



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

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Calendar of events:

- Jan 19: MLK Jr Day / No School
- Jan 22: Imax Family Movie Night
- Jan 31: Pirate 5K & Fun Run
- Feb 2: Teacher Planning/No School
- Feb 7: Character Counts Run
- Feb 10: Jump Rope for the Heart
- Feb 13: Father/Daughter Dance
Mother/Son Night
- Feb 16: President's Day/No School



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Show your School Spirit!

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

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

\$\$\$\$ SAVE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS \$\$\$\$ - Now that I have your attention, please allow me to share a couple of key reasons why you should come to the Digital Meetings. The Primary focus and the thing that has been holding us back was getting the devices ready to be taken home, but there is more reason to come to the meeting than that. Speaking as a parent, the insurance that is being offered is motivation for me to attend the meeting. We are offering insurance for you to cover the cost of the device should anything happen to it while in school (another option is available for both home and school). The fee is less than the cost of a typical textbook. Also, there is important and very helpful information about a free offer for many of the MS Office applications that can simplify things. Please remember, in order for your child to take a device home (grades 1-5 only at this time), it is mandatory that one of the child's guardians attend one of these meetings. The meetings will be held in the Galley (cafeteria) and are scheduled for:

Thurs.	Jan. 15	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Last Chance Meetings:		
Tues.	Jan. 27	6:30 - 7:30pm
Thurs.	Jan 29	1:30 - 2:30 pm

This week we finished the installation of door locks in the front office. Starting today all volunteers must be allowed in the building by having the door locks released by the receptionist. The side and back door to the school from the office will remain locked at all times. While for some this may seem an inconvenience at times, it is for the safety of all our children.

District App Now Available The St. Johns County School District now has an app! The app, MySJCS, is currently available for free in both the Apple iTunes and Google Play stores and offers mobile-friendly access to information including school menus, Home Access Center, volunteers, bus routes, school fees, CHARACTER COUNTS!, and the St. Johns County Education Foundation. In addition, parent section contains links to the Parent Resource Guide, Contests and Events, Zoning Information, the School Calendar and the Student Code of Conduct. The student section contains access to Edmodo, Study Island, and Discovery Education.

Reminder: Monday is a Holiday as we Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There is no school on Monday.

Don't forget to sign up for the following upcoming events:

iMax movie night	Jan. 22
Pirate 5K	Jan. 31
Character Counts Run	Feb. 7

Please join me in welcoming our newest member of the Principals Math Challenge; Hayden Eckart.

Captain Allen Anderson

GARDEN NEWS

Our Art and Garden club kiddos have been enjoying the “fruits” of their labor! Recently we picked rutabaga, collard greens & broccoli -rabe! Some of the broccoli florets blossomed with sweet teeny yellow flowers, and the kiddos ate them all because they were so good!

I am thrilled they had the opportunity to pick and eat the freshest, nutritious and tastiest vegetables grown right at school in their very own “Garden of Youth”! If you love to grow food and garden we would love to have you join us every Thursday afternoon (3pm) at dismissal! Please check out our Garden Pictures on our PES web page!

Check our local weather at:

[http://
stjohns.weatherstem.com/
palencia](http://stjohns.weatherstem.com/palencia)

Or on Twitter at:

[https://twitter.com/
PalenciaWxSTEM](https://twitter.com/PalenciaWxSTEM)

Or on Facebook at:

[https://www.facebook.com/pages/Palencia-Elementary
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VISITING OUR SCHOOL?

Reminder: all visitors to our school must be an approved volunteer. This applies to all events including field trips, class parties, luncheons, or any other reason you would need to enter the school during the school day.

Please apply at

<http://www-pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteers/>

Also, please be prepared to show your photo identification to the receptionist upon entering the school. Thank you.



R.J. Murray Middle School Center for the Arts

Online Applications for the 2015-2016 School Year

December 11th - February 2nd

Parents may visit our school website for additional information about our program.

www-mms.stjohns.k12.fl.us

Parent Information Night January 20th 6:30 PM

Auditions will take place on February 2nd

PTO NEWS & EVENTS

IMAX MOVIE NIGHT FOR PES FAMILIES

Make plans to join us at the World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX Theater on Thursday, January 22nd. **Under the Sea 3D** will play at 6 p.m., followed by **Island of Lemurs: Madagascar 3D** at 7 p.m. Cost in advance is \$5/person for one feature or \$8/person for both features. Tickets can be purchased at the theater on the day of the event for \$6/person for one feature or \$10/person for both. Proceeds will benefit end-of-year activities for PES 5th Graders! For more information and to download the order form for tickets, click [HERE](#).



THE PIRATE 5K IS THIS MONTH...SIGN UP NOW!

Calling all runners! Join us for the 1st Annual Pirate 5K on Saturday, January 31st, 2015. This will be a chip-timed race. Registration is now open, and more information is available at the event website, www.thePirate5K.com. Sponsorship opportunities are available, too!

MOTHER/SON AND FATHER/DAUGHTER EVENTS SCHEDULED

The Annual Mother/Son Fun Night at Rebounderz and Father/Daughter Dance at the Palencia Club are scheduled for Friday, February 13th. Tickets for the mother/son event are \$16 per jumper (non-jumpers are free), and tickets for the father/daughter event are \$25 per father and \$20 per daughter. Visit the event page [HERE](#) to register for either or both events. Mark your calendar now and sign up soon...these events will fill up quickly!

BOX TOP REMINDER

Please remember to keep collecting those BoxTops and sending them in with your little pirate! The next contest will end February 6th, and the top class in each grade level will earn a sweet treat to enjoy. For more information about BoxTops and how they work, click [HERE](#).



STAY CONNECTED

Have you "liked" us on Facebook yet? We post quite a bit of current information there, including reminders as various activities get closer on the calendar. Click [HERE](#) to visit our Facebook page so you can "like" us and keep up! While you're online, bookmark our PTO website, too: www.PalenciaElementaryPTO.weebly.com

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Jan. 19 – MLK Day – No School
Thursday, Jan. 22 – IMAX Movie Night
Friday, Jan. 30 – Pirate 5K Expo at the Clubhouse
Saturday, Jan. 31 – The Pirate 5K and Fun Run
Monday, Feb. 2—Teacher Planning—No School
Friday, Feb. 6—Box Top Contest #2 Ends

Saturday, Feb. 7—Character Counts Run, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 10—Jump Rope for the Heart
Friday, Feb. 13—PTO Meeting, 8:45 a.m., MPR
Father/Daughter Dance & Mother/Son Night
Monday, Feb. 16—Presidents Day—No School

For a complete calendar of events, visit the [PTO Calendar Page](#)

THE PALENCIA CLUB

THANKS TO OUR PES PTO CORPORATE SPONSORS!

Would you like to become a sponsor of Palencia Elementary PTO? 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.