

A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 2/16-2/20

Good afternoon, PVA families,

I hope this message finds you well as we continue moving through a productive and exciting February at Palm Valley Academy. We appreciate your support in reinforcing daily attendance, homework routines, and open communication with teachers to help every student thrive. Thank you for being such an important part of the PVA community!

Below you'll find important updates, reminders, and highlights from around campus.

Have a great week everyone.

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)

Week 3 PVA Kindness Campaign Continues - "We Value All"

This week, our PVA Kindness Campaign focuses on Helping & Service. Students are being encouraged to look for simple ways to help others and discover how their small actions create a ripple effect of kindness. We invite you to ask your child how they helped someone each day and to celebrate those moments together at home.

Week Three: Helping & Service Challenges

- Clean up something without being asked.
- Help someone who is having a hard time.
- Ask an adult if they need help and then help them.
- Do a random act of kindness at home or at school

A February Service Project – PAWS FOR A CAUSE!

For this month's service project, the 1st grade students have paired up with NJHS to organize a supply drive to benefit S.A.F.E. Pets in St. Johns County. They are promoting the February Character Counts! Pillar CARING, along with KINDNESS and LOVE for the cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies in need in our county. Their drive runs from now through March 6th. While S.A.F.E. Pets will accept all dry and wet food, they are specifically in need of IAMS Proactive Health, Friskies Pate, and Purina One. They are also in need of Clorox Wipes, Paper Towels, Trash Bags, and Hand Sanitizer. Thank you for your help in spreading the message of CARING, KINDNESS, and LOVE to our furry friends who give nothing BUT unconditional love. Please see the flyer below.



PVA'S BOBCAT BOLT IS ALMOST HERE!

Last Week of Early Registration – Don't Miss Out!
This is the **last week of early registration** for our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Be sure to register at **mybooster.com** to secure early access to our:

- 🍌 **Elementary Pep Rally**
- 🚀 **Middle School Lunch Launch**

Both events are happening this **Friday, February 20** — and you won't want to miss the excitement!

Every dollar raised makes a huge impact on our school, supporting programs, resources, and opportunities for our students.

Let's go, Bobcats! 🍌⚡

Register today at www.mybooster.com



Chip in for Charity

Palm Valley Academy is participating in The Players Championship Chip in For Charity Fundraising Program. For every ticket sold using our unique code: **817QRP** - PVA PTO will earn \$40 per ticket. Tickets are on sale through February 27, 2026. Tickets purchased through Chip in for Charity must be for Competition Round Days (Thursday-Sunday). Although general tickets are dynamically priced, meaning the cost will increase over time, tickets sold through the Chip-in for Charity Program will remain the same price: Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster [HERE](#); purchase instructions are available [HERE](#) and on the website

THE PLAYERS

MAKE YOUR TICKET COUNT
Purchase a ticket to THE PLAYERS Championship through Chip-in for Charity and \$40 will go directly to

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY PTO: 817QRP

Visit THEPLAYERS.com/chip-in for more details.

Bobcat Basketball!

Our basketball season continues this week with a HOME game Thursday against Patriot Oaks Academy. The girls start at 5:30pm and the boys follow (around 6:30pm). Let's pack the stands and show our Bobcat Pride! ❤️🍌

- Thursday 2/5: HOME vs. Patriot Oaks Academy [GET TICKETS HERE!](#)

Testing Calendars Below

Our April and May testing calendars are now available! These calendars include important assessment dates and grade-level testing windows to help families plan ahead. We encourage you to review the schedule carefully and mark the dates on your calendar. Ensuring students are present, well-rested, and on time during testing days makes a significant difference.

