



Palencia Elementary Pirate Post

CATHERINE GOODRICH, PRINCIPAL
MAYA MEHANNA, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PHONE 904-547-4010

FAX 904-547-4015

WWW.PES.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US

April 11, 2019

*** CREATIVO CAPTIVADO VALOR RESPONSABLE ***

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Hello Pirate Families,

Our young pirates are continuing to work hard and make us proud. When I visit classrooms, the bond between teachers and students, and the increased "maturity" in our students since August are evident. Our Kindergarten and First grade students were particularly happy to try out their new playground after returning from Spring Break.

NEW this year, St. Johns County School District new student registration is being done online. <http://www-pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/>

Please, please get the word out to your neighbors and friends who have rising Kindergarteners. They should begin the registration process online NOW, even if they don't yet have all of the required documentation. We are permitted to hire teachers based on actual student enrollment numbers. This school year, we had an influx of new student registrations days prior to the first day of school. It is my goal for us to partner together to get the word out beginning now and through the summer months.

End of the year testing is going well. A special THANK YOU to all the parents who have volunteered to help us proctor. More opportunities are available and we would love to have you! See the "Proctor Sign up" link on the next page. Speaking of volunteers, Mrs. Lana Kirkpatrick, nominated as Palencia Elementary's Senior Volunteer of the year, won 3rd place overall for all of St. Johns County Schools. We are beyond thankful for her continuous contributions to our school.

Together in Education,

Captain Goodrich



Upcoming Events

Apr 12: PTO Silent Auction

Apr 16-Apr 26: Spring Book Fair

Apr 18: Muffins for Moms, 7:15 - 8:15am

Apr 19: No School

Apr 24: Night of the Arts, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Apr 24: Interims Issued

Apr 26: Donuts for Dads, 7:15 - 8:15am

Apr 30: Battle of the Books

May 6-May 10: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 10: PTO Meeting, 8:40 Cafeteria

May 14: New Kindergarten Welcome, details to come

May 16: 5th grade to SeaWorld

May 20: 5th Grade Promotion, Ceremony, 6pm

Glennon, Gardner, Wadsworth

May 20: Field Day

Kindergarten, 2nd, 1st Grades

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: Last Day of School

URGENT


**We
Need
Your
Help
Please**

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](#)



Media Center News

[April Pirate Cove Connection](#)

Important

FSA Dates (3-5 Grades)

May 2&3 - 4th & 5th

Reading

May 6&7 - 3rd, 4th, 5th
Math

May 9&10 - 5th State
Science Assessment

Show Your School Spirit!

Monday— Red

Tuesday—Black

Wednesday—Green

Thursday—White

Friday - Spirit Wear



SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM, SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

The Summer Marine Science Program has extended the application process, as we still have some open sessions available! Calling all current fifth through seventh graders who love to be outdoors!

Applications can still be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 19th at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/>. 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.

Return the completed pre application to your child's science teacher who will turn it into the program. Once accepted, a final application will be mailed home within two weeks. Upon payment deposit and final application returned a confirmation of session letter will be mailed.

We currently ONLY have spots available in our third session, June 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, July 1, 2, 3. This is a perfect session to finish just before the Independence Day holiday. 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.

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

Tropicana Speech Contest 2019

All 4th and 5th graders participated in the Tropicana Speech Contest before Spring Break. Students presented their speeches in their homerooms and first, second, and third place was awarded to students within the homeroom class. Those students who won first place in their class participated in our School Competition on Friday, March 28th. We had 13 fourth and fifth graders with various topics that represented each homeroom. The speeches ranged from sports, to spaghetti, to the Titanic, to finding value in yourself. Our students, community, parents, and staff were amazed at the wonderful and thoughtful topics that were presented. Below are the students who participated in the school competition and won first place in their classroom.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Student</u>
4	Echevarria	Hannah S.
4	Suderman	Skyla T.
4	Baye	Wade F.
4	Maillo	Lauren G.
4	Worthington	Kadyn P.
4	Whaley	CJ C.
4	Groleau	Sophie F.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Student</u>
5	Brown	Parker N.
5	Hughes	Kendall S.
5	Holmes	Emily W.
5	Gardner	Kaitlyn W.
5	Glennon	Daniel A.
5	Wadsworth	Jacob C.

