



Palencia Elementary Pirate Post

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Upcoming Events

Mar 8: PTO Meeting, 8:40am
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

Apr 4: Glow Run, see below

Apr 5: PTO Meeting, 8:40am
Cafeteria

Apr 5: Glow Run, see flyer

Apr 8: SAC Meeting, 4pm
Media

Hello Pirate Families,

Our NEW Kindergarten and 1st grade playground is scheduled to be installed over Spring Break. We are so very excited. It will be located right outside of the Green Deck, near the Las Calinas / Kensington parent drop off and pick up area. Our PTO is hoping to raise funds at the Silent Auction (Friday, April 12th) for us to expand our existing school playground located near the ball field and our portables. We are actively working to support all recess time on school property and not rely on using the Pirate Ship Park.

Did you see that St. Johns County Schools has moved to an online student registration process? Please visit <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/blog/early-registration/> for detailed information. As always our registrar, Lauren Leddy, can answer parent questions regarding registration. For our new Kindergarteners, please register sooner rather than later. We are required to allocate teachers based on actual enrollment numbers. Stay tuned! This May, we will welcome new Kindergarteners and their families for a tour of the school and information session. Again this summer, new Kindergarteners will be invited to come in for a screening with one of the Kindergarten teachers.

If you have not done so already, please consider signing up to help us proctor testing. ([Proctor Sign-Up](#)) The first assessment is on Tuesday, April 2nd and continues through mid-May. We very much appreciate parent and community support with these state and district testing requirements.

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

Together in Education,

Captain Goodrich





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.

[Proctor Sign-up](#)



Goodwill Bag It Up will take place on **Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 from 8:00-8:30am**. Start cleaning out your closets and garages so that you can donate your items to the Goodwill to help others in our community. Our goal is to have over 60% participation in this event. If we have 60% or higher participation, Palencia Elementary will receive \$1000, a new computer, and students have the opportunity to win prizes! Additionally, every student that donates will receive a Good Citizen Award and a coupon with offers to the Alligator Farm, Jacksonville Zoo, and other places. This is a great opportunity to help the community while also helping our school, so please gather your items and have them ready to donate on Tuesday, March 26th! **Items left in our lost in found will be donated this same day, please have your student check for any lost items!**

SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program will be passed out by science teachers at all schools during the week of February 11th. Applications will be due back to science teachers by March 5th. Applications can also be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 12th at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> and click on the Marine Science link. The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, and a video from last year's program.

This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. Three eight day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the three sessions this summer will be May 29st through June 7th, June 10th through June 20th, and June 24th through July 3rd. Small classes of 12-14 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. Learning is "hands on" in the field with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, SUP, (stand up paddleboarding), etc. Specific grade level activities and curriculum are attached to the applications and are also available from the website.

More information about the program can be had by emailing Kristina Bransford at marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Class Pictures

Monday, March 11

Information to be sent home this week
Order online: www.leonards.com/order

Access Code:

G454113



Show Your School Spirit!

Monday— Red

Tuesday—Black

Wednesday—Green

Thursday—White

Friday - Spirit Wear



Media Center News

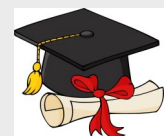
[March Pirate Cove Connection](#)



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.



Student Spotlight



The students below represented Palencia Elementary on March 2, at the St Johns County STEM fair:

Grady S - "How does composition affect flight?"

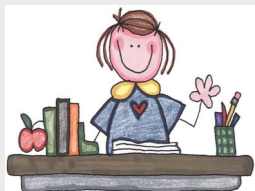
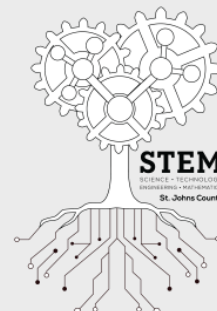
Sponsor - Mrs. Wadsworth

Ethan C - "At what angle is the use of a pulley system most efficient?"

Sponsor - Mrs. Holmes

Samuel G - "How does temperature affect magnetism?"

Sponsor - Mrs. Holmes



Meet Mrs. Ellis

Dear Parents,

I am excited to be working with your child for the remainder of the school year. I would like to introduce myself. I moved to the sunny state of Florida in the summer of 2017. My family relocated from NC due to my husband serving in the Marine Corps and receiving orders to Blount Island. I have two sons, ages 14 and 20. My oldest son is currently serving in the army, and my youngest attends Bartram High School. During my career I have taught Exceptional Children K-2, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, and 4th grade for a total of 8 years. I am thrilled to join Palencia as the new School Guidance Counselor. I am looking forward to an exciting adventure as a Pirate!

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns. Also, please visit my website to learn more about our school program:
<https://sites.google.com/view/mrselliscounselingcorner/home>

Respectfully,
Mrs. Ellis
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Counselor Corner



"Be the kind of person that you want people to think you are." Socrates

Why is character important? Your character is made up of your basic beliefs which drive your choices that in turn, drive your actions. Your character is what will sustain you in times of crisis and allow you to participate in fulfilling your life's dreams.

Why should we instill the character pillars qualities in our children? Because we want our children to develop the life skills and values that will guide them through the choices, challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. "The present and future of well-being of our society requires an involved, caring citizenry with good moral character."**

During the month of March, our Character Pillar emphasis is TRUSTWORTHINESS. A trustworthy person is someone who can be relied upon to be honest, truthful, reliable, dependable, credible and safe. The ideal of trustworthiness embodies the values of integrity, honesty, reliability and loyalty. Being trustworthy is the foundation of all human relationships and an important social skill. When we learn trustworthiness we find the courage to do the right thing for the right reasons and we learn how good it feels to be trusted by others.

