

A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 12/14-12/20

Dear PVA Families,

As we head into our final week before Winter Break, I want to thank you for your continued support, flexibility, and partnership during this busy and joyful season. This week's View includes a few final reminders and celebrations as we wrap up the semester and prepare for a well-deserved break. Please take a moment to read through and help us finish the week strong here in the Valley.

Wishing you and your family a safe, restful, and happy Winter Break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year!

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)

🎁 A Holiday Toy Drive to Remember! 🎁

Our PVA community truly outdid itself! This year's Holiday Toy Drive was nothing short of incredible, and the generosity shown by our students, families, and staff was truly inspiring. From festive collection buckets to students eagerly bringing in last-minute donations, the excitement and spirit of giving were felt throughout the Valley. While we are still officially collecting, we already have more than enough to deem this drive a complete success!

Because of this tremendous response, we collected an extraordinary number of toys that will bring joy to children across our community this holiday season. Be sure to join us **Wednesday evening at the Cookies & Cocoa Art Show** to see the toy drive display and hear from community representatives as they accept the gifts. It will be a meaningful celebration of what we can accomplish together. Thank you for helping make this year's drive one to remember—the Valley shines brightest when we give together! Thank you all! 🍪🍪

❄️ Join Us for PVA's Winter Holiday Themed Days! ❄️

We're excited to celebrate the season with a full week of festive fun from December 15–19! All students and our PVA community are invited to participate in our daily holiday-themed spirit days. Check out the flyer below for the full schedule, and get ready to show your Bobcat holiday cheer! 🎄

Cookies and Cocoa Volunteers Needed!

Please join us for our Cookies & Cocoa holiday event! We're looking for volunteers to help serve treats and spread some festive cheer. The event begins at 6:00 p.m., and we ask volunteers to arrive by 5:45 p.m. for setup. [CLICK HERE TO SEE THE AVAILABLE SLOTS AND TO SIGN UP!](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Cookies and Cocoa – A Holiday Event and Art Show

The holiday season is upon us, and we're excited to invite you to our special Cookies & Cocoa Holiday Event and Student Art Show! One of our largest, most successful events last year is coming up soon... And YES, there will be artwork from all grades on display!

Event Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday, December 17th
- **Time:** 6:00 – 7:30pm
- **Location:** We will start off in the cafeteria

This festive evening will feature:

- 🍪 A stunning display of student artwork showcasing their creativity and hard work.
- 🍪 Delicious cookies and warm cocoa to enjoy with friends and family.
- 🎭 Holiday performances

We can't wait to celebrate the season together and highlight our students' artistic talents. It's the perfect opportunity to connect with the school community and create lasting memories! We look forward to seeing you there! See the flyer below for additional details!

No need to stand in line when you can

visit <https://artomestore.com/collections/palmvalleyacademy32081> to preview, order and pay (see directions below).

We hope to see all of you Wednesday, the 17th! Thank you for supporting our artists.

Pre-Purchase your child's framed artwork before the art show fundraiser.

1. Click on your school's art show link: <https://artomestore.com/collections/palmvalleyacademy32081>
2. View your child's framed great work of art.
3. Pre-Purchase the framed artwork to pick it up at the art show.
4. Pre-purchasing your child's framed artwork sounds appealing for busy parents that cannot make it to the art show.
5. Now, share your child's great work of art with family and friends to purchase a reproduction.
6. Reproductions make a great gift ideas for your loved ones.

🏃 PVA Running Camp is Back! 🏃

Do you love to run, stay active, and have fun? Running Camp is open to **2nd–8th grade students** and will meet Thursdays from 2:50–4:15pm, beginning **January 8 and running through February 26, 2026**. Students will train for a 5K race or Fun Run and receive a Dri-Fit Running Camp T-shirt.

The cost is \$60 (race entries not included), and space is limited by grade level, so be sure to register early—Running Camp fills up fast! Scan the QR code to complete payment and return the form to Coach Henson.



ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

🎁 K-5 Circus Update! 🎪

The top 12 classes will be announced tomorrow and will be invited to attend Thursday's Venardos Circus performance at 9:00 a.m. While we wish we could invite every class, the participation across K–5 was truly remarkable, and we are so grateful for the incredible effort and generosity shown by all. Thank you for helping make this holiday season extra special for so many families. **Stay tuned for the top 12 announcement tomorrow!**

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

Retesting/Make-Up Work Opportunities

As part of our continued effort to support student success, we're introducing a few new school-wide options for retesting and make-up work. While teachers will continue to provide opportunities within their own classrooms using a variety of strategies, we've also added designated "Study Hall" sessions for students who need extra time to complete or retake assignments.