The students above were competing to present in the St. Johns County School District Competition on April 22nd. Our 2nd place winner was Parker N. from Mrs. Brown's homeroom and our 3rd place winner was Kendall S. from Mrs. Hughes's homeroom. Our Palencia Elementary School Tropicana Speech Contest Winner for 2019 is Daniel A. from Mrs. Glennon's homeroom class. His speech was about the value of you. We are excited to see Daniel excel in the district competition at the end of the month and so proud of each and every student who presented their speeches the past couple of weeks!



Spring Time Fun



Spring Book Fair

April 16-26 in the PES Pirate Cove!

Purchase books to support our school and classroom libraries. Students shop with their class during their Media Resource time and other times added to the schedule starting **April 16 with Resource Day F**. Check with your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer and/or shop with your child.

We also have fun family events scheduled:

- **Second Grade Family Night** – Wednesday, **April 17** 5:00 to 6:00 before the 2nd grade play
- **Muffins for Moms** – Thursday, **April 18** grades 3rd-5th 7:15-7:45, grades K-2nd 7:45-8:15AM.
- **Family Night and Night of the Arts** - Wednesday, **April 24** 5:30PM-7:30PM.
- **Donuts for Dads** – Friday, **April 26** grades 3rd-5th 7:15-7:45, grades K-2nd 7:45-8:15AM

Volunteers will receive a 20% discount on their purchases. You can sign-up at the media center website or the PTO website. Visit <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/palenciaelementaryschool> for online orders (starts April 7), eWallet sign-up, book flyer, and book fair apps.

We can no longer accept checks at the book fair. Cash, Charge and eWallet only.



Join us for **NIGHT OF THE ARTS** at Palencia Elementary School

Wednesday, April 24th from 5:30 - 7:30

ART FAIR

Every child will have a piece of artwork framed and displayed throughout the school halls, and if you wish you may purchase your child's framed artwork that night.

SPRING BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be open for evening hours in the media center for browsing time with your family!

SPRING CHORUS PERFORMANCE

The Pirate Chorus will perform their spring show starting at 6:30 p.m.

SPIRIT WEAR

All of our newly reduced spirit wear will be available for purchase!
\$10 for the first shirt, \$5 for each additional shirt.



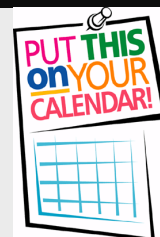
Your family can pre-order Mojo's BBQ to enjoy in the Multi Purpose Room that evening (or take home) with proceeds benefiting Palencia Elementary School. Please pre-order your meal using the order form below.

(please return completed order form with payment by Thursday, April 18th)

Thank you for your support of our Palencia Pirates!



Mark the calendar



Field Day Fun



Monday, May 20:

Kindergarten 8:45—10:00

Second Grade 10:15—11:30

Frist Grade 12:30—1:45

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—Details will be released in the coming weeks



Class Plays

Come and support our talented Pirates!!



Wednesday April 17 - Second Grade performs in the Cafeteria from 6:30-7:30pm

Thursday, May 9 - Kindergarten performs in the Cafeteria from 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, May 15 - 5-A-Day Mrs. Simpson's class play in the Cafeteria from 6:30-7:15pm



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.



Counselor Corner



HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD DEAL WITH ADVERSITY WITH PEERS

We would like to think that unkind and hurtful behaviors do not go on in our school. We would also like to think that our children have the skills and self confidence to stick up for themselves and others. However, these behaviors are learned behaviors and children need us to teach them how to negotiate social situations positively. Elementary school offers a variety of opportunities for children to both experience and experiment with social strategies.

Imagine this situation which could occur at any school at recess: Shilo, Timmy and Ollie have all taken their snacks to the playground during recess. Shilo decides that Timmy's gummy bears would be much better than the smushed crackers in his backpack and demands that Timmy turn the gummies over to him. Shilo has a reputation of getting what he wants by hitting, kicking, name calling and other aggressive behaviors. Timmy passively gives in to Shilo's demands and hands over the requested gummy bears. Ollie overhears the conversation and walks over to the twosome and encourages Timmy to keep his snack and tell Shilo "No!", and invites Timmy to join him and others in a game of kick ball.

As parents, it is painful to watch your child withdraw when they really just want to make friends and do the right thing. It is equally as painful to hear that your child is the one being mean or hurtful. All parents want their children to develop assertive communication skills that will empower their children to stand up for themselves in a way that is respectful to themselves and others. Here are a few tips to help nurture your child's assertive skills.

