



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

Palencia Elementary School
355 Palencia Village Drive
St. Augustine, FL 32095

Allen Anderson, Principal
Angela Fuller, Assistant Principal

904- 547-4010
www-pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

Tomorrow is the FUN RUN!!! Our students are looking forward to this event and it looks like we will have great weather for a run. We would like to thank everyone for their support of the school as the students collect pledges for the laps they run. This event is raising money for our much needed Science kits. These kits will allow students to learn Science through hands on activities. We have begun building our 'Science Labs' for each grade level, but we have a long way to go. Thank you for your help. The Boosterthon team has done a wonderful job and we would like to thank them for their support of our school. They have worked with us to help make this a less stressful event and to take some of the focus off the prizes and more on the character traits that they promote.

Run Times:
8:45 - 9:45am 4th and 5th Grades
10:15 - 11:15am K and 2nd Grades
12:15 - 1:15pm 3rd and 1st Grades

This afternoon I presented our School Improvement Plan to the School Board for approval. Once approved by the Board and the State it will be available for viewing on-line via a link that will be added to the school website and in a future edition of the Pirate Post. Our plan is a little different this year. Typically we would post a goal of a few percentage points in each area that is measured. This has always bothered me as these percentage points represent children. This year we set our goals for all students to find success. I would like to thank the School Advisory Council (SAC) for their support with this plan. The key to the success of this plan is you. We can put all kinds of programs and instructional practices in place and we will see gains, but the personal connection with a child is what truly makes a difference. Thank you to all our volunteers that are helping our children. I have discussed Tide Tuesday in previous editions of the Pirate Post and I am excited to share there will be additional ways you can help coming out in future editions... stay tuned.

Calling All Veterans:

Veterans Day is approaching and we would like to honor those that have and currently are serving in the Armed Forces. As we honor our Veterans we would also like to instill the importance of the sacrifice made by these heroes. We would like to see if there is interest in having Veterans come to school on Monday, Nov. 10th and talk to students about their experiences. If you are a veteran or if you know a veteran that would be interested in joining us on that day, please have them contact me. allen.anderson@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Reminder that there is no school on Friday, Oct. 24th, as this day is a Teacher Planning Day. Also as we move further in to October it is our tradition for the school to dress as Pirates on Oct. 31st. We hope to be taking a school wide picture on that day as well.

Captain Allen Anderson

Calendar of events:

- Oct 22: Boosterthon Fun Run
- Oct 24: Teacher Planning Day
- Oct 27-31: Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 31: Halloween—Dress Like a Pirate
- Nov 2: Daylight Savings (Fall back)
- Nov 11: Veteran's Day / No School
- Nov 13: Chick Fil A Night
- Nov 24: Grandparent's Thanksgiving Event (grades K,2,4)
- Nov 25: Grandparent's Thanksgiving Event (grades 1,3,5)
- Nov 26-Dec 1: No School / Thanksgiving Break

Show your School Spirit!

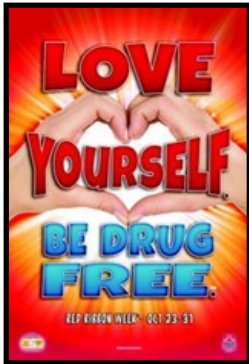
Monday— Red
Tuesday—Black
Wednesday—Green
Thursday—White
Friday - Spirit Wear

RED RIBBON WEEK

Ahoy Pirates! Next week is a special week called Red Ribbon Week! Schools across the country will be celebrating good character and encouraging students to keep their bodies healthy by being drug free.

This year's theme is "Love Yourself, Be drug free." Here at Palencia, we will be participating in the following ways: Each day of next week we will have a theme, and students are invited to dress up according to the theme.

The themes are as follows:



Monday: **USE YOUR HEAD, WEAR RED!** (Wear as much red as possible)

Tuesday: **TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS!** (wear hats and sports team attire)

Wednesday: **DRUGS AND I DON'T MIX!** (dress mismatched)

Thursday: **THINK! WEAR PINK!** (also for breast cancer awareness)

Friday – Halloween, Dress like a Pirate **"DRUGS DON'T RATE, BE A #1 MATE!"**

Students will be given a bracelet on Monday with a number on it. Each day we will go on the announcements and call a number for a special prize!

