



# Palencia Elementary Pirate Post

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## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

### Upcoming Events

**Mar 26:** Goodwill Bag It Up

**Mar 29:** Report Cards Issued

**Apr 5:** Glow Run, see flyer

**Apr 8:** SAC Meeting, 4pm  
Media

**Apr 11:** PTO Meeting, 8:40am  
Cafeteria

**Apr 12:** PTO Silent Auction

**Apr 17-Apr 26:** Spring Book  
Fair

**Apr 24:** Night of the Arts

**Apr 24:** Interims Issued

**Apr 30:** Battle of the Books

Hello Pirate Families,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break. Our teachers are working at full throttle this last nine weeks of school. Each teacher carries a sense of purpose as they work to make sure students are engaged in meaningful academic activities that meet their level of learning. As a school community, we are also making sure we continue to develop young persons of character. We can't presume that our students instinctively know how to best navigate adverse social situations or life's disappointments. I ask for your help reminding your child who their circle of trusted adults is at home and at school.

Did you notice something new next to our flagpole? A short and sweet historic anchor "unveiling" ceremony will take place this Friday at 1:00 PM. The anchor is a legacy gift from last year's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. This was the first class to matriculate through PES from Kindergarten when the school opened.

We will celebrate our volunteers of the year next Thursday evening. A special congratulations and a sincere THANK YOU to Clarissa Kinnaman, Lana Kirkpatrick, and Amy Gramatges. Each of you make our school a better place.

Next week, our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will take Florida Standards Assessment exams. Student test results will be used to guide instruction the following year. It is important that we have 100% of our students tested. Thank you for making sure child arrives on time and has a nutritious breakfast.



### FSA Dates (3-5 Grades)

**Apr 2** - 4th & 5th Writing

**Apr 4&5** - 3rd Reading

**May 2&3** - 4th & 5th  
Reading

**May 6&7** - 3rd, 4th, 5th  
Math

**May 9&10** - 5th State  
Science Assessment

Together in Education,

*Captain Goodrich*





### We need Test Proctors!

Please visit the sign-up genius below for proctoring opportunities! Be aware you cannot proctor in the grade that your child is in currently in and you MUST be a pre-approved volunteer through the Keep N' Track system.

[Proctor Sign-up](#)



### Testing Day Reminders

We wanted to remind everyone that **ONLY Volunteers** who are pre-scheduled to proctor FSA testing will be permitted back to classrooms on the following dates:

**April** 2nd, 4th, 5th

**May** 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th

Teachers: Be sure your regularly scheduled volunteers are aware of these dates and please encourage those individuals to sign up to help proctor FSA testing. They will not be allowed back for their regular volunteer duties on these dates.

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Media Center News

[March Pirate Cove Connection](#)

### Last day to Pre-Order your YEARBOOK

**Friday March 29**

Order Online at [www.leonards.com/yearbooks](http://www.leonards.com/yearbooks)

Access Code: C449622, \$15each



### Show Your School Spirit!

**Monday— Red**

**Tuesday—Black**

**Wednesday—Green**

**Thursday—White**

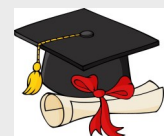
**Friday - Spirit Wear**



### Palencia's 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony Information

**Monday, May 20** - Glennon, Gardner, Wadsworth

**Tuesday, May 21** - Brown, Holmes, Hughes/Edwards



- Ceremonies will take place in the Palencia cafeteria, doors open at 5:30pm, start time of 6pm.

- 5th Grade dance will take place on Tuesday, May 21 at 1pm.



**SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM**  
**SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!**



Parents,

The Summer Marine Science Program has extended the application process, as we still have some open sessions available! Calling all current fifth through seventh graders who love to be outdoors!

Applications can still be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 19<sup>th</sup> at <http://www.grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/>. The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, and a video from last year's program.

Return the completed pre application to your child's science teacher who will turn it into the program. Once accepted, a final application will be mailed home within two weeks. Upon payment deposit and final application returned a confirmation of session letter will be mailed.

We currently ONLY have spots available in our third session, June 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, July 1, 2, 3. This is a perfect session to finish just before the Independence Day holiday. Small classes of 12-14 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. Learning is "hands on" in the field with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, SUP, (stand up paddleboarding), etc.

More information about the program can be had by emailing [marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us).



**THE ESE PARENT ADVISORY,  
ST JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**WELCOMES**

**DAVID O. CHILDERS, M.D.  
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL-  
BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRICIAN**

**FOR A DISCUSSION ON:**

**BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL  
EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Please register for this Parent Advisory Committee  
meeting here:*

<https://parentadvisorybehaviortalk.eventbrite.com>

**GOAL:**

To provide parents of 504, Gifted, and ESE students an overview of typical language development and how it pertains to parenting and child behavior.

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STUDENT EDUCATION**

**UF HEALTH  
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL  
PEDIATRICS**

**APRIL 2, 2019**

**LOCATION:**

**FULLERWOOD TRAINING  
CENTER**

**10 HILDRETH DR  
ST AUGUSTINE, FL 32084**

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**



# Counselor Corner



We pride ourselves on doing our part to insure that Palencia Elementary School is a place where all children can learn and grow surrounded by caring and knowledgeable adults. However, the reality of the world is that children come to us from all walks of life with varied experiences, abilities and skills. Not all children know what to do when they experience situations that interfere with their ability to fully engage in learning and social activities at school.

By discussing some of these issues that concern us as parents, we hope to offer some information, resources and strategies that can be helpful. Today's topic has to do with bullying. With so much in the news regarding children being bullied at school, some parents have shared that they worry about their child's physical and emotional safety at school. It seems timely to let you know what we are doing to keep your child safe and bully-free. Most of the information shared below can be found with further explanations on the St. Johns County School District web site: [www.stjohns.k12.fl.us](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us), under Safe and Drug Free Schools / Bully Prevention.

