

Palencia Elementary Newsletter



Pirate's Post

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

As we are in the Holiday Season we all have much to be thankful for. I for one am very thankful for this amazing school, the wonderful students, staff, and families that I get to work with. This time of year is also called "**The Season of Giving**". We have been amazed and extremely thankful for the donations we received to help provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need last week. It is during events like this that lifelong memories are created. We have already begun collecting to help these families, and more, over the Winter Break with meals and gifts. As we do, we are once again partnering with Captain Mayhem and his crew to provide meals and gifts to needy families and children this year. We will be collecting toy donations (any new toy) to be added to what he is able to collect. Families associated with our school will get first priority, then we branch out the local hospitals and other organizations as resources allow. Please feel free to drop off any donations to the front office.

This year we will be starting a new tradition to make our support staff feel appreciated this time of year. Classroom teacher are recognized by their classes, but resource teachers and other school support personal is often missed. PTO has agreed to organize this effort. We are asking, if you would, to give a small donation to the PTO to recognize these people. Even a single dollar from each family would go a long way.

We would like to give a special thank you to the **Lightsey Family** for the donation of the Christmas tree that has been placed in the front of the school. Our students are having a great time adding decorations to this tree.

Don't forget Painting Pirates is this Thursday evening. Walk-ins are accepted, please see the PTO website for more information. If you like doing arts and crafts with your children then this event is for you. This was a much talked about event last year that you not want to miss!

Today we are sending home a flyer announcing **MOJO's** dinners available for pick up here at PES on Thursday, Dec. 11. The flyers were printed with an error with the wrong day of the week. We have asked our students to write the correct day 'Thursday' on this flyer. We apologize for any confusion that this may cause. Just to be clear, the MOJO's night will be Thursday, Dec. 11th and orders must be turned in by Monday, Dec. 8th.

The **Principals Math Challenge** began this week. Students at each grade level can take a timed test on basic math facts. These tests are not easy and not everyone will pass. A student must know their facts in order to pass. The tests for each grade level are as follows; Kindergarten, writing numbers correctly; 1st grade on addition, 2nd grade on subtraction, 3rd grade on multiplication, 4th grade on division and 5th grade on all four areas. In addition, staff members are encouraged to participate as role models. Once a student has passed the test they will have their name announced here and on the morning news. They will also receive a special bead for their lanyard and a *Math Matey* bracelet. If they are caught wearing the bracelet even more rewards may be earned. Our first two *Math Mateys* are Mrs. K. Worthington and Mr. Frank. We look forward to announcing the newest members of this crew the rest of this year. Please feel free to help your child pass this challenge by practicing basic math facts with them.

Calendar of events:

- Dec 4: Painting Pirates
- Dec 11: Mojo's Kickback night
- Dec 11: The "Tempest"
- Dec 17: Chorus Concerts
- Dec 19: Early Release @1:50pm
- Dec 22-Jan 6: No School / Winter Break



Show your School Spirit!

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

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School News

PALENCIA ELEMENTARY PIRATE POST

Reminder - December 11th is going to be a busy 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 should be coming home today, be sure to turn in your orders by Monday, Dec. 8th.

Finally, Friday, Dec. 19 is the last school day prior to beginning our **Winter Break**. School will be dismissed an hour early at 1:50pm on that Friday.

Captain Allen Anderson

ART ROOM NEWS

Art to Remember orders should be arriving to school on Friday, December 12th. We will begin preparing the items and starting sending them home on Monday, December 15th. If you do want your child to bring their order home or would rather pick them up yourself, please email me for other arrangements. Again thank you so much for supporting our program. Also, thank you so much for all the wipes and recycled donations! They have really helped us keep the art room clean! ~ Ms. Wardley



PES Artist of the Week:
Kendall, Mrs. Haden. First Grade
Title: "Line & Pattern Snake"

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

[My website!!](#)

VISITING OUR SCHOOL?

Reminder: all visitors to our school must be an approved volunteer. This applies to all events including field trips, class parties, luncheons, or any other reason you would need to enter the school during the school day.

Please apply at <http://www-pes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteers/>

Also, 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.



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@PalenciaSchool

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<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>



WEATHER

Did you know you can get live weather updates directly from our weather station here at PES?
Simply text **Palencia** to (904)429-3709.

5TH GRADE

R.J. Murray Middle School Center for the Arts will be accepting online applications for the 2015-2016 school year beginning December 11th until February 2nd. Parents may visit our school website for additional information about our program. Auditions will take place on February 2nd.

Application for our Cambridge Advanced Studies Program and AVID will open February 23, 2015.

PTO NEWS & EVENTS

PAINTING PIRATES EVENT THIS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4th

Feeling crafty? Join us **THIS** Thursday, December 4th 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 choose a flat or 3D ornament, and/or an 8" plate, and custom paint it to your heart's content. Walk-up admissions are welcome...we hope to see you at the school on Thursday evening!

DAVIDSON REALTY KICKBACK NIGHT – MOJO'S BBQ DINNERS!

Davidson Realty, Davidson Cares and Mojo's BBQ are teaming together for a great fundraiser for PES. From now through Monday, December 8th, complete a reservation form for a BBQ dinner order. On Thursday, December 11th, your order will be available for pick-up between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Palencia Carpool Line! You can choose from a \$10 individual meal (feeds one adult or two children) or a \$30 family meal (feeds a family of four). Proceeds will be given to the school for technology, books and other vital learning tools for our children. For more information or to download the registration form, please [click HERE](#) or call Peyton Davidson at 940-5000.



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

Thurs., Dec. 4 – "Painting Pirates" Event with Doing Dishes

Mon., Dec. 8 – Deadline to Register for Mojo's BBQ Dinner Orders

Wed., Dec. 10 – Drama Performance (The Tempest) at 9 a.m.

Thurs., Dec. 11 – Mojo's BBQ Meal Pick-Up between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 11 – Drama Performance (The Tempest) at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 17 – Chorus Performance at 9 a.m.

Thurs., Dec. 18 – Chorus Performance at 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 19 – **Early Release Day** and Sumo Wrestling Event be-First Mate

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

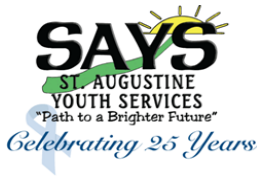


THE PALENCIA CLUB

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 (SAYS), 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

Phone Calls from Santa

Santa will be making calls to children 8 years old and younger on December 9, 10, & 11 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.
Register your child for a personalized call by visiting www.sjcf.us/youth



Send in your Santa Form
Drop Off: 2175 Mizell Rd., St. Augustine
eMail: jbaccari@sjcf.us
Fax: (904) 209-0321

Need More Information?
Email Jamie @ jbaccari@sjcf.us
or call (904) 209-0377

Phone Calls from Santa

St. Johns County parents and guardians of children age eight and under can sign up to have Santa call their child at home between 6 and 7:30 p.m., December 9 through 11. Don't delay; Santa is busy checking his list and needs all completed forms by 5 p.m. December 5.