



## Palencia Elementary Newsletter

# Pirate's Post

## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

### Calendar of events:

- **January 30:** School Assembly: JAX Symphony Ensemble
- **February 9:** CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K Run/Walk 2 pm
- **February 12:** End of 2nd Box Top collection contest.
- **February 13:** Interims Issued
- **February 18:** NO SCHOOL: Presidents Day
- **February 26:** FCAT Writes for 4th grade

### Show your School Spirit!

Monday— Red  
Tuesday—Black  
Wednesday—Green  
Thursday—White  
Friday - Spirit Wear

**Join Us:** Our Pirate crew has been busy, busy, busy orchestrating fun activities in support of our students and school! Last night was *Read Around the Grocery Store* at the Murabella Publix. All participating students received prizes and a chance to win book certificates for new books at our spring Book Fair. Tomorrow, **Danzar**, a sponsor of PES, will be having Palencia Elementary Day at their store in the Palencia Village. 10% of their Saturday sales will be donated to our school. Danzar sells all of your extracurricular clothing for dance, yoga, martial arts, and sports. On Monday evening from 6—8 pm, **Doing Dishes** will have a special family activity in our cafeteria for you to design and paint a special ceramic item for your family. My granddaughter made a dog dish for our dog at her school that is highly treasured at our house by both me and our pooch! Winter spirit wear will also be on sale at this event. Finally, Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> is our **PTO Winter Event and School District 6K Run**. We hope to see lots of Palencia students and parents participating at this activity. Whew, that's a lot happening at our school. Thanks to our sponsors for their support of our wonderful school.

**Administrators for the Day:** I got a little help running this new school last week when *Grace* and *Malcolm MacEwan* joined me as Principal and Assistant Principal of the Day! These two great helpers shadowed me for the day – a position won at our Tennis Social Auction. Ms. Tahan, our media specialist, also had a role alike, *Payton Plandel*, who was acting librarian for the day.

**Your Votes Count!** Please continue to vote for our school at [www.davidsoncares.com](http://www.davidsoncares.com) as Wards Creek is catching us on voting for your favorite video. And how about letting one of Palencia's teachers **win a new car** from Bozard Ford? Go to <http://www.news4jax.com/Sponsors/bozard-ford-teacher-award/-/17996664/-/7t2c5r/-/index.html> and nominate one of our teachers to win a new Ford vehicle from Bozard Ford. Both of these events end next week so it's important that you nominate our teachers and vote as soon as possible.

**Decisions, Decisions:** Your child can simplify those daily clothing decisions by wearing our School Spirit colors for each day! Monday—wear red; Tuesday—grab that black shirt; Wednesday is green; Thursday is white; and Friday is dedicated to those Spirit Wear shirts of any color.

~ *Captain Don Campbell*

## Readers are Leaders!

Students who met their Accelerated Reader (AR) goals celebrated this week with reading reward parties. Students in grades 1-5 set goals with their teachers to try to achieve each quarter during the school year. At the parties students had fun playing games and winning prizes. Students participating in AR also have the chance to receive award certificates by earning grade level points and maintaining an 80% overall average more. Those receiving certificates will be recognized in the upcoming weeks on the morning news show. Additionally, teachers have nominated students who are high readers and Seven Habits leaders to have a chance at being on our soon to be created "Reader Leader Wall of Fame."

Over the next weeks, we will recognize those students who met their AR Goals. We will start with **fifth grade AR goal achievers** this issue: *Jake Barron*, *Lexi Hendrix*, *Erin McCormick*, *Will Moss*, *Jessica Valyou*, *Sarah Booth*, *Tyler Brummitt*, *Sean Dearin*, *Kyle Kastor*, *Abbey Kleist*, *Mallory Pace*, *Maya Albold*, *Carter Day*, *Bradley Elias*, *Eva Karjano*, *Ava King* and *Ryan Regan*.

## News from Music and Drama

The Talent Showcase try-outs are finished, and it was a very difficult decision! We hope you will come out and be part of the audience for the performance on February 9th at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Also on the horizon are the auditions for our all-school musical, **101 Dalmatians Kids!** The auditions dates are next Tuesday, January 29th for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades; and Thursday, January 31st for K, 1st and 2nd grades. Any questions? Please see Mrs. Dowdie's website or email her for more information: [dowdiek@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:dowdiek@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

## Registering Future Pirates!

It's time to secure a berth for your incoming Kindergartener! Don't miss the first 2012-2013 Kindergarten Registration on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the Palencia Elementary Conference Room.