Students will be encouraged to take this year's theme home with them and to create a picture that captures what the theme means to them. Pictures may be featured on the announcements.

Students will participate in a special project in art class.

Please help us get the message across to our students that we want to be Leaders of Good Character in our community and stay drug free!

Shannon Raihes, Palencia Counselor

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Please see the attached flyers for information regarding the following events:

- ⇒ PES Author Visit: Melinda Long will be here on Nov 6th for a meet and greet. She will also be signing copies of her books!
- ⇒ PES Book Character Pumpkin Contest:: Students, staff, and parents are invited to decorate a pumpkin!
NO CARVED PUMPKINS!!



Follow us:

@PalenciaCaptain

@PalenciaSchool

Check our local weather at:

<http://stjohns.weatherstem.com/palencia>

Or on Twitter at:

<https://twitter.com/PalenciaWxSTEM>

Or on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Palencia-Elementary-Weatherstem/1463939643869641>

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT VISITORS

Dear Parents,

Please remember that in order to participate in any of our special events, attend field trips, watch performances, visit the classroom, or have lunch with your child, you **MUST** be an approved volunteer. You can find the "School Access" form located on our school website and on the Home page of the [St. Johns County School District website](#). Please keep in mind that the approval process could take up to 4 weeks, but for faster processing please include ALL information, including your middle name.

Please share this information with grandparents, aunts and uncles, and siblings over the age of 18 who plan to visit PES, and always remember to sign in at the front office and show your ID before entering the building. If you have any questions regarding your application or volunteer status, you may contact Mrs. Solms in the front office. If you have previously made an application to be a school volunteer, **YOU DO NOT** need to complete another application. The Volunteer Access form is good for three years and the front office will automatically update your clearance when it has expired. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

PTO NEWS & EVENTS



BOOSTERTHON IS HERE!

The Fun Run will be **TOMORROW, October 22nd**. 4th and 5th Graders will run between 8:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.; Kindergarten and 2nd Graders will run between 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.; and 1st and 3rd Graders will run between 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. Keep up with the latest information by visiting the [Boosterthon page](#) on the PTO website, or by logging in to www.FunRun.com for information about the program.

Keep those pledges coming...today is the last day for pledging! The collection deadline for pledges is next Wednesday, October 29th.

PES SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHICK-FIL-A

Join us on Thursday, November 13th at the St. Augustine Chick-fil-A between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A portion of all sales during those two hours will be donated to Palencia Elementary...dine-in and drive-thru included! Give your kitchen the night off and have fun!

GRANDPARENTS DAY – ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE DISTRICT BACKGROUND CHECK COMPLETED

Grandparents Day luncheons will be held Monday, November 24th for Grades K, 2 and 4 and Tuesday, November 25th for Grades 1, 3 and 5. If you think your child's grandparent(s) will want to attend, please get them to register as volunteers with the school district now so they can avoid the rush as we draw closer to the event...we don't want anyone getting left out! Volunteer approval via a background check is needed for anyone visiting the school or participating in any school-related trips or activities. For more information, [click HERE](#), and to register with the school district online, [click HERE](#).

COMING IN JANUARY...THE PIRATE 5K

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

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

Boosterthon Fun Run Event – Wednesday, October 22, 2014
Teacher Planning Day – No School – Friday, October 24, 2014
Boosterthon Fun Run Collections Due – Wednesday, October 29, 2014
Veterans Day – No School – Tuesday, November 11, 2014
Chick-fil-A Spirit Night – Thursday, November 13, 2014
PTO Meeting – Friday, November 14, 2014
Grandparents Day Luncheon for K-2-4 – Monday, November 24, 2014
Grandparents Day Luncheon for 1-3-5 – Tuesday, November 25, 2014
Thanksgiving Break – No School – November 26-28, 2014

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



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.

