#### ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOLS

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### Palencia Elementary Newsletter



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

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#### Calendar of events:

• Nov 11: Veterans Day/No School

Nov 16: SAC Meeting

Nov 23: Grandparents Day For

K, 1st, 2nd

Nov 24: Grandparents Day For 3rd, 4th, 5th

Nov 26-27: Thanksgiving Break

No School

Dec 10 : Mojo's BBQ Night

#### 2015-2016 SJCSD Calendar



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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,

## Focus of the Week

- Reminder No School Tomorrow (Wednesday) as we honor our Veterans
- This week we wish Sallie LaBello best wishes in her new adventure. See more below
- Approved Volunteer status only covers a three year period. See more below
- Be sure to check the approval status of Grandparents who are attending Grandparents Day
  - Thank you to PTO and everyone that made the Family Fun Night such a success.
- Interims will be posted in HAC this Friday
- SAC meeting was moved to this coming Monday, 4pm in the Media Center

#### **Goodbye To our Dear Friend**

Mrs. LaBello is currently our school secretary and bookkeeper. She opened Palencia Elementary as well as Wards Creek Elementary with Mr. Campbell. I met Sallie years ago and feel very blessed to have been able to work with her. She is the person others call for help and answers. She will be transitioning to work in the Department of Accountability and Interventions at the district office. We are impressed by her desire to continue to learn and do new things. Please join us in wishing her well as Friday will be her last day here, although she will always be a Pirate.

#### Why do I need to become an approved volunteer?

Anyone who wants to attend a school function such as eating lunch with their child, class parties, Grandparents Day, helping teachers, etc. must fill out an approved volunteer application online. All visitors, regardless of the reason must fill out an approved volunteer application (School Access Form). For the safety of our students (your children) the Jessica Lunsford Act mandates that anyone who wants to access the school for any reason must clear a background check. We appreciate you taking the time to take care of this.

#### **Volunteer Status**

If you or a family member have been approved as a school volunteer, this approval process must be renewed every three years. As this is our fourth year as a school, many of our volunteers status has expired. Please do not resubmit another volunteer application, please call the school and speak to Ms. Susan Solms at the front office about your renewal. The time to find out if your volunteer status is expired is not the day of an event you wish to attend. No one is allowed in the school if their status is expired. So if you or a family member plan on volunteering or attending an event at the school, you can do a test login, call Ms. Susan Solms or email her at susan.solms@stjohns.k12.fl.us to find out if your application has expired. We don't want to have to turn anyone away due to the fact that we are unable to renew applications the day of the event such as the upcoming Grandparents Day.

Have a great week,

Captain Allen Anderson

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### School News

**Pirate Cove Connection** 

PES Media News for November is available at

https://www.smore.com/fng10

### ESE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

St Johns County Schools (SJCS), The ARC, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), and Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) offer

#### Topic: TRANSITION PLANNING

<u>Date/Time</u>: 12/1/15 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm <u>Location</u>: Creekside High School – 100 Knights Lane, St. Johns, FL 32259

### **Target Audience:**

Parents of students with disabilities

Students with disabilities age 14 and up

Secondary teachers of students with disabilities

The purpose of the committee is to provide input to district staff regarding our ongoing effort to continuously improve services for students with disabilities. Parents, Educators, Administrators, & Business Representatives are invited and encouraged to attend.

## Grandparents Day is Coming

We wanted to remind our Grandparents that they need to become approved volunteers if they wish to join their grandchildren at our annual Grandparents Day Event. The Jessica Lunsford Act requires visitors to fill out this application. We will not allow anyone on campus unless they are an approved volunteer. The Grandparents event is held on November 23rd and 24th. It takes a few weeks to process these applications so please visit our school website to fill out the volunteer application as soon as possible.





Save your "Fallen Leaves" for our Garden!

The PES Gardens are in need of all your raked-up leaves/pine straw! This is great for composting our garden beds helping our soil gain nutrients so we can grow healthy plants. Please drop off your leaves in <u>CLEAR BAGS</u> by the Kensington side of the building <u>on Mondays</u> for the month of November.

Please remember that we can only receive FALLEN TREE LEAVES/PINE STRAW (in clear bags) and no other yard debris for our school Gardens.

#### Save your Cleaned Egg Shells!

The PES gardens could use RINCED EGG SHELLs of your cracked breakfast Eggs for composting as well. Simply run your egg shells through running water dry-dab w/ paper towel and store in a zip-lock bag until dropping them off at school on <u>Monday only c/o Mrs. Damiano</u>. We will only collect Egg shells for the month of

November. 🕲



## **Community News**

St. Augustine Maritime Heritage Foundation Fun Festival

www.staugmaritimeheritage.org

Sylvan Learning Center www.sylvanlearning.com

## **After School Activities**

L.E.E. Spanish (Language Exploration Enrichment)

Shinsei Martial Arts

## PTO NEWS & EVENTS

## Thank you for attending Chick-fil-A Spirit Night...PES earned \$360!

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Wednesday, November 25, 2015 Volunteers are always needed! Click HERE to sian up!



"Grandparents Day" Volunteers Are Needed for November 23rd & 24th: Click HERE to sign up!

### **GRANDPARENTS DAY** FORMS

Click on the images below to download the registration form for the appropriate grade level(s). Thank you!





## Get Ready for **Grandparents Day!**

If your child's grandparents are planning to participate in the Grandparents Day Thanksgiving Luncheons this month, please take a moment now to get them registered as approved volunteers with the St. Johns County School District. There will be no exceptions to the school's visitor policy! Click HERE to get started! If you are an existing volunteer and were approved 3+ years ago, please contact Susan Solms at 904-547-4011 to renew your approved volunteer status.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day-No School Friday, Nov. 13: PTO Meeting, 8:40 a.m. in the MPR, Coffee & Breakfast Treats Served—Children Welcome Monday, Nov. 23: Grandparents Day for K-1-2 Tuesday, Nov. 24: Grandparents Day for 3-4-5 November 26-27: Thanksgiving Holiday—No School Thursday, Dec. 10: Mojo's BBQ Kickback Night at PES



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