## **District definition of bullying:**

Our school district policy defines bullying as systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress. Incidents of bullying are always taken seriously and procedures have been put in place to identify, report and follow up to insure our children are safe at school.

## **Definition of Bullying Behaviors:**

For behaviors to be labeled as bullying, all three of the following components must be present:

The behavior is repeated, the behavior is intentional (done on purpose with the intent to cause hurt or harm), there is an imbalance of power (you feel like you cannot make it stop)

Bullying is further defined as unwanted and repeated written, verbal, or physical behavior, including any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, by an adult or student, that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment; cause discomfort or humiliation; or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation.

## **What Bullying Is Not:**

Bullying is not a disagreement or conflict. Even best of friends often have misunderstandings and disagreements. Such situations can be usually be worked through by sharing each other's views. (This a different set of skills needed and is a topic for future counselor corner articles and classroom lessons.)

## **Incidents of Bullying are always teachable opportunities to help our children learn new skills:**

\*The child being bullied needs to learn assertiveness skills, where to go and who to talk to when they are feeling bullied. They can expect to be listened to and respected. At school the child should talk to their teacher, the school counselor Mrs. Tiffany Ellis, Principal Goodrich, Assistant Principal Mehanna, or any other school personnel they trust.

\*The bully needs to learn social skills, tolerance of others who are different, respect and how to make and keep friends.

\*The bystanders: Need to feel empowered to step in and help when witnessing incidents of bullying, how to identify ways they can safely intervene and leadership skills.

## **What we are doing at Palencia Elementary School:**

\*Reports of bullying are always investigated and taken very seriously. District policies and reporting guidelines and protocols are followed and reported to the district.

\*All school personal are trained to identify bullying behavior and intervene when they see incidents of bullying.

\*Our teachers are incorporating social/emotional skills into their curriculum and/or class meetings.

\*Our school counselor, Mrs. Ellis, has developed classroom guidance lesson plans to teach character counts and friendship skills as needed. She also does small group and individual guidance as needed. The counselor is often involved when bullying is reported to be a part to the solution by teaching new skills. She has a link on the Palencia Elementary school website to "Bullying Prevention Resources for educators and families".

\*The morning news show is now featuring one minute words of wisdom each morning addressing the character pillars and behaviors that empower our children to be able to 'do the right thing even when no one is looking!'

Thank you for taking the time to read this counselor corner article. The next article will discuss ideas for helping you help your child to feel safe at school. Remember, it is only by working together that we can create a school where all of our children can reach their highest academic and social potential!



# PTO NEWS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 26th - Bag It Up** - Send in your used items

**Friday, April 5th - Glow Run** - Sign up Now!

**Thursday, April 11th - PTO Meeting** at 8:40 a.m. in the MPR

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**View the complete events**



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**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW**

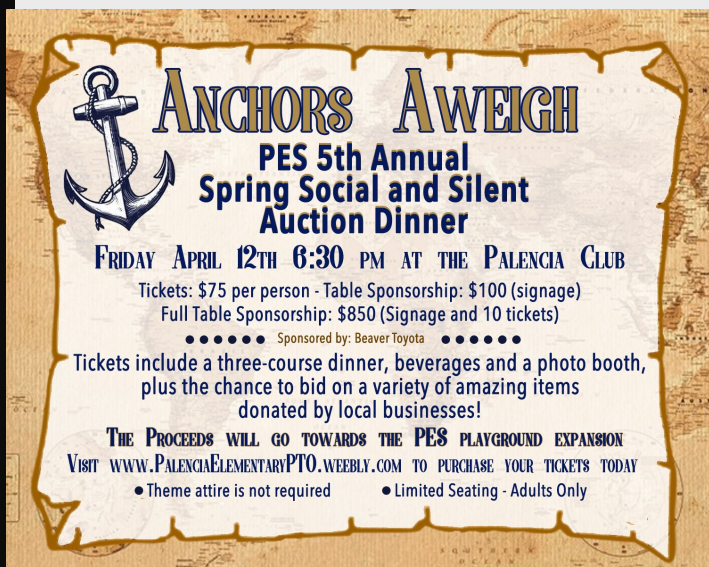


Volunteer to help with the  
**2019 GLOW RUN**  
on April 5th  
[Click Here to Sign Up](#)



FSA Proctors are Needed!  
Various Dates Available  
[Click HERE to sign up!](#)

\*Note that only FSA Volunteers will be allowed in the school on testing days



**ANCHORS AWEIGH**

**PES 5th Annual Spring Social and Silent Auction Dinner**

**FRIDAY APRIL 12TH 6:30 PM AT THE PALENCIA CLUB**

Tickets: \$75 per person - Table Sponsorship: \$100 (signage)  
Full Table Sponsorship: \$850 (Signage and 10 tickets)

..... Sponsored by: Beaver Toyota .....

Tickets include a three-course dinner, beverages and a photo booth, plus the chance to bid on a variety of amazing items donated by local businesses!

THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE PES PLAYGROUND EXPANSION

VISIT [WWW.PALENCIAELEMENTARYPTO.WEEBLY.COM](http://WWW.PALENCIAELEMENTARYPTO.WEEBLY.COM) TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY

- Theme attire is not required
- Limited Seating - Adults Only



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**BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK**

*Who will feed the kids this weekend?*

Donate to our local Blessings in a Backpack program that supports St. Johns County Students by [Clicking Here](#)

## THANKS TO OUR PES PTO CORPORATE SPONSORS!



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