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Palencia Elementary Pirate Post

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Upcoming Events

Sep 17: SAC Meeting Media Center 4pm

Sep 19: Talk like a Pirate
Day

Sep 20: Boosterthon Slime Day

Sep 26: Harlem Wizards at Nease HS



Show Your School Spirit!

Monday— Red

Tuesday—Black

Wednesday—Green

Thursday—White

Friday - Spirit Wear

Hello Families,

Thank you to all who came out to **Curriculum Chat** last week. Teachers certainly valued being able to share a glimpse of the curriculum, their classroom practices, and what to expect during the year. Parents are children's first and life-long teachers. We look forward to continued partnership with you for your child's success.

I have been closely observing **student arrival and dismissal** this first month of school. In an effort to increase efficiency and safety, I ask that we work together to implement the following:

Student AM Drop off and PM Pick up—Palencia Village Drive:

• **Right turns only** – Turn right into the school and turn right when leaving the school.

Biker and Walker Dismissal:

• Beginning Monday, September 24th bikers and walkers will be dismissed approximately 5 minutes earlier. This will allow bikers and walkers to begin heading home BEFORE parent pick-up lines begin to flow. These students beginning their journey home before cars are moving in full swing will be safer for the students and will lessen the need for crossing guards to bring parent pick up vehicles to a halt to allow for students crossing roadways.

Biker and walker parents – Sign up to receive text message alerts. Text: @Pesbi to 81010

Traffic concerns beyond the school's control can be directed to Sargent Terry Shirley, Traffic Section Coordinator, at 904-824-8304.

The **Pirate Post School Newsletter** will go out electronically every two weeks. For your reference, older newsletters can be found on our school website: www-pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us

Together in Education,

Captain Goodrich





Reminder

- Our school day starts at 8:30 AM. The first bell rings at 8:25 AM. Students arriving after 8:30 AM must be signed in at the <u>front</u> office.
- Students should not be dropped off before 8:05, unless you are registered with extended day.

Save The Date

Grandparents Day at Palencia

Mon. November 19 & Tues. November 20

In preparation for our annual Grandparents day, we would like to remind you that each person in attendance must be an approved volunteer. Please visit Palencia's website to complete the application.

Are you looking for a fun family night?

Here is a great opportunity!! Nease Basket-ball is hosting the Harlem Wizards (similar to the Globetrotters) on Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00 in the Nease Gym. They will play against the St. Johns Ballers (made up of St. Johns County school teachers and staff members). Our very own Ms. Royal, Ms. Worthington and Mr. Muckle will be playing. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!!

You can go to www.neasebasketball.com

Resource Spotlight

Students will have physical education two times during our eight-day resource rotation, once with Coach Brougham and once with Coach McMahon. Coach Brougham has been working here since PES first opened. She and her husband, Shannon, have two sons (Jakob, 15, and Lukas, 10). She played college soccer and now supports her kids in baseball and swimming. Coach McMahon is starting her fourth year at PES. She and her husband, David, have two children (Kensey, 18, and Ryan, 16). Both of them swim competitively. Your PES coaches work out regularly to stay healthy and hope to spark an interest in fitness and sports with all the students at this school.

Physical education classes meet outside year round so watching the weather to dress appropriately is very important. Students need to wear closed toe, rubber soled, athletic shoes for class and bringing labeled water bottles for hydration is highly recommended. The coaches are looking forward to providing a safe, fun, and active experience in Palencia Elementary PE!



Media Center News

Pirate Cove Connection for September







Traffic Concerns, requests, suggestions from fellow school community members:

Could you please remind parents not to park on Park Front Lane? Someone parked in my driveway, blocking my car in the garage, and my neighbor was going to have a tough time getting out as well.

Families that live off of US1 south and who live in Avila and Village Lakes could avoid making a left turn into the school on Palencia Village Drive by dropping students off in the Las Calinas / Kensington student drop off area. Parents would go north on Pasaeo Reyes Rd or US 1, then turn right onto Regalo road.

I am wondering if any of the Kensington/ Las Calinas residents or the school crossing guard in the back of the school have made you aware of the traffic jam & hazardous condition that is being created on Emslie Terrace in the afternoons during pick up time. Can we ask the parents picking up children in the back of the school to line up down Regalo Road towards the new Circle K instead of sitting at the stop sign on Emslie Terrace? It is definitely a safety issue.

Cars are stopped at the stop sign waiting to pull out into the pickup/ drop off line that is already formed. The residents that are trying to exit the neighborhood cannot get out. They are having to go around all of the cars stopped at the stop sign, thus driving the wrong way on the other side of the street.

A simple fix would be for parents driving to pick up their children to line up down Regalo Rd. & not at that stop sign.







When Writing Checks For PES

Parents, our school district is now requiring two phone numbers on a personal check. When you pay for something at the school, please add two contact numbers.

You must show picture I.D.

(Drivers License)

You must present your Drivers License every time to access PES or to pick up your children. This requirement is a state law as well as a district policy.

No Exceptions

PTO NEWS & EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 - Talk Like a Pirate Day

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 - Bruster's Spirit Night 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



BOOSTERTHON:



Boosterthon was a huge success! Thank you for all your hard work getting pledges ... we were able to exceed our goal and raise \$45,000!!! AMAZING! We have lots to celebrate ... we have several grade levels earning pizza parties, the whole school earned a popsicle party, and we reached our 50 states goal, so Mrs. Goodrich and Ms. Mehanna will be SLIMED! Please remember pledges are due now.

We also want to thank our event sponsors, Above Athletics Basketball, AA Foreign Car Repair, Elizabeth Gonzalez Law Firm, and Craig Dewhurst State Farm! We appreciate their support in making this event a success!



Our school is participating in the Box Tops for Education Program. This program is a wonderful and easy way for you to help our school raise money. Palencia Elementary school has raised almost \$18,000 through the Box Tops for Education Program since opening our doors! Our goal is to raise \$4000 this year and to do so we need your help!!

What you can do to help:

Carefully clip all Box Tops you find on items you are already purchasing for your home

