



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

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Calendar of events:

- Jan 9: Report Cards
- Jan 19: MLK Jr Day / No School
- Jan 22: Imax Family Movie Night
- Jan 31: Pirate 5K & Fun Run
- Feb 7: Character Counts Run
- Mar 15: Last day to preorder yearbooks



Show your School Spirit!

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

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!!!! We cannot express enough our gratitude towards everyone that helped make the Holiday Season so special for so many of our families. Several groups came together to provide Christmas gifts and food to many families that were in need. Tears of joy and surprise were flowing as items were delivered and picked up. Our partnership with Captain Mayhem and his crew was also a big success. Again, thank you to all that were able to help.

Prior to the break, I wrote about the ability to take devices home. We held our first meeting yesterday and it went very well. The next meeting is this evening. There is important and very helpful information about a free offer for many of the MS Office applications that can simplify some things. There is also information on insurance for the devices for both at home and here at school. 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. 8	6:30 – 7:30 pm
Fri. Jan. 9	1:30 – 2:30 pm
Tues. Jan. 13	9:30 – 10:30 am
Tues. Jan. 13	5:30 – 6:30 pm
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

We are still searching for furniture for our school. As we expand we are looking for furniture to be used in offices and in casual meeting places. Office furniture and items that may be found in waiting rooms are in need. If you are replacing any home furniture or know of an office that is replacing any furniture please let us know.

Please join me in welcoming our newest member of the Principals Math Challenge; Payton Plandel.

Captain Allen Anderson

LOST AND FOUND

It has only been a few days and the jackets and lunchboxes are piling up again! Please have your child check the lost and found for any missing items!

YOUR CHILD CAN LEARN SPANISH!



L.E.E. is a program offered to all regular and extended day students. L.E.E. will encourage the students to develop a love for the language, while offering intensive language instruction.

Classes meet twice a week after school for 15 week session.
Classes meet at the school immediately after dismissal.

For more information, please visit
<http://leestjohns.pbworks.com/>



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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.

The Department of Education is issuing a call for Floridians to serve on the newly established Keep Florida Learning Committee.

The Keep Florida Learning Committee will review further deregulation opportunities for the school system; review instructional material review processes used by school boards; identify strategies to increase parental involvement; and review the implementation of the Florida Standards and the Florida Standards Assessment over the next year.

All Floridians interested in serving on the committee are encouraged to submit an online application to the DOE. To apply, visit <http://www.fldoe.org/about-us/fsacommittee.stml>. Interested Floridians have until **January 31, 2015**, to submit their application. The first meeting will be an organizational conference call and will take place in March. Committee members will be announced in February.

The committee will be comprised of 11 members, including the Commissioner of Education, legislators, teachers, superintendents, school board members, higher education representatives, and members of the public.

For a list of frequently asked questions regarding the Keep Florida Learning Committee, visit <http://www.fldoe.org/about-us/KFL-FAQ.stml>.

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 RUN & FAMILY FUN RUN IS THIS MONTH...SIGN UP NOW!

Calling all runners! Join us for the 1st Annual Pirate 5K on Saturday, January 31, 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 13! 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. Flyers will be sent out next week with information on how to reserve your tickets. Mark your calendar now and register next week...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 in February, 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

Friday, Jan. 9 – PTO Meeting, 8:45 a.m., MPR
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

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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.

Hello Parents,

We have set up dates for the Spring Season. We look forward to another great season and are looking forward to working with your daughters.

Please see below for some important dates.

In Person Registration Dates.

These will be held above the concession stand at the park, 1401 Shetland Drive, St Johns FL 32259

January

8th 6:30 - 8:30

10th 9:00 - 12:00

13th 6:30 - 8:30

17th 9:00 - 12:00

21st 6:30 - 8:30

Evaluations will be held on January 24th from 9 - 12 depending on the age group.

- Girls will be evaluated on a number of different items and once they have completed their evaluations, they are free to go.
- Pitchers and Catchers in the age groups of 10U, 12U and 16U should stick around to be evaluated on those positions.

The Draft will occur on the 28th and 29th of January (Coaches Only) and practices will start on January 31st.

Opening day is scheduled for February 28th at the park.

We hope to have pictures taken that day as well as a fun carnival type atmosphere for the kids.

The official season will start on March 2nd and go through the beginning of May.

For those kids interested in a more competitive environment, we will be forming Advanced Ball teams during the season and an All Star team after the regular season ends. Be sure to speak with your coaches about this once teams are formed.

If you are interested in early sign ups or volunteering to coach or assist with the team, please email Paul.Wagner77@gmail.com and I will forward you a copy of the registration form that you can complete and mail in and or a copy of the volunteer application form.

Please note that Creeks Softball still has a face mask policy for the following age groups:

8U All Players

10U All Infielders

12U & 16U 1st Base, 3rd Base and Pitcher

We will have face masks available for purchase with the registration forms if you would like to purchase one ahead of time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 904-716-7285.

Thanks,

Paul Wagner

President - Creeks Softball Association