PINWHEELS FOR PEACE

Thank you to students, staff and **EVERYONE** for helping to make our Pinwheels for Peace Art installation event a success! A special thanks for Mr. Palmatier for flying over and taking the beautiful aerial photographs again this year! **WOW!**



Webpage: If you want to stay up to date and see more of our art program, check out our school Art Room webpage! <http://teachers.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wardley-j/>



Art to Remember- Students are almost finished with their amazing ART TO REMEMBER masterpieces! This fundraiser helps us raise funds for much needed supplies like clay, glaze, paper, paint and MORE. Students will be bringing home a flyer and envelope around October 30th and will have until **November 7th** to send their orders back to school. You can also place orders **ONLINE** this year (this method is preferred) Thank you in advance for your support of our art program! Also thank you to our amazing PTO and Ally Walczak for supporting this program.

MAP or Meet the Artist Program—We are looking for volunteers for this exciting program! No art knowledge or experience required! Please email me if you are interested in becoming your child's Meet the Artist volunteer!

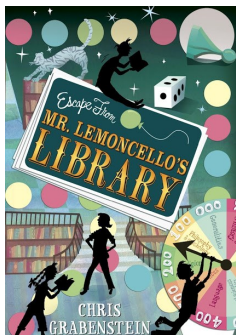
Youth Basketball League

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 7 and 14 who just can't stop bouncing that basketball? Would you like a way for them to develop their basketball skills? Then join the SJC Recreation and Parks Department Youth Basketball League. We run co-ed developmental leagues for children ages 7 & 8, and competitive leagues for boys and girls ages 9-14. Registration opens October 1 and ends November 1, team tryouts will be held November 2. Registration fee is \$30 visit sjcfl.us/youth for details or contact Brian James at (904) 209-0365 or bjames@sjcfl.us

Schools Out, Theatres In!

Friday, Oct. 24 9am - 2pm

Designed to take advantage of school holidays for grades 2-5, participants get to explore their creativity, make new friends and explore the awesome world of theatre! Participants should wear comfortable clothes, bring a bag lunch and water bottle.



Cost is \$50 per student.
Call 904-825-1164, ext. 16
to sign up.

We will be using *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein as our creative inspiration! This book is from the Sunshine State reading list.

Go to limelight-theatre.org for more



See attached flyer!

Trick-or-Treat Trolley Old Jail Museum

Saturday, October 25th

10:00 am - Noon

Old Jail Museum

167 San Marco Ave

St. Augustine, FL 32084

RSVP by email:

Awareness@ProjectAutismSJ.org

Or by phone: 904-716-6657

"19th Annual Ancient City Kid Day"

EPIC Behavioral Healthcare, 1400 Old Dixie Highway,
St. Augustine, FL 32084 (904) 829-2273 Contact:

Teresa Andrews

Attention Parents! Looking for something fun to do with your kids that doesn't cost a lot of money? Then the 19th Annual Ancient City Kids Day is for you! Ancient City Kids Day will be held on **Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 11am-3pm** at Francis Field on Castillo Drive. This event, coordinated by local agencies, is a day of fun-filled activities for children and families. The event is free for the public, and will include over 40 youth service agencies offering carnival style games and activities, arts and crafts, contests for the kids and free entertainment all day plus Smokey the Bear. No child will leave empty-handed as t-shirts, prizes or goodies are given out all day. Educational information on resources in our community is available for parents. The only cost to the public will be for food or drinks. Ancient City Kids Day has grown to be one of St. Augustine's biggest youth activities, and is a popular event for the whole family. Last year's event brought approximately 3,000 people out for the fun. For more information, please feel free to contact EPIC Behavioral Healthcare



St. Augustine, Florida

The Zoo for You!

As many of you know, our Halloween event is a fun and safe way for the entire family to enjoy this season. It's geared towards families with children aged 2-11 years old. Young ghosts and goblins can wander the wild walkways and encounter costumed animal keepers with creepy creatures and candy. The night concludes with a special Alligator Feeding show and a raffle drawing at 7:15