Study Hall Options:

- **After-School Option:** 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from **2:30–3:20 PM** in the 1002 computer lab (arranged through the teacher)
- **Morning Option:** 2nd Wednesday of each month during **1st period** (arranged through the teacher)

The decision on which session to attend must be worked out between the student and teacher based on need and scheduling. If your student attends the after-school session, pickup will be at 3:20 PM in the bus loop. If they finish early, they will be expected to use the remaining time productively while waiting. We hope these additional options provide flexibility and continued support for students to demonstrate their best work.

🎉 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 off 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! 🐾



8TH GRADE 2026



**FIRSTNAME
LASTNAME**



SCAN ME

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY

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.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 above!
- See you Wednesday night for Cookies and Cocoa @ 6:00pm! Enter through the Café.

DATES OF NOTE:

- Monday, December 15th
 - THEMED DAY: TIME TO ACCESSORIZE & OUTSIDERS DAY!
- Tuesday, December 16th
 - THEMED DAY: SHINY AND BRIGHT!
- Wednesday, December 17th
 - THEMED DAY: FEELING FROSTY AND VESTIVE!
 - MS PBIS Morning During 1st Period (Staff vs. Students VB Game and Holiday Activities)
 - Early Release
 - LAST DAY FOR HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE
 - **Cookies and Cocoa Art Show Event @ 6-7:30pm**
- Thursday, December 18th
 - THEMED DAY: HOLIDAY CHARACTER DAY!
 - K-5 Vernados Circus for select classes @ 9:00am in gymnasium
- Friday, December 19th
 - THEMED DAY: TWAS' THE NIGHT BEFORE BREAK!
 - Early Release

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

The advertisement for the FortifyFL app features a dark blue background with a white diagonal stripe. On the left, the FortifyFL logo (a red square with a white megaphone) is above the text "FORTIFYFL Suspicious Activity Reporting App". Below this, the text "See suspicious activity at your school? Report it." is displayed. A circular seal with "HOME SCHOOL COMMUNITY" and a building icon is positioned below the text. At the bottom left, three circular logos for the state of Florida, the Department of Education, and the Department of Safety are shown. On the right, two smartphones display the app's interface. At the bottom right, the text "Visit www.getfortifyfl.com to submit a tip or download the app" is present. The hashtag "#FORTIFYFLORIDA" is at the very bottom.

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Tis' The Season!

Themed Days

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DECEMBER

OUTSIDERS DAY/Accessorize!

Whether you're a Greaser or a Soc, come dressed to represent your side—with a holiday twist, of course! Add festive accessories to complete the look! Or just accessorize as you wish!

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DECEMBER

Shiny and Bright

Shine bright like the star you are! Wear something that lights or shines bright!

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DECEMBER

Feeling Frosty & Vestive

Wear your favorite holiday sweater or vest!

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DECEMBER

Holiday Character Day

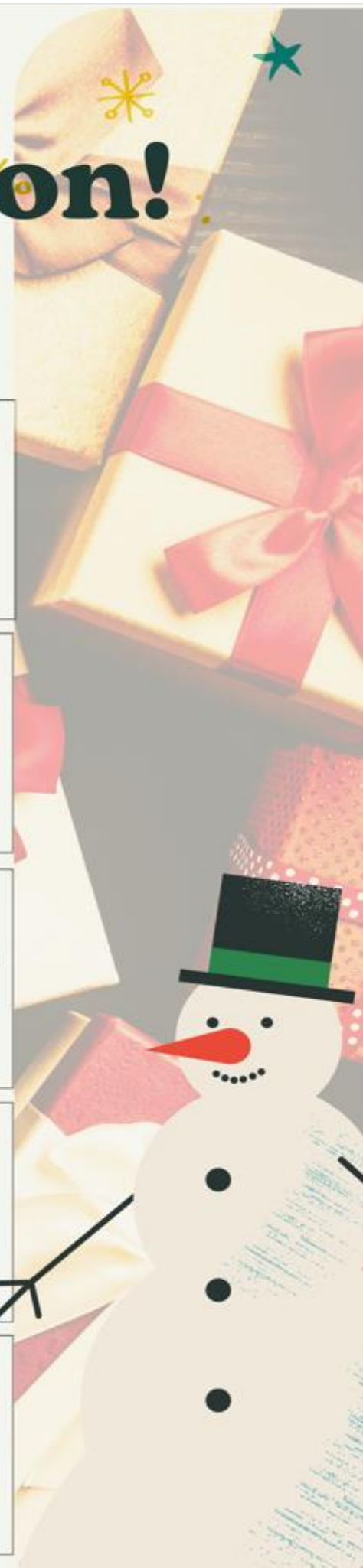
Scrooge, Rudolph, Buddy the Elf, the Grinch, or another WHO from Whoville— Dress up as your favorite character!

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DECEMBER

Twas' the Night Before Break...

Its a PVA tradition! Wear your pajamas and tune-in to Polar Express during the day!



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