



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

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Calendar of events:

- 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,

We hope everyone had a wonderful three day weekend as we celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This week, several of our teachers and myself are attending an Educational Technology Conference in Orlando. This is a premier conference with attendees from all over the world. In fact, I am in a workshop today sharing ideas with other leaders; the three at my table are from Singapore, California, and New Jersey. It is great to hear that our school is moving in the right direction by preparing our students for the future they will face. It is also wonderful to share what we are doing in our school as we are at a point where others in education are striving to get to. Even though we are doing wonderful things we still have a long way to go and can improve on what we are currently doing. I am looking forward to the rest of the conference and sharing all our new learning with the rest of the staff, and St. Johns County teachers, once we return.

Over the past few weeks we have held meetings concerning the digital program here at PES. During these meetings we are discussing the option for your child in grades 1st -5th to take their device home to continue the learning process. During these meetings we are also discussing an offer for all our families to get several of the MS Office products for free on up to 5 devices. Additionally, we are discussing insurance options that are now available for our families to cover devices that will go home and for those that will remain at school. It is important to remember that these devices are our textbooks, and just like textbooks, there is a responsibility held by the student in the case of damage. This insurance is \$25 for the at school piece of mind. There are only two more opportunities to attend these meetings. Both meetings will be held in the Galley (Cafeteria).

Tues.	Jan. 27	6:30 - 7:30pm
Thurs.	Jan 29	1:30 - 2:30 pm

We would like to extend congratulations to **Mrs. Susan Solms, the PES School Related Employee of the Year.** Mrs. Solms is the face and voice of our school as she serves as the school receptionist. We are all amazed at how well she can take care of the needs of so many and keep her great attitude. She often goes above and beyond what is expected for the school and our children. Please join us in congratulating her and thanking her.

Do you like to run? Are you looking to follow through on that New Year's resolution? There are two runs coming up right here at PES and the Palencia neighborhood:

- Saturday, January 31st is the **Pirate 5K**. This is a run sponsored by our PTO that will be held at the Palencia Clubhouse. For more information go to: <http://www.thepirate5k.com/>
- Saturday, February 7th is **The Third Annual Character Counts** run held at our school. This race is a 6K run and a 3K walk. For more information go to: <http://www.racesmith.com/races/CHARACTERCOUNTS.html>

Captain Allen Anderson

CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK

January 26-30, 2015

Our school will participate in Celebrate Literacy Week January 26-30. We'd like to start the celebration with ***Shelfies!*** Selfies plus books on a shelf, equal "Shelfies." Teachers and students please take a picture of yourself in front of your favorite shelf of books or cozy classroom library. We will compile the pictures on a bulletin board. Send your pictures to shannon.ayrish@stjohns.k12.fl.us by January 26. The more pictures the better!

We will be celebrating reading success during the week with **AR Goal parties in the media center**. Each day on the morning news we will announce the number of words read during the week based on AR testing. **Our goal is to read 5 million words in one week**. We will share our words read with the district and state Celebrate Literacy coordinators.

Our final day of literacy celebrations will be "**Flashlight Friday**." Students please bring a small flashlight to school on Friday, January 26. On Friday each teacher will pick a time to turn off the lights, take out flashlights, and read by flashlight to "accelerate reading." In addition, we have two special AR challenges for **January: the e-book challenge and the "I Can Read" Book challenge**. See the media center website for more details on our challenges and how to access e-books from school and home. We can't wait to celebrate literacy!

Check our local weather at:

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

Or on Twitter at:

[https://twitter.com/
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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Pre-Kindergarten registration schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, February 4, 2015 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12, 2015 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Friday, May 8, 2015 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information please visit

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

PTO NEWS & EVENTS

IMAX MOVIE NIGHT FOR PES FAMILIES

Make plans to join us at the World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX Theater **THIS THURSDAY**, January 22nd. **Under the Sea 3D** will play at 6 p.m., followed by **Island of Lemurs: Madagascar 3D** at 7 p.m. 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, 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 still 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!

SPIRIT WEAR WINTER SALE

The PES Spirit Wear Coordinators are holding an **ONLINE Winter Blowout Sale** on the PTO website! Shirts are only \$10 each, but the sale is limited to current inventory only...once a size is sold out, it will no longer be available. [Visit the Spirit Wear page to view the sale today!](#)

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.](#)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The annual **"SOUPER BOWL" LUNCHEON** for PES teachers and staff is scheduled for **Friday, January 30th**! Volunteers are needed to assist with various items. [Click HERE to visit the Sign-Up Genius link.](#)

JUMP ROPE FOR THE HEART will take place at Palencia Elementary on **Tuesday, February 10th**. Please consider donating an hour or more of your time! [Click HERE to visit the Sign-Up Genius link.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 22 – IMAX Movie Night	Saturday, Feb. 7—Character Counts Run, 2 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30 – Pirate 5K Packet Pick-Up	Tuesday, Feb. 10—Jump Rope for the Heart
Saturday, Jan. 31 – The Pirate 5K and Fun Run	Friday, Feb. 13—PTO Meeting, 8:45 a.m., MPR
Monday, Feb. 2—Teacher Planning—No School	Father/Daughter Dance & Mother/Son Night
Friday, Feb. 6—Box Top Contest #2 Ends	Monday, Feb. 16—Presidents Day—No School

For a complete calendar of events, visit the PTO Calendar Page

THE PALENCIA CLUB

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Community News

MILL CREEK BASEBALL and SOFTBALL

Mill Creek Little League has open registration for baseball ages 4 - 13 and girls softball ages 7 - 12. Season will start practices the second week of February, games begin Feb 28th and will go to Mid May. Registration is \$120 per child with a discount for a sibling, payment options available upon request. Email Bill Crane at mcllpresident@gmail.com with questions not answered on the website. Visit www.millcreeklittleleague.org for more information and to register.



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needs, and gift items.*



Maritime History Classes

St Augustine Maritime Heritage Foundation is proud to announce its Maritime History Course. 2015 is St Augustine's 450th birthday and what a better way to celebrate than to take part in these exciting maritime history classes. Experience Boat Building * Navigation * Communication * Life of a Sailor * Much more. This is a six week course for ages 7-13. It will be held on Wednesdays from 2:00-5:00 starting February 4th at St Augustine Yacht Club. Cost: \$175. Class is limited to 12 students. Please contact Wendy (SAMHF Education Director) at 904-687-4625/wendyt55@aol.com to reserve a spot.