As parents, my husband and I totally realized that these are the qualities we wanted our children to possess and would be needed throughout their lives. However, I must admit that I neglected to realize that the responsibility for the learning of these traits was ours!

How easy it is to get so caught up in a frustrating situation and punish rather than use the situation as a 'teachable moment'! What were we thinking?! How could we possibly expect the children to figure out how to navigate the complications of playground, school and social scenes on their own? It would be easy to leave this training up to the schools or churches to provide the lessons and engage our children in groups where they were forced to play 'nicely' with other children. It didn't take me long to figure out that children cannot teach these skills to themselves! The responsibility of instilling desirable character traits for my children rests within my family (with the help of schools, churches and family and friends.)

Here are a few tips that I have learned along the parenting journey that are helpful to keep in mind:

*Children are not born knowing what 'playing nice' means. It takes someone who is willing to take the time to have conversations about what 'being nice' looks like, feels like and provide opportunities to practice 'nice' behaviors. Children learn trustworthy behaviors when you take the time to model, point out trustworthy behaviors and allow them to practice in a safe and loving environment.

*When your child is dishonest or unreliable, be willing to take the time to use the action (or lack of action) as a teachable moment. Sometimes enforcing a thoughtful consequence with love is the best teacher.

*Be honest with your children and let them see and hear you being honest.

*Don't ask your children to lie for you.

*Encourage your child to be honest even when it may cause your child to get into trouble.

*Teach your children what to do when someone asks them to do something they know is wrong. (It takes courage to say "No" to friends or members of a desired social group.)

*Make it a point to be on time.

*Do what you say you will do.

*Keep your promises

**For more information go to the Character Counts website: www.charactercounts.org

Thank you for taking the time to read my Counselor Corner. Make it a great day!
Mary Warren, School Counselor (Retired)

PTO NEWS & EVENTS

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

Thursday, March 14th - SAC Survey Due - Check email for link

Friday, March 15th - No School - Teacher Workday

March 15th - 22nd - Spring Break

Tuesday, March 26th - Bag It Up

Friday, April 5th - Glow Run

Friday, April 12th - Spring Social and Silent Auction

View the complete events

****SAVE THE DATE****

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON



READY. SET. GLOW.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION IN THE WGV

5K / FUN RUN

APRIL 5, 2019

FUN RUN 7:45PM 5K 8:00PM

RING POWER CAMPUS

500 World Commerce Pkwy, St Augustine, FL 32092

ALL RACERS RECEIVE:

T-SHIRT	\$30 ADULT
BIB	\$15 STUDENT
FINISHERS MEDAL	\$10 FUN RUN

FUN FOR ALL AGES

REGISTER @ <https://readyssetglow5k.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=10217>

ALL PROCEEDS ARE DONATED BACK TO OUR FIVE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS (MILL CREEK ACADEMY, PACETTI BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL, PALENCIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PICOLATA CROSSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND WARDS CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL).



Volunteer to help with the
2019 GLOW RUN
on April 5th
[Click Here to Sign Up](#)



FSA Proctors are Needed!
Various Dates Available
[Click HERE to sign up!](#)

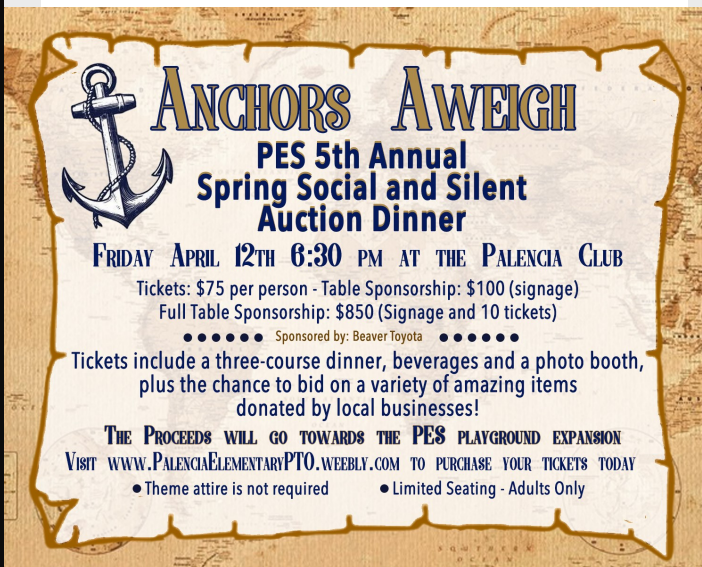
*Note that only FSA Volunteers will be allowed in the school on testing days



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BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Who will feed the kids this weekend?

Donate to our local Blessings in a Backpack program that supports St. Johns County Students by [Clicking Here](#)



ANCHORS AWEIGH

PES 5th Annual Spring Social and Silent Auction Dinner

FRIDAY APRIL 12TH 6:30 PM AT THE PALENCIA CLUB

Tickets: \$75 per person - Table Sponsorship: \$100 (signage)
Full Table Sponsorship: \$850 (Signage and 10 tickets)

..... Sponsored by: Beaver Toyota

Tickets include a three-course dinner, beverages and a photo booth, plus the chance to bid on a variety of amazing items donated by local businesses!

THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE PES PLAYGROUND EXPANSION

VISIT WWW.PALENCIAELEMENTARYPTO.WEBLY.COM TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY

- Theme attire is not required
- Limited Seating - Adults Only

THANKS TO OUR PES PTO CORPORATE SPONSORS!



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