



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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Calendar of events:

- Sept 1: Curriculum Chat K-2nd
- Sept 4: College Football Spirit Day
- Sept 7: Labor Day / No School
- Sept 11: Boosterthon Fun Run
- Sept 17: Picture Day
- Sept 18: Talk Like a Pirate Day
- Sept 18: Movie Night
- Sept 28: 3rd Annual PES FORE!

The Kids Golf Tournament

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Show your School Spirit!

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

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for their professionalism during the very sad event that occurred last Thursday. I hope you will join us in keeping the affected families in our thoughts and prayers. While we at PES were not directly involved, it was very important that we were able to monitor events. We appreciate the trust that was shown to our staff as we took measures to keep everyone safe. Our ability to do that is dependent on our communication with the proper authorities. The school district has systems in place to share information with our families as needed. We are very thankful for your efforts in keeping our phone lines open during this time. Please know we are constantly monitoring emergency channels for weather and other important updates. Any information that needs to be shared will be sent out as a text message.

Tuesday (tonight) is our Curriculum Chats for Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades. As a reminder the Chats begin at 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm. There is a lot of information to be shared so please be sure to arrive early as parking is limited.

St. Augustine will be celebrating its 450th anniversary this weekend. A simple google search for 450th will lead you to the website giving all kinds of information for this event. Next Tuesday, Sept. 8th is the anniversary day and will be filled with many events. This will be a great learning opportunity for the residents of our town. Recognizing this, Dr. Joyner has declared this an excused absence day for any student that will be joining the celebration on that day. I hope you and your family will be able to take advantage of this historic event.

We should conclude distribution of laptops and iPads this week. Many of you have purchased insurance allowing your child to take the device home. I have asked all teachers to not send these home until all devices have been distributed and we have conducted our lessons on proper care for the device. We will keep you updated on this progress. I would anticipate students to be able to take the devices home within the next couple of weeks.

Last year through the support of PTO and SAC we were able to purchase, "Being a Writer", for grades 3-5. This allowed us to have school wide implementation of this program. I have been in many classes while they have been using this program and have been very impressed by the impact this program has had on student interaction, communication, and writing. This writing program is teaching our students skills that will last them a lifetime. This is a great example of how we are all working together to continually improve our school. On behalf of our entire school, we thank you for your support.

Each Month the Superintendent sends out a newsletter. This month's edition has a lot of important information that you may want to view. The following link will take you to his newsletter.

<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/supt/report/>

This past year we developed a new Mission Statement for our school. We are now working on the Vision Statement. If you would like to help in this process, we will be meeting in the Media Center on Tuesday, Sept. 8th at 3:20pm.

This coming Monday is Labor Day, so there will be no school. I hope you and your family are able to enjoy a wonderful three day weekend.

Captain Allen Anderson

Pirate Cove Connection

PES Media News for August is available at
<https://www.smores.com/htr2q>

Helping Your Child Succeed on Florida Standard Assessments

**Plan to attend an informational meeting
for families of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students**

Thursday, October 1st, R.B. Hunt Elementary School
Tuesday, October 6th, Valley Ridge Academy
Thursday, October 15th, Osceola Elementary School
Tuesday, October 20th, Ocean Palms Elementary School
Thursday, October 29th, Timberlin Creek Elementary School
6:30 – 8:00 PM

**What is FSA? Did FCAT Go Away? How can I help my
child?**

If you've asked any of these questions, please plan on attending an FSA informational presentation. Each evening will begin at 6:30 and conclude by 8:00, and will consist of a writing and ELA session followed by a mathematics portion. Time for questions will be built into the process. For more information call 904-547-7503.

Reminders:

To attend school functions during the school day you must be an approved volunteer.

~[Apply here to get approved](#)

Early Check Out: For the safety of all students, children may not be checked out of school after 2:15 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday and 1:15 on Wednesday.

Change in Afternoon Transportation: If you need to change the way your child goes home in the afternoon, we must receive a written note or email from your listed email address to your child's teacher **AND** to transportationchangespes@stjohns.k12.fl.us before **2:00 pm (1:00 pm on Wednesdays)**. We cannot accept phone calls for those changes. Changes in afternoon transportation should only be for emergency situations. Thank you for your understanding.

Please refer to the [Student Code of Conduct](#) for the district policies involving attendance, dress code, acceptable use procedures, and many more.

PROUD PIRATES

Congratulations to the following Proud Pirates for the month of August! These students were nominated by their teachers for showing all 6 Pillars of Good Character and Leadership Habits! Way to go Pirates!

Maggie Kleist	Marlee Dean	Tyler Hernandez
Aleia Leinhardt	Derek Baker	Coleton Bradt
Sophie Fretwell	Kaylee Brown	Dylann Swartzlender
Baylor Vu	Sienna Johnson	Gavin Bennett
Julianna Uy	Sydney Taylor	Preston Koch
Hailey Fezza	Lauren Cassidy	Emma Menzel
Wyatt Shallis	Evan Hodac	Dominic Lopez
Cameron Swartzlender	Hannah Kenerly	Shannon Wildes
Talia Morley	Carlo Uy	Payton Plandel
Karthik Mohan	Alec Nalos	Brandon Cruz

Community News



Language Exploration Enrichment

For more information email us at:
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Creeks Baseball Club (CBC) Announces Fall Registration



Please visit www.creeksbaseballclub.com/events/fall-instructional-program-2015/ to register and to find out more information.

For other opportunities with the Creeks Athletic Association please visit <http://caaleague.org/>



PTO NEWS & EVENTS

NEXT PTO MEETING: Thursday, Sept. 10th at 8:40 a.m. in the MPR...all are welcome! Join us for coffee and treats!



BOOSTERTHON IS UNDERWAY!

Our major fundraiser of the year, Boosterthon, has officially kicked off! PES Parents, help your students raise money by contacting family and friends to donate. Funds raised will go toward purchasing music instruments and repairing the sound system in the cafeteria. Visit www.funrun.com (school code: 139923) to register your student(s) and enter pledges. And join us on Friday, September 11th to cheer on our pirates! 1st and 5th graders will run at 9 a.m., followed by Kindergarten and 3rd graders at 10:05 a.m., and 2nd and 5th graders will begin at 11:05 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need parents to volunteer to help pass out water to students during the Boosterthon run on September 11th. Watch for the Sign-Up Genius link to be posted on the PTO Website or on the PTO Facebook page very soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, Sept. 1:** Curriculum Chat K-2nd (6:30 p.m.)
 - Friday, Sept. 4:** College Football Spirit Day—Wear "Your Team!"
 - Monday, Sept. 7:** Labor Day - No School!
 - Thursday, Sept. 10:** PTO Meeting, 8:40 a.m. in the MPR
 - Thursday, Sept. 10:** NFL Football Spirit Day—Wear "Your Team!"
 - Thursday, Sept. 10:** Chorus Performance - School Board Meeting
 - Friday, Sept. 11:** Boosterthon Fun Run
- [View the complete events calendar HERE](#)

THE PALENCIA CLUB 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 Traci Lewis at (904) 687-3499 or send an e-mail to pes.ptoBusinessSponsorships@gmail.com.