- *Create a supportive and accepting environment that promotes positive communication between you and your child. Let your child know that you are available to listen to whatever they feel is important to tell you and no topic is 'off limits'! You might want to practice the 'I'm not shocked by this' look in the mirror. If your facial expressions and body language is interpreted by the child as disapproving, they won't share!

- *Use 'teachable moments' by discussing and role playing situations with your child before they occur. "What would you do if _____?". Take advantage of teachable moments when you observe such situations in movies or favorite TV shows to discuss positive and negative ways others solve social issues.

- *When situations do occur, be there to help your child process emotions, separate out the facts and problem solve. When you take the time to listen to the whole story and empathize, your child will know that you do understand how difficult this is for them.

- *A good place to start problem solving is to ask what strategies they have tried or thought of trying? You might suggest additional strategies that other kids have used to solve a conflict with a peer. (This lets your child know that other kids have had the same problem and have found solutions.)

- *Talk to the teacher or another trusted adult. Reassure them that telling an adult is not tattling! Once the teacher is made aware of the situation he/she can make changes in the classroom setting and make sure that unfavorable interactions are minimized.

- *Encourage your child to implement the buddy system and surround themselves with friends. Teach her that she doesn't have to put up with 'friends' who are mean.

- *Teach your child to walk away from a bad situation calmly, rather than letting the aggressor get a reaction out them. This tactic does not mean the situation should be ignored, as all incidents should be reported and dealt with, but it does give a sense of power back to your child.

- *Stick close to trusted adults and stay in supervised areas.

- *Use of positive self-talk to build confidence (A true bully will tend to prey on people they perceive as being weaker).

- *Some parents and children think that retaliation is a good way to deal with conflicts, however, fighting back usually results in getting in trouble or hurt.

- *Remember that you are helping your child develop patterns that will be the foundations of adult social skills. The Timmys end up as victims, the Shilos end up hurting those that care for them and the Ollie's become self-reliant creators of their own futures. You are the teacher and role model! Your children are watching and learning from you!

- *If you have additional concerns about what is happening at school do not hesitate to let us know what is happening. Know that at Palencia Elementary our principal, guidance counselor, teachers, and staff take reports of bullying very seriously. When we are made aware of an adverse situation, we will investigate, reach out to the parents for continued communication, and develop a plan, going forward, for the particular concern. We are committed to providing a safe learning environment for all our children!

PTO NEWS & EVENTS



Join us for **NIGHT OF THE ARTS** at Palencia Elementary School

Wednesday, April 24th from 5:30 - 7:30

ART FAIR

Every child will have a piece of artwork framed and displayed throughout the school halls, and if you wish you may purchase your child's framed artwork that night.

SPRING BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be open for evening hours in the media center for browsing time with your family!

SPRING CHORUS PERFORMANCE

The Pirate Chorus will perform their spring show starting at 6:30 p.m.

SPIRIT WEAR

All of our newly reduced spirit wear will be available for purchase! \$10 for the first shirt, \$5 for each additional shirt.



Your family can pre-order Mojo's BBQ to enjoy in the Multi Purpose Room that evening (or take home) with proceeds benefiting Palencia Elementary School. Please pre-order your meal using the order form below.

(please return completed order form with payment by Thursday, April 18th)

Thank you for your support of our Palencia Pirates!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 11th - PTO Meeting at 8:40 a.m. in the MPR

Friday, April 12th - Spring Social and Silent Auction

April 16th - 26th - Book Fair

Friday, April 19th - No School

Wednesday, April 24th - Night of the Arts/Mojos 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 26th - Box Tops Contest 3 Ends

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



**FIRST COAST CHAPTER
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](#)

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 (Includes Sponsorship, 10 signatures)
All Table Sponsorships: \$100 (Signage and 10 tickets)
Sponsorships by: Beaver Toyota

~~SOLD OUT~~

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.WEEBLY.COM TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY

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

RESERVE A ROCK!

Click here for more information

THANKS TO OUR PES PTO CORPORATE SPONSORS!



Would you like to become a sponsor of Palencia Elementary School? Visit www.PalenciaElementaryPTO.weebly.com/sponsors.html to download the sponsorship brochure for more information. We hope that you will find a level of support that is appropriate for your company. For more details, please contact Amanda LaConte at (513) 376-1669 or send an e-mail to pes.ptoBusinessSponsorships@gmail.com.