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PES PIRATE POST AUGUST 15, 2017

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Calendar of events:

- AUG 16: PTO Breakfast
Tears & Cheers - 8:40am
- AUG 22: Curriculum Chats
6:30-7:30- **K, 1st, 2nd**
- AUG 24: Curriculum Chats
6:30-7:30- **3rd, 4th, 5th**
- SEP 4: - **NO SCHOOL**-
Labor Day Holiday
- SEP 12: Interims Issued
- OCT 9: PES Fore The Kids
Golf Tournament
- OCT 13: 1st Quarter Ends



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Ahoy Palencia Passengers and Crew

Welcome back Pirates. The Pirate Post is typically not this long but there is a lot of information to share concerning the start of the 2017-2018 School Year.

Topics of the week

- Start and Transportation
- Solar Eclipse
- Curriculum Chats
- Classroom Volunteers
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
- Bikers and Walkers
- Shade Structure
- Phone Call Class Announcements

Start and Transportation

Thank you to everyone for a successful start of the school year. This is my favorite time of the year, as the school seems to come to life when the students return. It is great to see them and hear their stories of summer and expectations for the year. For those of you that participate in Parent Pick up, please bare with us for a couple weeks. The start of the school year usually extends parent pick up by about 20 minutes or more. After a couple weeks we all get into the routine, and it typically shortens to only taking 15 minutes or less. Please know that tomorrow will be the first day for all the Kindergarteners, which will extend the time.

Show your School Spirit!

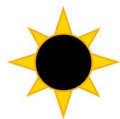
Monday— Red

Tuesday—Black

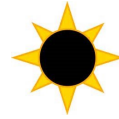
Wednesday—Green

Thursday—White

Friday - Spirit Wear



Solar Eclipse



On Monday, the Solar Eclipse will occur during our dismissal. Please know that the safety of our children is our first priority. We are going to over protect our students during the eclipse, as a child's sight is so very important. -**We will be having a school wide hat day. Students will be allowed to wear hats and sunglasses all day. -**

(School policy does not typically allow boys to wear hats inside the building)
All recess times will be moved to a time prior to the eclipse beginning. If it is an overcast afternoon, we will have a normal dismissal. If it is clear, we will have a rainy day dismissal to minimize the amount of time students could look at the sun. We will send out a school wide message on Monday with our dismissal plan. Please let the front office know this week, if you will need to make any other arrangements for your child. As per SJCSO memo all absents and tardies on Monday Aug 21 will be excused.

Curriculum Chats

Please plan on attending Curriculum Chats next week. This is a time for the teachers to share important information to you. This is also a time to sign up for a parent conference (at a later date) if you would like to talk to the teacher individually. Also, we ask that only adults attend this evening. If you have multiple children and have to decide which grade level to attend on one night, I recommend the older. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on the following evenings from 6:30pm until 7:30pm:

Tuesday, Aug. 22 - Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades

Thursday, Aug. 24 - 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades.

Classroom Volunteers

Please remember that as of this Thursday, we are no longer allowing parents to walk their children to class. Beginning Thursday August 17th, everyone must be an APPROVED VOLUNTEER with an ID to enter the building. Also, all volunteering must be approved by the classroom teacher. Pop-ins are not allowed as it interrupts instruction.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Please remember that the BYOD initiative is completely voluntary. We held several meetings last year and the overwhelming decision was to move forward in this direction. If you are a parent of a 2nd or 5th grader, there is no need to purchase a device as it would only be used for one year. Also, we are reducing and then eliminating the back to school supply list to help our families off set the cost. The specifications for the devices can be found at the following website: <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/byod/specs/>



Bikers and Walkers

If you are the parent or guardian of a biker or walker please be sure to sign up for the text messaging system that we use. This system is used to inform families of rainy day dismissals. During a rainy day dismissal all bikers and walkers become parent pick up students. Please know we try to avoid this, but the safety of our students is our main priority. With Florida weather, this is often a last minute decision. To sign up for the alert, text '@pesbi' to the number '81010'. You will receive a text back to which you reply your name and then you are all set.

Shade Structure

We are very excited about the installation of our shade structure. We had a few additional issues that needed to be resolved over the summer, but we were able to get them taken care of and are moving forward with this project. The structure has been fabricated and is ready to be delivered. We are hopeful that the footers will be in place next week and assembly will start soon after. This was a large project which required support from a lot of groups. Thank you to the PTO and our community for your support through Boosterthon. Thank you to Mrs. Savo-Matthews and her team as they secured a grant from the American Dermatology Association. These as well as school funds were all pulled together to make this possible. We will keep you updated on the progress of this structure

Phone Call Class Announcements

Please accept our sincerest apology for any miscommunication that went out as we made class announcements last week. This is not how we like to do things at PES. This was our first time using this system at that volume. We learned from our mistakes and have made note to avoid this next year.

