



Palencia Elementary Pirate Post

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Upcoming Events

May 21: 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony, 6pm

Brown, Holmes, Hughes/Edwards

May 23: Field Day

5th, 3rd, 4th Grades

May 23: Willy Wonka Musical Cafeteria, 6:30 - 7:30pm

May 24: Early Release, 1:50pm
Last Day of School



Hello Pirate Families,

It has been another amazing school year. Thank you for your support and partnership as we work to enhance educational programs, relationships, and the school facility at PES each year. We have much to be proud of.

Over the summer, the school's administrative office will be open from 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM, Monday – Friday. As new families move into your neighborhoods, please encourage them to register their children online ASAP. Identifying new students EARLY in the summer will prevent the need to open new classes and hire additional personnel once the school year has already started.

FSA scores for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are not in yet. They will be posted on HAC (Home Access Center) once the district receives them. State Statute requires that 3rd grade FSA Reading scores must be in on or before May 31st.

2019-2020 school supply lists will be available on our website in the weeks ahead. Save the date for "Meet the Teacher" – Kindergarten – Thursday, August 8th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM, 1st – 5th graders on Friday, August 9th from 8:00 – 11:00 AM. The first day of school is Monday, August 12th.

School hours next year will be as follows:

Student arrival: 8:00 AM – 8:20 AM

Tardy bell: 8:25 AM (All students should be in their seats, ready to learn at this time.)

Dismissal: 2:45 PM (Wednesdays – Early release at 1:45 PM)

Wishing you all well this summer. My "homework" for you is to laugh and make life-time memories with your children.

Together in Education,

Captain Goodrich



Show Your School Spirit!

Monday— Red

Tuesday—Black

Wednesday—Green

Thursday—White

Friday - Spirit Wear



Media Center News

[May Pirate Cove Connection](#)



Summer Reading

Because you built it, they will come!

On your way to school, or passing by, you will notice an addition to the front of PES in the form of a small, red and black house. This new structure is the Little Pirate Cove Free Library that students fund-raised for back in February during the Reading Rally. If you purchased a magazine, you helped bring this library to our community to help inspire a love of reading to all. Once installed, the Little Pirate Cove Free Library will be available to members of our community to take a book, return a book, or donate a book. At the Pirate Cove, we are so overjoyed to bring this free book exchange to Palencia.




ST. VINCENT'S
MOBILE HEALTH OUTREACH MINISTRY

**Immunizations
School and Sports Physicals**



Crookshank Elementary School
1455 North Whitney Street
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Wednesday, July 17th
9:00am - 3:00pm
Walk-in Only

Last walk-in taken at 2pm

NO CHARGE TO YOU FOR SERVICES

Children ages 4 – 18 years old

All vaccines available, except Varicella (VZV).
Must bring current shot record. Out of state records are acceptable.

Questions? Call (904) 547-7628


ST. VINCENT'S
MOBILE HEALTH OUTREACH MINISTRY

**Immunizations
School and Sports Physicals**



Pacetti Bay Middle School
245 Meadowlark Lane
St. Augustine, FL 32092

Wednesday, July 10th
9:00am - 3:00pm
Walk-in Only

Last walk-in taken at 2pm

NO CHARGE TO YOU FOR SERVICES

Children ages 4 – 18 years old

All vaccines available, except Varicella (VZV).
Must bring current shot record. Out of state records are acceptable.

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Beach Clean-up



This year our fourth grade students learned about the effects of plastic pollution on our environment, and specifically how it is impacting our beaches and oceans. They were not only able to hear about how all the plastic is hurting the environment, but also many ways they could help to reduce our plastic footprint. After completing their research, students made posters to put out at our beach access points sharing the information they have learned with the public. These posters will be made into signs that will be printed and posted at beaches, hopefully by the end of May or beginning of June! Additionally, many students chose to come spend a cold Saturday morning in February doing a beach clean-up in St. Augustine! We collected approximately three large garbage bags full of trash, with most of it being single-use plastic. Our fourth graders have done such a great job this year learning about ways to reduce our plastic use and we hope you can learn something from them as well! Thank you to INK! and Community First Cares Foundation for providing us the grant to purchase the signs for the beaches!

Ms. Worthington - 4th Grade Teacher

Tracking My Character Grant



Third grade used this grant to teach our students about character and real world situations where they could use the character traits of Respect, Trustworthiness, Caring, Fairness, Citizenship and Responsibility. We had students act out scenarios where each of the pillars of character would be used. This way they would have a real life schema to draw from when other situations may arise in their lives.



This grant allowed us to provide each student a journal where they tracked their character goals. Each class was able to create a character wall to highlight the pillars of character and the scenarios in which students may use those character traits. Additionally, we were able to vote and reward those students who exemplified the pillar of character that we highlighted that week.



