



Palencia Elementary Pirate Post

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Upcoming Events

Apr 16-Apr 26: Spring Book Fair

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 1: Donovan's Family Spirit Night, 5-8pm

May 6-May 10: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 10: PTO Meeting, 8:40 Cafeteria

May 14: New Kindergarten Welcome, 4:00—5:30pm

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

As this school year is winding down and students are participating in FSA and i-Ready testing, daily schedules might be a little different for our students. Change in schedules and routines can be difficult for everyone, so it is important to be flexible this time of year. Please encourage your children to be open to change, encourage positive behavior in school, and to continue to work hard as we close out another amazing school year.

You may have received a message from the district last Thursday stating that certain district tests have been cancelled due to difficulties with the online server. This cancellation does not affect our FSA testing or our i-Ready testing, so these tests will proceed as planned. For elementary schools, it will affect the Resource (art, music, and PE) End of Course Assessment for 4th and 5th grade. If these students were unable to complete this assessment or missed the test, they will not be expected to complete it based upon the decision made by the district. As for the i-Ready and FSA assessments, proctors are still needed. Please consider signing up, even if for only one day. Every time a proctor signs up, the proctor will be entered into a raffle drawing for a \$50 gift card. The more you proctor, the greater your chance of winning! Use this link to sign up: [Proctor Sign-up](#) Thank you for supporting our students and our school by proctoring for our state and district assessments!

Together in Education,

First Mate Mehanna



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

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](#)

Show Your School Spirit!

Monday— Red

Tuesday—Black

Wednesday—Green

Thursday—White

Friday - Spirit Wear

Volunteers

Palencia would like to thank all of the amazing volunteers who help make our school such an amazing place. We want you to know that you make a difference in our teachers and students lives. We couldn't do what we do without you! On Thursday, April 4th St Johns County School District celebrated the outstanding volunteers for the 18-19 school year. Lana Kirkpatrick, Amy Gramatges, Clarissa Kinnaman and Meghan Wright were recognized for their contributions. Our Senior Volunteer Lana Kirkpatrick was awarded third place for the whole district, we couldn't be any prouder. Thank you again for your contributions to our school!!



Goodwill Bag it Up

Thank you for all your support, Palencia Elementary received a check for \$1,000 and a new computer for our school! Thank you to all who participated!



Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



New Kindergarten Families

Please join us on Tuesday, May 14 from 4:00—5:30pm for an informative welcome night! You will receive a school tour, walk through a day in the life as a kindergartner, meet some of our amazing kindergarten teachers, and participate in a special question and answer session with Captain Goodrich! Our registrar Ms. Leddy will be here to help you register and answer any questions you might have! Computers will be available for those of you who need to complete the process and/or bring in documents for verification. Please visit our website to pre-register your incoming kindergarten before our special event!



[Registration Link](#)



Garden & Beautification Club

This year our Garden and Beautification Club has been busy growing vegetables and making Palencia a more beautiful place. Gorgeous lettuce, radishes, and spinach have grown in our garden and have been given to students to take home and create a delicious salad. Recently, we planted wildflower seeds. The sponsors of our Garden Club this year were Mrs. Singh and Mrs. Simpson. The goal of our club is to connect with nature and to experience the joy of growing and eating healthy food.



Community Outreach

This December, the Kindergarten classes wanted to do a community outreach project. All seven classes collected stuffed animals for the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department. The stuffed animals went to children who needed a little extra loving. We collected for two weeks and filled up the trunk of my car. It was a great way for 5 and 6 year olds to give back and to teach about caring for others.

Kinder gives back



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:

- **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.



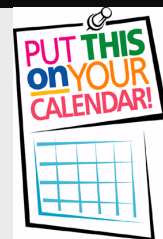
Your family can pre-order Mojo's BBQ to enjoy in the Multi Purpose Room that evening (or take home) with proceeds benefiting Palencia Elementary School. Please pre-order your meal using the order form below.

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

Thank you for your support of our Palencia Pirates!



Mark the calendar



Donovan's Family Spirit Night



Come out for dinner or snacks on Wednesday, May 1st from 5-8pm and 10% of all proceeds will be donated back to Palencia Elementary!



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!!



