



Palencia Elementary Pirate Post

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Hello Pirate Families,

Upcoming Events

Mar 4: Individual Spring Pictures, fliers coming this week

Mar 8: PTO Meeting, 8:30am Cafeteria

Mar 11: Class Pictures

Mar 15: No School

Mar 18-Mar 22: Spring Break

Mar 25: Return to school

Mar 26: Goodwill Bag It Up

Mar 29: Report Cards Issued

Last Wednesday, I met with a team of individuals to discuss traffic difficulties entering and leaving Palencia Elementary at morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. Included in the meeting were representatives from the County's Growth Management department, the Palencia CDD, and St. Johns County School's Operations office. Any type of physical restructuring of the entry / exit will need to be a collaborative effort due to property lines closely overlapping. It was proposed that the entry / exit be widened to allow for a left turn lane and a separate right turn lane exiting the school onto Palencia Village Drive. If this is approved, the road work would happen over the summer.

In the meantime, in an effort to get more cars off Palencia Village Drive and onto school property so that students can be dropped off in a timely fashion, we will implement a **new traffic pattern effective Friday, March 1st**. This will impact morning Palencia parent drop off only. Students will be dropped off in the same spot as usual. After drop off, rather than parents going straight, cars will be re-routed to the right to pass by the front of the school, wind through the lower parking lot, then back out to the round-a-bout to exit the school.

Some parents who currently use the Palencia morning drop off area might find it more efficient to use the back Las Calinas / Kensington parent drop off. This secondary parent drop off area is considerably less congested in the mornings.

There is no easy solution. A significant amount of our children live within 2 miles of the school and therefore do not qualify for school bus transportation. I sincerely appreciate your patience and support.

Together in Education,

Captain Goodrich

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





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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0948AAAF2FA6FF2-palencia1>



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.

Show Your School Spirit!

Monday— Red

Tuesday—Black

Wednesday—Green

Thursday—White

Friday - Spirit Wear

Remember to Pre-Order your YEARBOOK

Order Online at www.leonards.com/yearbooks

Access Code: C449622, \$15each



Media Center News

[February Pirate Cove Connection](#)

School Day Reminders

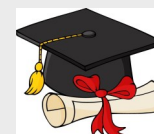
- Our school day starts at 8:30 AM. Our welcome bell rings at 8:05.
- Students entering class after 8:30 AM will be marked tardy.
- Students should not be dropped off before 8:05, unless registered with extended day.



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.

PTO NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, February 22 - BOX TOPS DUE!

Friday, March 8th - PTO Meeting at 8:40 in the Cafeteria

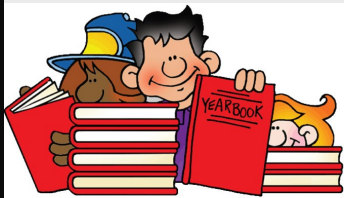
Friday, March 15th - No School - Teacher Workday

[View the complete events calendar HERE](#)



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



**5TH GRADE
LOVE LINES
FOR THE PES YEARBOOK**

**Send your 5th grader a special message
that will be featured in the PES yearbook!**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS FEB 22ND!

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

Balloon Bop for Box Tops

**Top collecting class in each grade will receive a
BOPPING BALLOON for each student.**

**Contest ends
Friday, February 22nd!**

**For more information, visit www.PalenciaElementaryPTO.weebly.com
and click on the tab marked "Kickback."**

BOX TOPS
ALL LABELS MUST BE "BOX TOP" BRAND
AND ARE ONLY ACCEPTED IF THEY HAVE
NOT REACHED THEIR EXPIRATION DATE.



[Click here for more information](#)

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