



## Palencia Elementary Newsletter

# Pirate's Post

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## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

### Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

**Important Reminders:** Last Chance Digital Program Meetings  
TONIGHT 6:30 – 7:30pm  
Thursday, Jan. 29 1:30 – 2:30pm

#### Pirate Run This Saturday!

Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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>

As I mentioned in last week's article, I spent last week in Orlando at a Conference. The conference is attended by every state and there were 42 different countries represented. For a conference of this size and reputation, it was great to see so many of our teachers leading sessions. Not only were we able to learn at this conference, but our teachers were able to share some best practices that will effect students around the world. We are very fortunate to have so many dedicated and innovating teachers in our school working with our children as we prepare them for their tomorrow.

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, grades 1-5, to take their device home to continue the learning process. During these meetings were 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. We are now offering insurance for both 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). The dates and times for these meetings are listed in the reminders above.

Parents of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer about a group I will be leading on Tuesday afternoons. The Palencia Elementary Student Leadership Group (we need a better name) is focus on Leadership, Communication, and Presentations. If your child is interested, please see the attached form. Also, if you or a business that you may me affiliated with are interested in assisting with this program please contact me.

Please join me in welcoming our newest member of the Principals Math Challenge; Stella Asiamah, Evan Graff, Brooke Mongon, Julia Frith, Carter Rand, Grace MacEwan, Cole Rand, Jonathan Richmond, Luke Kleist, Aaron Lin, and Mrs. Marrinan .

*Captain Allen Anderson*

#### Calendar of events:

- Jan 31: Pirate 5K & Fun Run
- Feb 2: Teacher Planning/No School
- Feb 6: Box Tops Contest #2 ends
- Feb 7: Character Counts Run
- Feb 10: Jump Rope for 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

## 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](mailto: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 30. 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!

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Ahoy! Future Palencia Elementary School Kindergarten Parents

Our First Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-2016 school year will be Wednesday, February 4, 2015 From 9 AM – Noon

You will need to bring with you:

- ◆ Original Birth Certificate
- ◆ Form 680 Immunization Record
- ◆ Current Physical – within one year of the start of school August 10, 2015
- ◆ Residency Documents – See our website <http://www.pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/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 contact Cindy Williams at (904) 547-4017

or email: [CindyAnn.Williams@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:CindyAnn.Williams@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

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Check our local weather at:

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

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## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Schedule:

5 <sup>th</sup> grade	8:45-9:30
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	9:35-10:15
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	10:20-11:00
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	11:05-11:45
1 <sup>st</sup> grade	12:30-1:10
Kindergarten	1:15-1:55

See the attached letter from Coach Brougham



## PTO NEWS & EVENTS

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

Calling all runners! Join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pirate 5K this Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. This will be a chip-timed race. Online registration will remain open until Wednesday night. After that, participants will only be able to register at the packet pick-up on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> or on Saturday morning between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

More information is available at the event website, [www.thePirate5K.com](http://www.thePirate5K.com). Volunteers are certainly needed to assist, so if you don't plan to participate as a runner, please consider signing up to help...CLICK HERE!



### 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 13<sup>th</sup>**! 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 6<sup>th</sup>**, 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 **"SOUPER BOWL" LUNCHEON** for PES teachers and staff is scheduled for **this Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**! 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 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please consider donating your time to help PES students! Click HERE to visit the Sign-Up Genius link.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Jan. 30 – Pirate 5K Packet Pick-Up  
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!**

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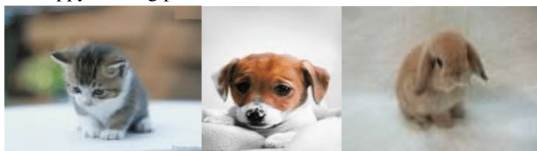
## Have a Heart Pet-Parade!

Keilana McGreevy will donate the supplies to **Humane Society**. It is on February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00-11:00. You and your children can gather at the field where the Boosterthon was. We hope you have lots of fun! And remember, the pets will thank you!

Dear Parents and Kids,

**DID YOU KNOW** about 2.7 million pets have been turned down into animal shelters in the United States? You and your child are invited to the first "Have a heart Pet-Parade" So bring your pet! It is to raise awareness of how many pets out there are in an animal shelters, not having owners. However, to enter please bring an item of pet supplies to donate, we mostly require:

- ☐ Gentle leaders (Medium and large.)
- ☐ Kongs
- ☐ Cat toys without cat nip
- ☐ Dog Treats
- ☐ Towels, wash clothes, and white bath towels
- ☐ Feliway spray
- ☐ Food for birds and small animals
- ☐ Fresh Veggies
- ☐ Timothy hay
- ☐ Puppy training pads



Dear Parents:

Baseball season is here and the last day to register your child for spring ball is January 31, 2015. There are discounts for having multiple siblings registered as well as financial scholarships for those that qualify.

