



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

Calendar of events:

- Jan 13: Hats Off For Reading
- Jan 14: Teddy Bear Tuesday
- Jan 15: Wacky Wednesday
- Jan 16: Seuss Thursday
- Jan 16: IMAX Movie Night
- Jan 17: Team Up for Reading
- Jan 20: MLK Jr Day—No school



Show your School Spirit!

Monday—Red
Tuesday—Black
Wednesday—Green
Thursday—White
Friday - Spirit Wear

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Winter Break and is all ready for the cool weather. We are expecting another day of cold weather. Therefore, I have asked our students to be sure to stay bundled up.

We are very excited for the possibilities that are in the future for PES. In the coming weeks we should receive our laptops to complete our move to a 1:1 school. Our third through fifth graders will be working on laptops while the Kindergarten through second graders will benefit from the iPads that are already in place in the school. I will send out updates on this process, as well as other related information, as we learn more.

Previous to our leaving for break, we held our school Spelling Bee Competition. Our students did very well and the competition was extraordinary. I was impressed by how far our students were able to get through the list. I was also very impressed by the sportsmanship shown by all of our students. I talked to a couple of participants after the competition and their attitude was very commendable. Recently I watched a TED Talk about Grit being a key ingredient to success. These students demonstrated this quality.

Congratulations to our top three spellers! Second place went to Olivia Peoples and Third Place went to Riley Smith.

Special Congratulations to our school champion:

Malcolm MacEwan

Malcolm will be representing our school in the district competition next week.

We also ended 2013 by beginning a Principals Math Challenge. In this challenge, students are tested on their knowledge of basic math facts in a timed test. The tests are leveled based on grade level. These tests are designed to be difficult and not everyone is expected to pass; although we hope everyone will. Once a child passes, they are announced on the morning news as well as in the Post. I will always visit the class of those students that pass to celebrate their success. Furthermore, everyone that passes the challenge is awarded with a "PES Math Matey" bracelet. In addition, if they are caught wearing this bracelet it can lead to other rewards. We are happy to announce the first class of Math Maties: Aiden Parke, Leonard McCarthy, Casey Smith, Gracie Youngston, Mia Sartori, Sam Banker, Emily Bradshaw, Jaden Conroy, Giles Pickens, Harrison Silverio and Jeffery Jabot.

On another note, we are still looking for some living room and conference room type furniture. If you were surprised with some new furniture and need a place to donate the other, please let us know.

I hope that 2014 brings many blessings and much prosperity to you and your family. Hope to see you at the IMAX next Thursday, January 16th, for our Family Movie Night.

Captain Allen Anderson



School News

Excitement is building around the 6th Annual Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! (CLW) events and the students at [Palencia Elementary](http://www.justreadflorida.com/literacyweek.asp) are excited to participate in this year's activities scheduled for January 13-17, 2014!

Here are a few exciting events taking place at our school in celebration of literacy.

Monday, January 13th - HATS OFF FOR READING: (Wear your favorite hat day!) students will participate in the annual **Million Minute Marathon**.

Tuesday, January 14th - Reading is COOL! Teddy Bear Tuesday—Students can wear sunglasses and bring their favorite stuffed reading buddy for a day of reading fun!

Wednesday, January 15th - WACKY WILD ABOUT READING Wednesday! Dress Wacky and come ready to read and work on Posters, Book Marks and reading commercials!

Thursday, January 16th - SEUSS THURSDAY & Read Around the School With Writing on the Windows! Students may dress in their 'Seussian character' and participate in fun reading Scavenger Hunts and activities around the school. Many teachers will be displaying student writing on the windows of their classroom!

Friday, January 17th - TEAM UP For reading!!! Wear your favorite sports team gear!!! Students 3-5 will buddy up with a book buddy class to invite a SPECIAL GUEST reader from the community to share their favorite story in the morning after the announcements followed by a fun READING TREAT, DESSERT, OR COOKIES made and donated by room parents or classroom volunteers.

For additional information on literacy activities, you can view St Johns County School District Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! plan at <http://www.justreadflorida.com/literacyweek.asp>

Community News

The **CHARACTER COUNTS!** Steering Committee is calling all walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts to participate in the **CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk** on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 2 p.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32095.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a scenic course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance. Registration fees are as follows:

6K-\$20 before January 1, \$25 January 1-February 7, \$30 on race day
3K-\$15 before January 1, \$20 January 1-February 7, \$25 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at www.racesmith.com.

Race proceeds will support **CHARACTER COUNTS!** initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCS). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the school with the most registrants.

This event is produced by the **CHARACTER COUNTS!** Steering Committee and is presented by Beaver Toyota Scion with support from Action News as well as other community groups and sponsors.

The SJCS, along with area businesses, youth organizations and civic groups, selected the national character educational program of **CHARACTER COUNTS!** as a countywide initiative to instill positive character traits in young people throughout the county. Additionally, the SJCS became the first school district in Florida to implement Pursuing Victory with Honor in all of its athletic programs. Character education is an important part of every School Improvement Plan and a major component of the Student Code of Conduct and the school district's Strategic Plan.



Announcing, registration is now open for the **19th annual Tools for Success Family Conference**, for and about families of children with special needs birth to 22 yrs. (And it's free!)

Keynote: **"Behavior Management Superheroes"**, George Freeman, ESE Program Specialist and Florida Certified Behavior Analyst.

Session Topics Include: Social Skills, Rights and Responsibilities, Behavior, Technology, ADHD, Autism, Mental Health, and Secondary Transition, just to name a few.

When: Thursday, January 30, 2014

Time: 730 - 330

Location: UNF, Adam W. Herbert University Center, 12000 Alumni Dr. Jax. 32224

Registration details : www.fdlrscrown.org

Direct Registration Link: www.surveymonkey.com/s/tools14

Questions: 904-346-4601 x119 or glendennij@duvalschools.org

Registration deadline Jan. 27, 2014



Gifted Parent Advisory Meetings

- Tuesday, January 21 3:30-4:30 Durbin Creek
- Tuesday, March 25 5:30-6:30 Ocean Palms
- Tuesday, May 13 3:30-4:30 Julington Creek

Opened to all parents of gifted students at any level (K-12) to express concerns, ask questions, etc. The District contact for the Gifted Program is Helen DiMare (helen.dimare@stjohns.k12.fl.us, (904) 547-7692).

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