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**Palencia Elementary School**

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**Information for 2018-2019 Kindergarten Families**

**Screenings** **Monday, July 16th – Wednesday, July 18th 9:00 AM-1:00 PM**

* New kindergarten students meet one-on-one with a Palencia Elementary Kindergarten teacher. During this optional screener, students will be asked to identify letters/sounds, basic numeracy skills, colors, shapes, and sight words.
* Please arrive 15 minutes early to ensure that all registration paperwork has been completed.
* A Kindergarten Screening sign-up genius is on the front page of the Palencia website. Pick a day and time that works for you! A limited number of make-up sessions will be available the week of July 30th.

**iPads** IPads are used daily in kindergarten classrooms as a learning tool. Students utilize a variety of educational apps under the direction of the teacher. A full list of apps used will be provided the first weeks of school.

**Staggered Start** In KINDERGARTEN ONLY, students do **not** all start on Friday, August 10th. Instead, a handful of Kindergarteners attend the first four days using a staggered start process. Small groups of Kindergarten students come August 10th, 13th, 14th, and 15th. All Kindergarteners come on Thursday, August 16th. A Sign up Genius will be available on the Palencia Elementary website once homeroom teachers are announced. Parents will then choose **ONE** of the following for their student’s staggered start 1st day:

Friday, Aug. 10th Monday, Aug. 13th Tuesday, Aug.14th Wednesday, Aug. 15th

**School Access** Anyone who wants to visit the classroom or lunchroom MUST be a cleared volunteer. Visit the PES website to register. http://www-pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteers/

**Mark your calendars!**

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| **Wednesday, August 8th** | 5:30pm -7:00pm | **Kindergarten Meet the Teacher** | Parents and students stop by to meet their teacher. |
| **Thursday, August 16th** | 8:30am-2:50pm | **First FULL DAY for ALL Kindergarten students** |  |
| **Tuesday, August 28th** | 6:00pm -7:00pm | **Kindergarten**  **Curriculum Chat** | For parents, there will be a presentation and Q&A with all kindergarten teachers and admin. |

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| Wednesday  August 8 |  |  | You and your K student stop by to meet their teacher!! |
| Tuesday  August 28 |  |  | An adult evening- your chance to learn about what your child does/has been doing during the day. There will be a presentation and Q and A session with ALL of the Kindergarten Teachers and administration. |
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