



Palencia Elementary Newsletter

Pirate's Post

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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Ahoy Palencia PASSENGERS AND CREW,

Focus of the Week

- We will have both middle schools represented at the upcoming Monday's SAC meeting. Everyone is welcome, but this meeting may be especially relevant for the parents of any 5th grader.
- We are once again partnering with Captain Mayhem for his Holiday Toy Drive. See below.
- MOJO's order forms are due by the end of school today. Pick up orders this Thursday, Dec. 10th. Don't miss out on this opportunity for some really good food.
- A link to the Pirate 5K is now available on the PTO website. Register now for the Jan. 16th run.
- We are phasing out sending home paper copies of report cards. More info below.
- The Principals Math Challenge has begun. See the list of the first students to pass this challenge for this school year below.
- **School will be dismissed at 1:50pm on Friday, Dec. 18th for Winter Break. This is an early dismissal day.**

Report Cards

As reported in previous editions of the newsletter, we will be phasing out the process of sending home paper copies of report cards. The schools in our feeder pattern have already begun this process of only publishing report cards via the HAC system. Next week marks the end of the second reporting period. Report cards are to be completed on Monday, Jan. 11th. We will be sending home paper copies for grade K – 2 on Jan. 11th. Grades 3 -5 will be available on HAC. If for some reason you are unable to print the report cards, you can request a paper copy form the school. We will go school wide for all grades on the HAC report card distribution during at the 3rd reporting period in April.

Toy Drive

We are partnering with Captain Mayhem and the St. Augustine Swashbucklers to gather toys for needy children. For the past several years the Swashbucklers with our help have been able to provide Christmas for many local families as well as to present toys to children spending the holidays in the hospital. The Swashbucklers do many things for our school during the year and in return ask for our help with this toy drive. Please feel free to drop of any donations at the front office

Principal's Math Challenge

Please join me in welcoming our first members of the Principals Math Challenge for the 2015/16 School Year; Kai McGreevy, Nolan Williams, Baylor Vu, Nathan Shah, Elijah Edwards, Lukas Brougham, Aiden Gibler, Kathryn Lahey, Ben Dobscha, Leif Edwards, Keval Patel, Abby Thidodeau, John Alvez, Jackson Klauk, Ashlyn Hunt, Matthew Clarkson, Alexis Tesori, Natalie Rodriguez, Madeline Gerosa, Ellie Pavey, Ava Mathis, Ava Giruad, Jake Packowski, Emily Bradshaw, Carlo Uy, Lexi Bernstein, Jaxon Vu and Leonard McCarthy.

Have a great week,

Captain Allen Anderson



Calendar of events:

- **Dec 10:** Mojo's BBQ Night
- **Dec 11:** PTO Holiday Luncheon
- **Dec 14:** SAC Meeting
- **Dec 17:** Chorus Performance
- **Dec 18:** Early Release @ 1:50
- **Dec 21:** Christmas Break
- **Jan 6:** Students Return
- **Jan 11:** SAC Meeting

[2015-2016 SJCSG Calendar](#)



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**Show your
School Spirit!**

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

Pirate Cove Connection

PES Media News for December is available at

<https://www.smores.com/7beww>



40 Orange Street
St. Augustine, FL 32084
Joseph Joyner, Ed.D., Superintendent
Christina Langston, Chief of Community

The St. Johns County School District is seeking applicants interested in serving on the St. Johns County School Board's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC will be appointed by the School Board and will monitor and advise the board on the expenditure of funds collected from the half-cent sales tax.

On November 3 of this year, citizens of St. Johns County voted to approve a half-cent sales tax for the St. Johns County School District to be used for capital projects including new construction, renovations, technology and safety and security. Collection of the half-cent sales tax will begin on January 1, 2016 and will be in effect for 10 years. This committee will meet to review the projects and expenditures associated with the critical needs project list published by the school district.

Interested applicants must be residents of St. Johns County. The committee will be geographically diverse and representative of several categories including, community (parents and non-parents), construction, education, finance, planning/design, security, and technology. Applicants work experience, expertise and involvement with public education will be considered. A maximum of 15 members will be appointed to serve for a two-year term. Applications must be received by Monday, December 14, 2015 and may be obtained on the school district's website <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/halfcentsalestax/> or by calling 904-547-7670.

Attention 5th Graders!
Are you ready to be an Eagle?



Join us for 5th grade Night/Ice Cream Social at Sebastian Middle School on Thursday, January 7th, 6pm

- *Tour the school!***
- *See band, chorus and guitar performances!***
- *Learn about our programs and courses!***
- *Go on a Scavenger Hunt!***
- *Buy Spirit Wear!***

Unable to Attend?
Visit the SMS website for more info:
www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us



“Remember to sign up to sponsor a Pirate for the holidays at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48aeab2aa7f94-pirate> or email Ms. Raikes.”

To see the smiles of children on Christmas morning is priceless.....



WISHING YOU
AND YOUR MATEYS
A HOLIDAY FILLED WITH LOTS OF TREASURES

✂ CHEERS TO THE NEW YEAR ✂

From the Pirates at Palencia Elementary

Community News**Cuddly Care Donation Drive @ PES**

Let's join SJCSO this year by donating new or clean, gently cared for stuffed animals on December 10th & 11th. A collection bin will be placed in front of the media center

After School Activities

L.E.E. Spanish
Drama Kids
Club Scientific
4-H Garden Club

Good News Club
Shinsei Martial Arts
Soccer Shots
Odyssey of the Minds

PTO NEWS & EVENTS

Can you spare some time to help in the Art Room? [Click HERE to sign up!](#)



Saturday, January 16, 2016
starting at the Palencia Club

5K Begins at 8 a.m. • One-Mile Fun Run Begins at Approximately 9 a.m.

All proceeds benefit Palencia Elementary School

Packet pick-up on Friday, Jan. 15th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
and on Race Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

- Chip timed event
 - Event shirts for all participants
 - Top finisher medals in each gender & age categories
- See reverse side for sponsorship opportunities

Register early - Price increases January 7th!

Register online at www.ThePirate5K.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs., Dec. 10: MOJO BBQ "Drive-Thru" at PES

Thurs., Dec. 17: Chorus Performance, 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 18: Early Release Day—2nd Quarter Ends

Dec. 21-Jan. 4: Winter Break—No School

Tues., Jan. 5: Teacher Planning Day—
No School for Students

[View the complete events calendar HERE](#)

Drive-Thru at PES!
If you pre-ordered a meal, don't forget to pick it up to take home and enjoy on
Thursday, December 10th
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the MPR entrance
PRE-ORDERS ONLY

Smencils for Box Tops

Top collecting class in each grade will receive a SMENCIL for each student.



ALL LABELS MUST BE "BOX TOP" BRAND AND ARE ONLY ACCEPTED IF THEY HAVE NOT REACHED THEIR EXPIRATION DATE.

Pirate Giving Tree Program:
Help make the holidays brighter for some of our PES families!
Click HERE to sign up!

Support Our Resource Teachers!
Various items are needed...
can you contribute?
Click HERE to sign up!

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.