

## Palencia Elementary Newsletter



# Pirate's Post

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## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

### Ahoy Palencia passengers and crew,

We would like to start this week by congratulating some of our fifth grade students as they recently held their 5th grade spelling bee. The competition was at a very high level and it took thirteen rounds to get a winner. Eventually **Evan Graff** was declared our school champion after spelling the words 'meager' and 'miniscule'. Evan will be representing PES at the district Spelling Bee in January. Congratulations also goes to **Nicholas Farraye** and **Aryanna Miller** who were our runner up and second runner up, respectfully. Congratulations to everyone that competed in the competition. Please join us in wishing Evan good luck as he moves on to the next level.

As we wrote last week, there are many **opportunities for giving** during the holiday season. I would like to highlight a couple things we are supporting as a school:

- ◆ Again this year we are partnering with the **St. Augustine Pirates and Captain Mayhem** to provide food and toys for needy families. The school, as well as the Palencia Fitness Center, are both drop off points for donations of toys, food and any monetary donations.
- ◆ Additionally, we have two first grade classes where the students are collecting coins to buy water filters for rural Indians in Panama.

If you wish to support either of these causes and let the office know, we will be happy to write a letter to be used for tax purposes.

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 recently received notice of construction that will begin directly across the street from the school entrance. This project will past a while and I am sure will cause some traffic delays. We have requested a PSA (Traffic Officer) to work the entrance of the school to assist with this new traffic pattern. As construction continues we will continue to provide as much information as we can.

Please join me in welcoming our newest members of the Principals Math Challenge; Boris Shurakov, Carson Lewis, Ethan Espada, Evan Carmody, Lindsey Gessner, Luke Thibodeau, Jack Kuhl, Jackson Klauk, Matthew Clarkson, Luke Kleist, Aaron Lin, Jonathan Richmond, Mr. Weston, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Martin.

Reminder – This Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 MOJO's will be delivering meals for those that have ordered them. Please remember that the MOJO's dinners are to be picked up and taken home. If you are staying for the performance, we suggest going to the park and enjoying a picnic. If the weather is really bad we will provide a place on one of our decks for families to enjoy their meals.

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.

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

Students return to school on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

*Captain Allen Anderson*

### Calendar of events:

- Dec 11: Mojo's Kickback night
- Dec 11: The "Tempest" 6:15 pm
- Dec 18: Chorus Concert 6:30pm
- 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

## ART ROOM NEWS

The Art Room is full of exciting happenings! Our Art to Remember orders have been shipped and will be arriving at school this week and ready to go home on or before Monday. Remember, if you would like to pick up your child's items instead of having them bring them home, please email me @ [jamie.wardley@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:jamie.wardley@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in hand wipes to help cut down on the clay mess. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and K students have had a blast finishing up their beautiful sculptures and will be able to bring them home (hopefully) before winter break.

BYOD -Did you know that in addition to drawing, painting, ceramics and textiles, our students are learning about DIGITAL art?! If you child has their own iPad, tablet, or similar device and has signed our Acceptable Use agreement, they can bring them to art to use to make DIGITAL art! Please make sure your child has the Sketchbook Express app (free). This is one of the many apps we use as well as Chatterpix, Doceri, and Educreations.

EDMODO and Artsonia- Are you wishing you could see more of your child's artwork BEFORE the end of the year?! I keep all finished artwork until our Night of the Arts in the Spring, but students can publish and share their artwork using Edmodo and Artsonia. Both of these sites are secure and do not publish student identifying information. On Artsonia, each student is given a code/number and only their artwork is displayed. I really would like to have EVERY student able to publish and share their artwork, so please make sure you have sent in your Edmodo and Artsonia permission forms. <http://www.artsonia.com/> I will be sending the Artsonia forms home very soon.

Thank you for being so supportive of the Arts! ~ Ms. Wardley

There are two exciting art contests:

- ⇒ YEARBOOK COVER DESIGN- Open to Art Club and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Winning Design Receives a Free Yearbook. Entries Due by December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ⇒ <http://www.floridadisaster.org/SWAW/2015/documents/SWAW%202015%20Poster%20Flyer.pdf>

Art Room needs: Sponges & Hand soap

**Check out our Art Room Webpage for more info!!!** [My website!!](#)

PES Artist of the Week:  
Alyssa, 5th Grade  
Title: "Clay Swan Mug"



## 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. Thank you.

## 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.

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

## 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.***

**Sebastian Middle School 5th Grade Parent Night and Ice Cream Social**

**Thursday, January 8, 2015, 6:00pm**

**See attached letter for more information.**

***Unable to attend?***

**Visit our website for more information:**

**[www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us](http://www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us)**

# PTO NEWS & EVENTS

## DAVIDSON REALTY KICKBACK NIGHT – MOJO'S BBQ DINNERS

If you placed your BBQ order by December 8<sup>th</sup>, don't forget to pick up your meal(s) on Thursday between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Palencia Carpool Line! Proceeds will be given to the school for technology, books and other vital learning tools for our children. Many thanks to Davidson Realty, Davidson Cares and Mojo's BBQ for putting together this fundraiser opportunity for our school.

## TARGET REDCARD – HOLIDAY SHOPPING HELPS PES!

If you frequent Target for your holiday shopping, please consider registering your Target REDcard through the Take Charge of Education program...Palencia Elementary can receive up to 1% of your purchases. To date, 45 REDcard holders have designated PES as the school to benefit from their purchases. Nearly \$1,700 has been donated to our school since it was built, including a donation of over \$900 in August! For more information, visit [www.Target.com/tcoe](http://www.Target.com/tcoe) or call (800) 316-6142. The school ID for PES is 152842.



## BOX TOP REMINDER



As we head into the busy holiday season, please remember to keep collecting those BoxTops and sending them in with your little pirate! The next contest will end in February, and the top class in each grade level will earn a sweet treat to enjoy. For more information about BoxTops and how they work, [click HERE](#).



## 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](http://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](http://www.PalenciaElementaryPTO.weebly.com)

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

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 between Capt. Anderson & 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](http://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](mailto:pes.ptoBusinessSponsorships@gmail.com).