Thank you to The Players and Character Counts of St Johns County for providing this grant for character development.

Ms. Crecco - 3rd Grade Teacher



Farewell 5th Grade



As the school year winds up, we will soon have to say farewell to our Pirates for the summer. This is especially true for our fifth graders. This “graduating class” began as Kindergarteners in the fall of 2013 and they moved through their elementary years growing, learning, and becoming the leaders that “owned” orange deck this year. Individually they shine, and together they are a force. They are a passionate, energetic group of students and we could not be more proud of them! Best wishes to each student as you continue with your learning adventures!





Art Room News



This year's annual Night of the Arts took place on April 24th and was a huge success. The evening provides a showcase for the school's fine arts curriculum, as artwork from every student is put on display in the school's hallways. This year's 'Art Gallery' topped all previous years in number of framed pieces sold. PES is thankful for all of the support our wonderful parents shined upon us that evening! We thank our PTO, our PTO Art Studio Volunteer, Mrs. Amun, teachers - Mrs. Groleau, Mrs. Whaley, & Mrs. Banks, and all the volunteers that came in on April 24th for their assistance with the event.

The proceeds from the art sales are used to purchase supplies to enrich and enhance the arts program. The majority of funds for art supplies come from fundraising and donations, not district funding.

The same two fundraisers are planned for next year. Due to the art room's age (7 years) and the growing student body, the art department is in desperate need of some new heavy duty items like drying racks and paint brushes, just to name a few. This summer I am hoping to have an art room wish list posted with the homeroom teacher's lists for basic supplies. If our parents could help with some of the basics this year, it will allow us to purchase the drying racks we so desperately need. Currently I have space for 60 pieces of art to dry. Some days I have up to 120 students cycle in and not enough space for projects, which results in less painting. Thank you for thinking of the art room when you shop for supplies this August!! Have an incredible summer!!

Thank you, Ilene Bomser for composing this as well as the article in the Palencia Press and Creekline newspapers.

Mrs. Angus - Art Teacher

Kindergarten Musical



Thank you, Mrs. Dowdie



Mark the calendar



Field Day Fun



Thursday, May 23:

Fifth Grade 8:45—10:00

Third Grade 10:15—11:30

Fourth Grade 12:30-1:45



Kindergarten Water Day

Wednesday, May 22



Performances



Come and support our talented Pirates!!

Thursday, May 23 - Willie Wonka Musical in the Cafeteria from 6:30-7:30pm



Palencia's 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony Information



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.



Counselor Corner



Easing End of Year Anxieties

The end of the school year is a busy time for all. While most are looking forward to a much-needed break, some children find it stressful. Between end of year testing, altered routines, award ceremonies, and the list goes on, students are dealing with many changes. Some may be moving to other schools, going on to middle school, or just upset about leaving their class and teacher with whom they have spent the last 180 days. Research shows that kids today are suffering from more anxiety and depression than ever before. Higher expectations and increased pressures to perform well have added to this dilemma. It is important that parents support and encourage a positive mental health during these times.

Here are some tips to help ease your child's end of the year anxiety and stress:

- *Let your child know you are available to them if they need your support. Acknowledge their feelings by letting them know you understand how difficult this time may be for them.
- *If they are upset about leaving a classmate or teacher, have them make a card for that person.
- *Limit activities: Participating in some activities is perfect for children who like to stay busy and active. Others need time down time to recover from the fast pace of the school year.
- *Limit technology: Studies show it can add to a child's stress and anxiety levels. It is a good idea to set healthy boundaries on screen time.
- *Teach children coping skills when feeling overwhelmed such as taking the dog for a walk, listening to calming music, or writing in a journal.
- *Practice your own self-care by following some of these tips. If parents are calm and relaxed, it often reflects on their children.

With proper support, as well as having open communication with parents during these challenging times, children will have confidence during new and difficult experiences, and be able to relax and enjoy the summer. See you in the Fall!!

Mrs. Ellis
School Counselor

PTO NEWS & EVENTS

Thursday, May 23rd - Field Day for 3,4,5 and
Willie Wonka Drama Performance

Wednesday, May 22nd - Last day to donate for resource
teacher gifts

Friday, May 24th - LAST DAY—Early Release

[View the complete events calendar HERE](#)



The PTO would like to wish all our families and staff a fun and safe summer. Congratulations to the graduating 5th graders. You will be dearly missed. Best of luck in middle school next year.

We look forward to seeing the rest of you that are returning in the fall. The PTO will be busy over the summer planning for a fantastic 2019-2020 school year. Some things to look out for:

- Newly designed spirit wear - we have some great new designs (and colors!) for the new year.
- PTO Survey

Check the PTO website over the summer as we update it with event dates, volunteer opportunities during the first weeks of school and our new spirit wear store (we will be rolling out the ability to pre-order this year!!)

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