



## Palencia Elementary Newsletter

# Pirate's Post

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## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

### Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

Thank you to everyone for your understanding and cooperation as we dealt with the weather yesterday. Due to the weather, buses were delayed up to 40 minutes for all schools. Fortunately, the weather passed and we were able to dismiss everyone else as a normal rainy day dismissal. As a reminder, if you are the parent of a biker and walker, we communicate any changes through a text message. To subscribe please text @pesbi to 904-201-3382, then when prompted please respond with your child's first name and grade level. This is a secure text and no one sees the response other than myself.

Also, once the weather warning went out yesterday we had several parents come to pick up their children. This brings up a couple of issues we could use your help with. During severe weather, your children are safer in our building than at home. The construction of PES qualifies us as a shelter. We are not a designated shelter because we are on the eastern side of I-95. Also, dismissal is a very busy time in the front office trying to make sure everyone goes home the correct way. When the weather is involved, it gets compounded. Coming to pick up your child greatly adds to the confusion. If for any reason you need to pick up your child early, please do so at least 30 minutes before dismissal. Again, thank you for your cooperation yesterday. A very big thank you to our entire PES staff. Many teachers and staff gave up planning time and stayed late to help make sure all students were supervised and arrived home safely.

The Proposed Master Calendar for the 2015-16 school year is available for review. The calendar along with more information can be found at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/calendar/>. We encourage your review of this and your comments.

**Helping Others** - There are several opportunities to help others in the coming weeks. This year we will again be joining Captain Mayhem in a TOY Drive for needy families and children. We will also be providing meals for families in need for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. If you would like to donate toys, food or money for any of these purposes please feel free to drop them off at the front office.

We also have many wonderful students with big hearts that would like to provide for others as well. Within the past couple of weeks, I have been approached by students that would like to provide drinking water for people without clean water, food for the needy, and a pet parade to collect food and supplies for the animal shelter. Research has shown us for a while that today's student wants to have an impact on society. While it is great that all this is happening and we applaud our students for pursuing their desires and our teachers for encouraging them, this can become overwhelming. Please know in the coming weeks there will be several opportunities to help others. Please do not feel obligated to participate in any of these, but if there is something that you feel connected to, please feel free to do so. We hope that we have provided you an opportunity to impact the lives of others.

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### Calendar of events:

- 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



### Show your School Spirit!

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

# School News

PALENCIA ELEMENTARY PIRATE POST

December 11<sup>th</sup> is going to be a bust evening. Our drama group will be performing the "Tempest", which will be a wonderful performance. On the same night we have partnered with **MOJO's BBQ** to offer meals that can be picked up. The BBQ Dinners are designed to be picked up and taken home. It is not our intention to have a dinner and show in the galley. If you would like to participate in both activities, I would recommend getting the dinner and enjoying a picnic style dinner in the park. If the weather is bad we will open the school and provide a place for families to eat. Flyers for the MOJO's will be coming in a future edition of the post.

Finally, just a reminder that there is **no school next Wednesday through Friday**. We will have a normal (2:50) dismissal on Tuesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. We will not send out a newsletter next week, look for the next edition of the Post to be sent on Tuesday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. With that being said, we hope you and your family have a safe Thanksgiving and are able to enjoy your families.

*Captain Allen Anderson*

## ART ROOM NEWS

Thank you so much to everyone for participating in our Art to Remember Fundraiser! I cannot wait to see all the awesome art inspired gifts and items when they arrive on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Students have begun learning about art from other cultures, sculpture and form this grading period and many classes have begun their clay projects. As you can imagine clay is VERY MESSY!! We are in need of hand wipes or baby wipes so that the clay does not get into the sink, or on the floor, etc. If you are able to send any in we would GREATLY appreciate it! Also, we are in search of a shop vac for the kiln. If you see one (inexpensive or used) please let me know! It will be used to keep the kiln clean and free of debris. Thank you so much!!! If there are any other items such as recyclables etc. that you think we could use, please send me an email! ~Ms. Wardley



**Check out our Art Room Webpage for more info!!!**

[My website!!](#)

PES Artist of the Week:

Evan, Ms. Worthington(H) Third Grade

Title: "Winter Landscape"

## 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.



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>

## 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

### THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON FOR PES STAFF

The PTO-sponsored luncheon to thank and honor PES staff members will take place this THURSDAY, November 20<sup>th</sup>! It's not too late to sign up for a dish to bring. Visit the Sign-Up Genius link for more information, and thank you in advance to all those who are making this year's luncheon possible!

### GRANDPARENTS DAY LUNCHEON – ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE DISTRICT BACKGROUND CHECK COMPLETED

Grandparents Day luncheons will be held Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> for Grades K, 2 and 4 and Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> for Grades 1, 3 and 5. Cost is \$6 per grandparent. Sign-up forms will be going home this week with students or they 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.

Volunteers are needed to assist on the days of the grandparent luncheons. If you can pitch in a little help and make the day a success, click HERE to sign up for a shift!

### PAINTING PIRATES EVENT ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>

Feeling crafty? Join us on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> as the wonderful team from Doing Dishes pottery studio comes to the MPR at Palencia Elementary. Class starts at 6:30 p.m. No experience is necessary! You can pre-order your flat or 3D ornament, and/or an 8" plate, and custom paint it to your heart's content. Click HERE to download the event order form and reserve your seats today!



### COMING IN JANUARY...THE PIRATE 5K

Calling all runners! Join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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

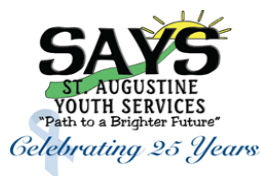
For a complete calendar of events, visit the PTO Calendar Page.



**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.

## 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](http://www.racesmith.com) or email [santasuitsontheloose@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.sayskids.org/santa) to register as a vendor. Contact Julie Wesling at 904-377-6696 or [julie.wesling@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.sayskids.org)



## Welcome to Creeks Wrestling!

- Children ages 5 years old - 8th grade
- Season will run December 1 thru February 28.
- Practice Monday and Thursday 6:30-8:30 (Jr session 6:30-7:30 and Sr session 7:30-8:30)
- Open wrestling/practice Saturdays 9am-11am

The children will be evaluated during the first two weeks and divided according to age/weight/experience level

Cost per wrestler \$85 and Must have membership to AAU Wrestling (\$16 membership recommended) prior to first practice. [www.aauwrestling.net](http://www.aauwrestling.net)

To Register: Print off 2014-2015 Registration form (attached) and Mail form and check (make payable to: CAA Wrestling) to: Eric Anderson  
attn: Creeks Wrestling  
609 Lavender Lane  
Saint Johns, FL 32259

There will be a parents meeting on Monday, December 1 at 6:30 – practice following, registrations will be accepted at the meeting as well.

Email questions to: [caawrestling@gmail.com](mailto:caawrestling@gmail.com) or call Eric Anderson at 904.657.6116

\*\*\*We are in need of a volunteer to help out with a website. Please email or call if you may be interested. THANK YOU!