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



Occasionally someone shares something I wished I had read and saved to pull out at just the right moment. This is one of those emails that was forwarded to me by a good friend that was helpful for her. You and your child may not need this now, but perhaps you will be able to find it if you ever need it:

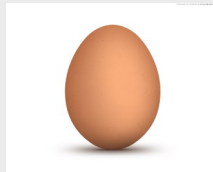
A young woman and her mom were in the kitchen talking about life while making cookies. The daughter shared with her mom about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and just wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved a new one arose.

The mom pulled out three pots and filled them each with water. In the first she placed carrots, the second she placed eggs and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil without saying a word about what she was doing as they continued their conversation. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She ladled out the carrots, eggs and coffee into separate bowls. Turning to her daughter, she asked "Tell me what do you see?" "Carrots, eggs and coffee." she replied. The mother pushed the bowl of carrots towards her daughter and asked her to feel the carrots. The daughter noted that they felt soft. She then asked her daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, the daughter observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally the mother asked her daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, 'What's the point?'

The mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity—boiling water— but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its insides became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water. "Which are you?" She asked the daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship, or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same on the outside, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart? Or, am I like the coffee bean? The coffee bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that bring the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor.


If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and begin to search for solutions to change the situation around you. When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity? ARE YOU A CARROT, AN EGG OR A COFFEE BEAN?



PTO NEWS & EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOU!

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POPS FOR TOPS!

Box Top Contest #3 starts NOW!
The class collecting the most Box Tops in each grade level will earn a Popsicle Party!

The deadline for Contest #3 is Friday, April 26th!
For more information, visit www.PalenciaElementaryPTO.weebly.com and click on the tab marked "Kickback!"

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Friday, April 26th - Donuts for Dads
7:15-8:15 a.m.

AND Box Tops Contest 3 Ends

Wednesday, May 1st -

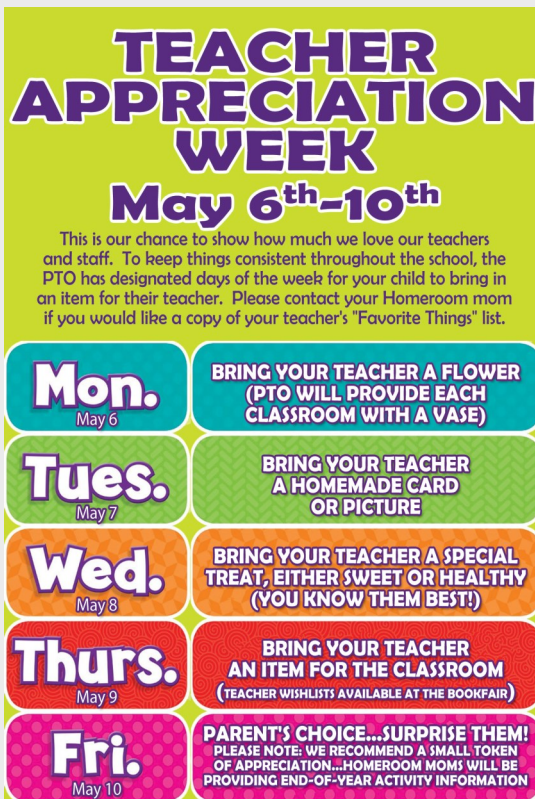
Donovan's Spirit Night

May 6 - 10 - Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday, May 10th - PTO Meeting at 8:40 a.m. in the MPR

View the complete events

calendar HERE



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
May 6th-10th

This is our chance to show how much we love our teachers and staff. To keep things consistent throughout the school, the PTO has designated days of the week for your child to bring in an item for their teacher. Please contact your Homeroom mom if you would like a copy of your teacher's "Favorite Things" list.

Mon. May 6	BRING YOUR TEACHER A FLOWER (PTO WILL PROVIDE EACH CLASSROOM WITH A VASE)
Tues. May 7	BRING YOUR TEACHER A HOMEMADE CARD OR PICTURE
Wed. May 8	BRING YOUR TEACHER A SPECIAL TREAT, EITHER SWEET OR HEALTHY (YOU KNOW THEM BEST!)
Thurs. May 9	BRING YOUR TEACHER AN ITEM FOR THE CLASSROOM (TEACHER WISHLISTS AVAILABLE AT THE BOOKFAIR)
Fri. May 10	PARENT'S CHOICE...SURPRISE THEM! PLEASE NOTE: WE RECOMMEND A SMALL TOKEN OF APPRECIATION...HOMEROOM MOMS WILL BE PROVIDING END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

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