Have a great week and again welcome back,

Captain Allen Anderson

School News

Pirate Cove Connection
PES Media News for August available at
[August Pirate Cove Connection](#)

Calling all Volunteers

We need your help proctoring in the classroom. These are short tests lasting about 40 minutes. No teaching experience required. All we need is an extra set of eyes in the room while testing is going on. Testing starts at 9am. Please remember that you must be an approved volunteer and you are not allowed to proctor in your child's grade level. We appreciate your help and are very thankful for it.
PES Loves Our Volunteers!!!!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CAFA62EA5F58-iready>

Early Check Out

For the safety of all students, children may not be checked out of school after 2:15 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday and 1:15 on Wed.

Change in Afternoon Transportation:

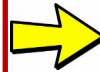
If you need to change the way your child goes home in the afternoon, we must receive a written note or email from your listed email address to your child's teacher & to transportationchangespes@stjohns.k12.fl.us before 2:00 pm (1:00 pm on Wednesdays). We can't accept phone calls for those changes. Changes in afternoon transportation should only be for emergency situations. Thank you for your understanding. Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct for the district policies involving attendance, dress code, acceptable use procedures, and many more

Community News

School Access / Volunteer

New Volunteers

Attention all Parents, Grandparents, and other family members who will be attending school functions like - (Class Parties, Grandparents Day, Drama Performances, Chorus, Proctors, Class Room Mom, Field Day, Birthdays or any other fun activity at school)



YOU MUST BE AN APPROVED VOLUNTEER

No one is allowed inside the school unless they have been approved. You must fill out the online application at the link provided. **Once you have filled out the application and are approved through the St. Johns County School District and Sherriff's Office you are allowed access inside the school.** As soon as possible please fill this application out for yourself and any other family member you want to have come to the school to visit your child or participate in any school function. The complete process takes about 4-6 weeks to clear the school district and sheriffs office.

[Click HERE for Volunteer Application](#)



Current Volunteers

Your volunteer status is good for three years once it has been approved. If you are concerned that your expiration is coming up please do not submit another application online. Instead email Ms. Susan Solms at susan.solms@stjohns.k12.fl.us and let her know you need to check your status. This is going to be another fun filled year and we can't wait to see all of our volunteers return to the school and classrooms.

After School Activities

Scalawags Chorus
(K-2 Starts Sept 11th)

Chorus
(3-5 Starts Aug 30th)

Spanish Class
(Starts Aug 28th)

Kidz Art
(Starts Sept 11th)

Club Scientific
(Begins Sept 5th)

4-H Garden Club
(Begins Sept 14th)

Good News Club
Soccer Shots
Zumba
(Have started)

Robotics
(Begins Sept 7th)

PTO NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 16th, 2017 - PTO

Welcome Breakfast, 8:40 a.m. in the MPR

Tuesday, August 22nd, 2017 - Curriculum

Chat Grades K-2, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 24th, 2017 - Curriculum

Chat Grades 3-5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29th, 2017 - Boosterthon

Pep Rally

Friday, September 1st, 2017- PTO Meeting

at 8:40 a.m. in the MPR

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!

AHOY, MATEYS!



Come aboard for the Parent Meet & Greet as we set sail on another exciting school year...

A Hearty Welcome & Refreshments Await!

Join us on
Wednesday, August 16th
at 8:40 a.m. in the MultiPurpose Room

First Mate Goodrich & Palencia Elementary PTO look forward to welcoming old & new friends. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to purchase your family's PES spirit wear!



Click here for more information

2017-2018 PES SPIRIT WEAR SHIRTS

MONDAY - RED



\$15

TUESDAY - BLACK



\$15

WEDNESDAY - GREEN



\$15

THURSDAY - WHITE



\$15

FRIDAY - BOYS



\$15

FRIDAY - GIRLS



\$15

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The 5th Annual
PALENCIA ELEMENTARY FORE! the Kids GOLF TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION 11 AM
SHOTGUN START 1 PM
FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE

THE PALENCIA CLUB
600 PALENCIA CLUB DRIVE
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017

THE PALENCIA CLUB



Honda OF THE AVENUES



Music and Awards Dinner to Follow
Food Provided by Harry's Seafood and Salt Life Food Shack

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For Sponsorship Opportunities, Contact PalenciaForeTheKids@gmail.com

THE PALENCIA CLUB

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