2026

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31 March 31st 5th Grade Writing	1	2 4th Grade Writing	3 Holiday	4
5	6	7 Middle School Writing	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 2nd Grade Reading	22 2nd Grade Math	23	24	25
26	27 1st Grade Reading	28 1st Grade Math	29 Kindergarten Early Literacy	30 Kindergarten Math	1	2
3	4	**Assessment Calendar is subject to change. Make-up exams will be given as soon as possible upon a student's return to school.**				

2026

MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1 CIVICS EOC	2
3	4 4th Grade Reading	5 5th Grade Reading	6	7 Middle School Reading	8 3rd Grade Reading	9
10	11 4th Grade Math	12 5th Grade Math	13	14 Middle School Math	15 3rd Grade Math	16
17	18 8th Grade Science	19 5th Grade Science	20	21 Algebra & Geometry EOC	22	23
24	25 Holiday	26	27	28	29 Last Day	30
31	1	**Assessment Calendar is subject to change. Make-up exams will be given as soon as possible upon a student's return to school.**				

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)

8th Grade Parents – A Special Opportunity

We did this in the Fall, but parents, if you missed the opportunity to recognize your student athlete, or would simply like to do it again, please take advantage of the following: 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 3/2-3/6. Please see the 8th Grade Student Athlete Recognition attachment for details. IF YOU NEED A BLANK BANNER FOR YOUR STUDENT, PLEASE GIVE THE FRONT OFFICE A CALL AND WE'LL SEND ONE HOME WITH YOUR STUDENT.

8th Grade Parents – NEASE RISING FRESHMAN NIGHT

Allen D. Nease High School will be hosting a "Rising Freshmen Registration Night" for our future Class of 2029 students and their parents. While most of our PVA 8th Graders will be in DC, Parents are encouraged to attend! During our Course Elective Showcase, students and parents will be able to learn more about elective course choices for next year's schedule.

The event will occur as follows:

- **DATE:** Tuesday, February 24
- **LOCATION:** Allen D. Nease High School
- **TIME:**
 1. **Course Elective Showcase:** 4:45pm – 5:30pm
 - In our PAC Courtyard and Cafeteria
 2. **Course Registration Presentation:** 5:30pm
 - In our Performing Arts Center

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 and second round of ordering at the discounted price has passed, the **FINAL DEADLINE TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR A FENCE BANNER IS FRIDAY, MARCH 13.**

JOIN US FOR PVA PTO'S
SPRING CARNIVAL

— AND FREE COMMUNITY —

EASTER Egg Hunt



BRING YOUR OWN
BAG OR A BASKET!

29 MARCH

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY
700 BOBCAT LANE

1PM-4PM

FUN, INFLATABLES
FOOD, MUSIC

STAGGERED EGG HUNTS START AT 2:00PM AND WILL BE BROKEN INTO 4
HUNTS: PRE-K AND UNDER, GRADES K-1, GRADES 2-3, & GRADES 4+



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PALM VALLEY ACADEMY'S PTO

PBIS CARNIVAL

**FREE
ENTRY**

March 29, 2026 | 1:00 - 4:00PM

**INFLATABLES
FACE
PAINTING**

**MUSIC
EGG
HUNTS**

**FOOD
TRUCKS**

**AND
MORE!**



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!
- PTO SPRING CARNIVAL IS COMING UP March 29th! Mark this free community event on your calendars today!

DATES OF NOTE:

- Wednesday, February 18th
 - MS 3rd Wednesday Study Hall AFTER SCHOOL 2:20-3:20pm (Email Valerie by Tuesday 2/17)
 - Early Release
- Thursday, February 19th
 - PTO General Meeting @ 9:00am
 - MS Basketball HOME vs POA 5:30/6:30pm
- Friday, February 20th
 - Bobcat Bolt Kickoff Assemblies (K-5) in Gym
 - 9:30am-10:00am (4th and 5th Grade)
 - 12:00pm-12:30pm (2nd and 3rd Grade)
 - 12:45pm-1:15pm (K and 1st Grade)

On the Radar:

- Tuesday, February 24th
 - 4H Speech in Café (5th Grade)
- Wednesday, February 25th
 - Early Release
- Friday, February 27th
 - Bobcat Bolt (K-5) in Middle School Fields
 - 9:00am-10:00am (K and 1st Grade)
 - 12:00pm-1:00pm (2nd and 3rd Grade)
 - 1:30pm-2:30pm (4th and 5th Grade)

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

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