Please note: Your child must be 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. You will need the following documents: Birth Certificate (original), Immunization Record (Florida Form 680) and a physical completed within the last 12 months, Proof of Residency. *Call Cindy Williams @ 904-547-4017 to get a list of acceptable proofs of residency.*

## Martin Luther King Poster & Essay Winners!

The following students took awards at our school for their posters and essays celebrating Martin Luther King. Congratulations to *Jade Plummer*, Mr. Farnum's 3rd grade (4th place); *Luke Stanley*, Ms. Worthington's 2nd grade (3rd place); *Kayla Paczkowski*, Ms. Stewart's Kindergarten (2nd Place); and *Brayden Patalano*, Mrs. Dempsey's 3rd grade (1st place). For essays, *Maya Albold*, from Mrs. Holmes class placed first.

### The Blood Alliance Needs Your Help...

The Blood Alliance is organizing a blood drive for the Character Counts Run/Walk on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 12 PM-4 PM. Please contact Palencia Elementary Receptionist, Noel Day, at 547-4010 to reserve an appointment.

## Parenting Wisely©

Parenting Wisely is a nationally recognized, evidence-based, model program. It is proven to reduce family conflict and behavior problems by improving parenting skills, enhancing family communication and mutual support, increasing supervision and discipline. The program teaches essential skills and strategies such as: Assertive Discipline, Active Listening, Point Systems, Role Modeling, Non-Directive Play, Praise, Redirection, Time Out, Consistency, School & Homework Compliance, Problem Solving and Monitoring.

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### Lessons include:

- When children interrupt conversations
- Helping children get to bed on time
- When children act up in public
- Helping children with poor marks or schoolwork troubles
- Helping children solve conflict with their friends
- Helping children get up and ready for school
- How to control sibling fighting

Parenting Wisely provides the knowledge and skills to help parents answer these questions...”Why does my child act the way they do sometimes?, How can I encourage cooperation from my child? How can I improve relationships?

**For more information or to schedule an appointment call Sandi Cipolloni, MA at (904) 829-2273**

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## Green Team Globe

There's a tree here, a tree there. Some people think of them as lumps of wood. Well, those people are wrong. Think of how many things are made of paper! You wouldn't have any of them without trees!!!

Trees provide fresh air, fruit, medicines, syrup and more! Think of trees as natural shade and cooling. A single tree produces about 260 pounds of oxygen every year! One tree can absorb as much carbon in a year as a car produces while driving 26,000 miles. You drive that much in about two years!

To produce each week's Sunday newspaper, 500,000 trees must be cut down. That's only one week! If we recycled all our newspapers, we could save 250,000,000 trees each year. One tree supplies about 17 reams of paper. One ream is 500 sheets of paper. Recycle one ton and we save 17 trees!

Tree bark can be made into cork, and is a source of chemicals and medicines. Quinine and aspirin are made from bark. A responsible forest protects water quality, biodiversity, wild life habitat, species at risk and plants new seedlings. Bamboo acts like a tree but is really a grass. Bet you didn't know that, did you? It can grow 1-39 inches in a day and often reaches 100 feet high!

The Palencia Green Team is planting a Satsuma tree in honor of Arbor Day. Thank you for reading!

*~ Brought to you by Emma Queener from the Palencia Green Team~*

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## PTO News Flash!

Pull Out your Calendars to input these super fun February dates. Proceeds from events will benefit the Playground campaign. More information found at PTO website: [www.palenciaelementarypto.weebly.com](http://www.palenciaelementarypto.weebly.com) Click on the Events Tab. Stay update by Liking us on Facebook too!

### FamJam! Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 12pm-5pm, PES

- Bring the entire family to PES for an amazing day of fun. You can play games, such as rolling in a Human Hamster Balls, watch a comical performance by Sparky the Balloon Guy and enjoy Palencia's Got Talent student showcase.

### Father Daughter Dance: Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm-9pm, The Palencia Club

- It's a special night for your daughter to get dressed up and go on a date with Dad. DJ Jason will spin the latest tracks so you can show her your moves! Daughters receive a rose and a keepsake photograph from the evening.

### Mother Son Dinner: Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-9pm, Donovan's Irish Pub

- While Fathers are bonding with their daughters, Mothers have an opportunity to take the boys out for dinner. Enjoy a Pirate themed evening with a special kids menu, games and lots of laughs! We love Donovan's for the kickback to PES!

### Zaxbys – PES Spirit Night: February 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm-9pm

- Skip the kitchen and get some chicken! Our friends at Zaxby's in St Augustine are donating a percentage of the evening's sales. Awesome!!

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