Registration for MCLL Baseball is open for boys and girls ages 4 -13 and Softball is open for girls ages 7 – 1

Rookie T-Ball: For 4 and 5 year olds that new to baseball.

Veteran T-Ball: For 5 - 7 year olds, use the sling machine then tee, no one strikes out, start to teach fundamentals of baseball.

Junior Minors: For 7 - 9 year olds, use sling machine for pitching, first exposure to "real" baseball.

Minors: For 8 - 12 year olds - Kid pitch level, learning more advanced baseball and for kids that played little or no baseball.

Majors: For 10 - 12 year olds - Kid Pitch, all baseball rules apply.

Intermediate 50/70: - For 12 and 13 year olds - bigger field, open bases, will play other leagues in the area.

Visit [www.millcreeklittleleague.org](http://www.millcreeklittleleague.org) for more details on divisions, equipment, location, and safety. Or if you have any additional questions please e-mail the league president at [mcllpresident@gmail.com](mailto:mcllpresident@gmail.com). We look forward to welcoming you to the Mill Creek Little League family!

Sincerely,

Bill Crane  
President Mill Creek Little League (MCLL)

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**For Parents & Teachers Only:**

## Seven Tips for Creating a Safe Cyber Environment

A **Free** Presentation by FBI Agents  
Currently Working in the Field of  
Cyber Crime



Also learn the perils associated with

\*chatrooms

\*online gaming and

\*social websites.

**Thursday, February 12, 2015**

**6:30pm**

**Sebastian Middle School Auditorium**

**For your convenience:**

**\$5 Chili Dinner Available at 5:45pm,  
SMS Cafeteria.**

**SMS student presentation: Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sponsored by the SMS PTO.**

# Community News

## St. Johns Reads

<http://www.sjcpls.org/content/st-johns-reads-2015-last-train-paradise> (weblink for PDF file of all St. Johns Reads adult and teen programming found in our St. Johns Reads brochure)

### ADDITIONAL YOUTH PROGRAMMING BELOW!

St. Johns Reads programs (primarily train-themed storytimes) for little ones (ages 5 and under)

#### Anastasia Island Branch Library:

February 4 at 10:15am, 10:45 am, and 11:05 am

Call 209-3730 for more details!

#### Bartram Trail Branch Library:

February 17 at 11 am

February 18 at 10 am and 11 am

Call 827-6960 for more details!

#### Hastings Branch Library:

February 20 at 1 pm

Call 827-6970 for more details!

#### Main Library:

February 17 at 11 am

February 18 at 11 am and 11:30 am

Call 827-6940 for more details!

#### Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library:

February 5 at 11 am

Call 827-6950 for more details!

#### Southeast Branch Library:

February 18 at 11 am

Call 827-6900 for more details!

#### Additional Youth Events (ages 5 and up) at the

##### Hastings Branch Library:

Call 827-6970 for more details!

#### Saturday, February 21 @ 1pm

Kids and teens are invited to a free tour of the Old Florida Museum at the Bull's Hit Ranch in Hastings. See antique farming equipment, a crop duster, the old Hastings train depot, a cracker house, and lots of other cool stuff. This treasure trove is right around the corner from the library at the Bulls-Hit Ranch & Farm, 9165 Old Hastings Road. If heading west on 207, take the third right after the Main St. intersection. Meet us there!

#### Wednesday, February 25 @ 3:30pm

Hurricanes were the bane of Henry Flagler as he tried to complete his railroad. His workers regularly checked the air pressure with their home-made barometers. Kids and teens will learn how to make their own air pressure devices, including "kissing balloons" and a vortex air cannon. Also, they will see how to make liquid flow uphill. All of these devices can be replicated at home. Come have fun "under pressure"!



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information and to register.

Please visit our boutique to see our selection of dancewear, yoga  
needs, and gift items.

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## HELP WANTED

### Diesel Mechanic- Transportation Department

This is a 12 month position affording the opportunity to take part in the District's benefits as well as in the Transportation Department's annual maintenance training which includes training sponsored by school bus manufacturers.

Please contact Alex Vasquev-338 2077.



## 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](mailto:wendyt55@aol.com) to reserve a spot.