last Day to Test	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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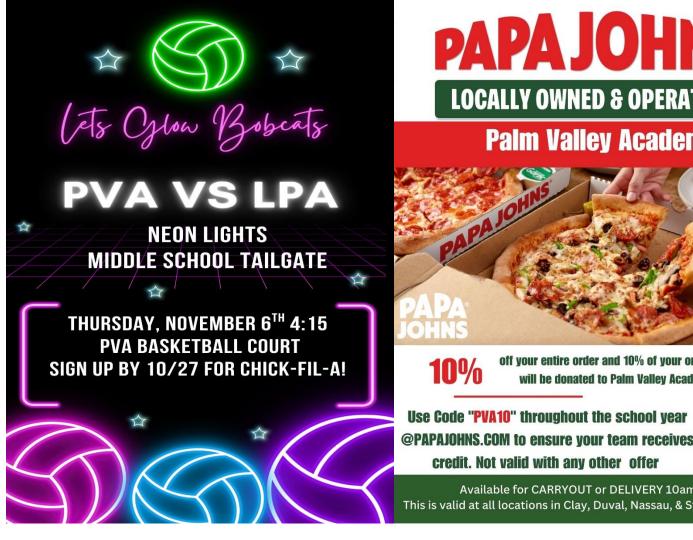
#### PTO Happenings (All Grades)

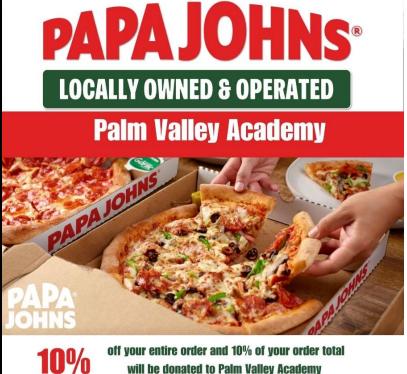
- Papa John's Partnership Support PVA While You Eat! We're excited to share an easy way for families to support PVA all year long—just by ordering pizza!
  - o All Year Long: Use code PVA10 when placing your Papa John's order, and 10% of your purchase will go back to our PTO.

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!

Get your 8th Grade Fence Banners TODAY! Scan the QR code below!







Available for CARRYOUT or DELIVERY 10am-11pm This is valid at all locations in Clay, Duval, Nassau, & St John's Counties

credit. Not valid with any other offer

#### **DATES OF NOTE:**

#### This Week:

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

#### On The Radar:

- Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Veteran's Day Breakfast
  - MS Volleyball Playoffs Time/Site TBD
- Tuesday, November 11th
  - Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Early Release
  - MS Volleyball Playoffs Time/Site TBD
- Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>
  - MS Volleyball Playoffs Time/Site TBD
  - PVA SAC Meeting @ 3:45pm

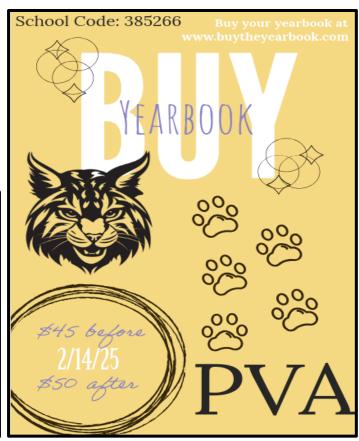
That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

**PVA School Principal** 







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