



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

Happy Election Day! It is hard to believe we are already in November. The year seems to be going by very quickly. The upcoming weeks are going to go by quickly as well. Next week, there is no school on Tuesday for Veterans Day. In addition, Thanksgiving and Christmas Breaks follow shortly thereafter.

We are in need of help in the Media Center. If you are interested and able to help, please contact Mrs. Ayrish at Shannon.Ayrish@stjohns.k12.fl.us. For this edition I am going to only share a few reminders and save space for Ms. Raikes.

Reminders:

- We have a Special Guest Author visiting us this week. The author of "How I Became a Pirate" will be here this Thursday.
- 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.
- We are still looking for Veterans to join us on Veterans Day
- Thank you for your understanding with Repost Cards last week
- Don't forget to vote

Captain Allen Anderson

Wow! We have had an action-packed couple of weeks here at Palencia. First, Boost-erthon helped us raise money and promote "rockin" good character, then Red Ribbon Week reminded us to keep our bodies healthy and drug free. It's nice to have a calm, uneventful week ahead of us. As we transition deeper into Fall and the holiday season, we generally begin to look outside of ourselves and think about how we can serve our community. This month, St. Johns County School District has named "Citizenship" as our character trait of the month. I find that children usually have a hard time understanding this concept. I teach them that it is contributing positively to your community. This holiday season, I encourage you to spend some time as a family deciding how you can promote good citizenship in your children. Help them to see the importance of our community taking care of each other. You will have an opportunity to practice citizenship this Christmas season at Palencia. We will be doing a "Pirate Tree" similar to angel tree this year. Your family can provide for one of our own Palencia families and help them have a blessed holiday season through an adoption. More details will come later this month, but for now, plant the seed of citizenship in your child by serving those right around you.

Shannon Raikes, Guidance Counselor

Calendar of events:

- **Nov 6:** Meet the Author
- **Nov 6:** Picture Re-takes
- **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



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 artwork. 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/> All orders are due THIS Friday November 7th! 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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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>

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

PES Author Visit with Melinda Long on Nov 6, 2014. Buy the books, meet the author, and have your books signed!

VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS

(INCLUDING GRANDPARENTS FEAST)

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.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

PTO NEWS & EVENTS

PES SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHICK-FIL-A



Join us next Thursday, 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 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. Sign-up forms will be going home this week with students. 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](#).

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

- 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
- "Painting Pirates" Event with Doing Dishes – Thursday, December 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.



It's **almost** that **time** again...

The Halloween Candy Buy Back 2014!

Starting November 3rd through November 14th

Parents and children! Bring us your unwanted Halloween candy and we will give you \$1.00(Gold Coin) per pound along with a healthy snack and goodie bag!

Our office will then ship all the candy donated to our troops along with toothbrushes in their Operation Gratitude care packages!

Tell your family and friends and help us make this year a success!



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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 ju-lie.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.

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