



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

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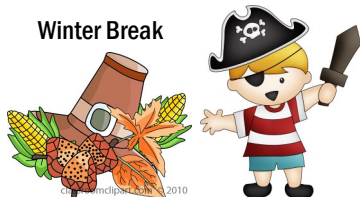
THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

Congratulations to our Art Teacher, Ms. Wardley, as she was recently selected as one of only twenty teachers chosen by the Florida Alliance for Arts Education to take part in Technology-Based Training for ESE Teachers. We are very proud of Ms. Wardley and we know that she will be sharing a lot of good information as well as returning with new ideas to share with us here at PES.

Calendar of events:

- 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
- Dec 4: Painting Pirates
- Dec 19: Early Release
- Dec 22-Jan 6: No School / Winter Break



Last week, I addressed the students in regards to their Report Cards. I challenged them to look at the *Character* and *Social Development* section of the report card. This is the area where the student is rated with a 1, 2 or 3. I asked them to look at the areas where they may have received a 2 or a 3, and to think of a plan to make that a 1. I asked them to discuss this with a teacher or parent if needed. If they have not done so already, I would encourage you to look at this part of the report card with your child.

Attention parents of fourth and fifth grade students!!! Last week we received notice that both the 4th and 5th grade Writing Assessment would be given in a paper pencil format. We had previously been told that the 5th grade assessment would be computer based. This news came in the form of a letter from the Commissioner of Education. This assessment is still a bit away and our teachers are working very hard to prepare our students.

Every year Captain Mayhem and his crew help the community by providing toys for families in need. Palencia Elementary will be joining Captain Mayhem again this year to assist with the toy drive.

On December 11th, PES will have two events for our families. The first event is a school play called the Tempest. The other event is a Mojo's kickback night. The Mojo's event will not be at the school. There will be more information about these two event and Capt. Mayhem's toy drive in upcoming editions of the Pirate's Post.

Reminders:

- Tonight is PES spirit night at Chick fil A from 5:30—7:30pm
- Grandparents Thanksgiving Feast is coming up on Nov. 24th for K,2,4 and Nov. 25 for 1,3,5. Anyone that would like to enter our building must be an approved volunteer. Be sure to have these special guests fill out the volunteers approval form from our website.

Captain Allen Anderson

Show your School Spirit!

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



ART ROOM NEWS

The holidays are quickly approaching and what better gift to give than the gift of art!!!

Our Art to Remember fundraiser offers great products featuring your child's original art-work. These keepsakes are high quality and will preserve their masterpieces forever! I hope everyone received their personalized Art to Remember Order Form last Friday. If not, please email me so I can make sure your artist has their artwork ready to take home. If you are interesting in placing an order to help support our art program, ONLINE payment through the Art to Remember website is preferred. <http://arttoremember.com/order-online/> Online orders are due November 17th! Thank you so much for supporting our art program! *-Ms. Wardley*

4-HOUR FOOD SERVICE WORKER NEEDED!

Our Food & Nutrition Department is looking for a motivated individual that would love to work in a fast paced environment providing and preparing lunch and breakfast meals for our students. The only requirement is that you are able to work as a team member and lift 40 lbs. If you are interested please apply at our district web-site: <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/jobs/vacancies>. Please contact Ms. Damiano if you need any more information about the position that will post this week.

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. REGISTRATION ENDS: November 21, 2014.

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

Did you know you can get live weather updates directly from our weather station here at PES. Simply text **Palencia** to (904)429-3709. I also like to send the Sky Movie back home to my family where the expected high this weekend is 39 degrees.



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

Or on Twitter at:

<https://twitter.com/PalenciaWxSTEM>

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

VISITING OUR SCHOOL?

Please be prepared to show your photo identification to the receptionist upon entering the school or picking up your child from the office. Thank you.

MUSIC NOTES



We are very excited about the spring musical, Annie Kids! Auditions will be held in January but in the meantime there are copies of the script available for checkout from Mrs. Dowdie in the Music Room. Each copy is numbered and the students may sign them out for one week increments.

In other news, the cold and allergy season is upon us early and we are running low on hand sanitizer. If you have any you could donate to a resource teacher, please send it in! Thank you so much!

PTO NEWS & EVENTS

PES SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHICK-FIL-A



Join us tonight, November 13th at the St. Augustine Chick-fil-A between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for PES Family Spirit Night. 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 while you're at it!

GRANDPARENTS DAY LUNCHEON –

ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE THE 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. Cost is \$6 per grandparent. Sign-up forms can be downloaded from the PTO website ([click HERE](#) for K-2-4 or [click HERE](#) for 1-3-5).

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

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

"Painting Pirates" Event with Doing Dishes – Thursday, December 4, 2014

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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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.

3rd Annual Santa Suits on the Loose 5K and Santa's Gift Gallery



The **Third Annual Santa Suits on the Loose 5K**, to benefit St. Augustine Youth Services (SASY), is a walk/jog/run that will be held on December 13, 2014 starting at the St. Augustine Beach Pier Park at 8am. The race follows a flat 3.1 mile course through St. Augustine Beach neighborhoods.

Registration begins at 6:30am. Entry fee is \$35 per person. Santa Suit guaranteed to the first 300 adult registrants. Children will receive a Santa-inspired T-shirt.

For more information or to register online, visit www.racesmith.com or email santasuitsontheloose@gmail.com for any questions.



Friday, December 12 is **Santa's Gift Gallery**, featuring 20 vendors displaying handmade crafts in a festive family atmosphere under the pavilion at the St. Augustine Beach Pier Park. Bring your kids and cameras to take photos with Santa. Hours are from 5:00-8:00pm.

Visit www.sayskids.org/santa to register as a vendor. Contact Julie Wesling at 904-377-6696 or julie.wesling@gmail.com for additional information.

SAYS, a residential therapeutic group home for boys ages 6-17 who have experienced severe emotional trauma, is celebrating 25 years of serving children.

SAYS ~ 201 Simone Way ~ St. Augustine, FL 32086 ~ 904-829-1770 ~ www.sayskids.org



SPRING INTO ACTION!

The clocks may have fallen back, but it is time to "Spring" forward for lacrosse!

Our 2015 Spring registration is now open for both Boys and Girls and we are excited to get things rolling! Please read on for important information pertaining to our schedule, costs and volunteer efforts. We are looking forward to a great, new season and hope you will join us! What's stopping you?!

SCHEDULE

Spring season runs mid-February to mid-May.

Up to 2 weekday practices + 1 game on the weekend.

Boys games are played on Saturdays; Girls games are played on Sundays.

Teams are evenly distributed with new / inexperienced players + returning / experienced players. We do not tier our teams.

TOTAL COST PER PLAYER:

U7 ages @ \$100 (\$75 for Creeks + separate \$25 for USL membership)

U9 & U11 @ \$175 (\$150 for Creeks + separate \$25 for USL membership)

U13 & U15 @ \$200 (\$175 for Creeks + separate \$25 for USL membership)

Travel / Premier team opportunities for the 2015 Spring Season will be announced in the coming weeks.
(see US Lacrosse Age Matrix on web site and registration page for player division)

Register now at www.creekslax.com

VOLUNTEERING

It's not just lacrosse players that we are eager to have join us! Creeks Youth Lacrosse is always looking for new and interested individuals to join us in coaching or assisting each season. No experience needed! If you are interested in participating in some manner or fashion, please indicate your interest during the registration process or by emailing us!

Thank you and GO CREEKS!